

Flying Fiberglass

March
2022

Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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Welcome Message

It's hard to believe that March is here already, and that means that spring is just around the corner, and that brings us closer to the time when we take our Corvettes out of storage and hit the road again.

We are still planning on holding a Spring Corvette Show at Bowser Chevrolet in Monroeville on Sunday, May 15th. Gary Laughlin is handling the details and the flyer for the show is in this Newsletter. Be sure to mark your calendars and plan on attending. Remember, in order to make this show a success, we will need members to help the day of the show and also plan on attending with your car.

We are still looking for suggestions for activities for the Club for this year. It has been a tough couple of years and hopefully there is some light at the end of the tunnel and we will be able to enjoy taking part in some club activities and spending some time with fellow members. It's time to put on your thinking cap and come up with some ideas that we can pursue. We could also use some help in the planning stages to make things happen. The calendar is pretty much a blank slate so any and all ideas are welcome.

The Board has tossed around a couple of ideas for events but it is important to remember that it is your club and we need everyone's help in keeping it going.

The current Board has been in place for over two years and has worked hard to keep the Club together, but all members need to remember that it is their Club too, and we need people to get involved and help keep things going. It can't all be left up to those currently on the Board for an indefinite amount of time.

A reminder to our members that you can renew your membership at any time.

We also welcome new members who want to be part of the oldest Corvette Club in the U.S. The application is in this Newsletter. We still have a couple of positions that need to be filled. These are Secretary and Socials. Please consider helping your club by offering to fill one of these openings.

We again want to thank everyone for their continued support through these trying times and hope to see more events being planned as we go forward. So many people do so much to make our Club an outstanding organization that it is impossible to name them all. The Board would like to send out a big **Thank You** again to everyone who has participated in and helped at any of our events. You are the heart and soul of CCWP.

Remember that Board meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of the month and any member is welcome to attend. If planning on attending, check with a Board member for the location of the meeting.

Note: The March Membership meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 14th, and will be held at Rodney's in Irwin. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m., but come around 6:00 if you are interested in joining your fellow members for dinner before the meeting.

A graphic with the text "HELLO Spring" in a mix of fonts. "HELLO" is in a simple sans-serif font, and "Spring" is in a large, elegant cursive font. There are pink flowers and green leaves around the text.

Museum Artifact



Before there was a factory-based Corvette Racing Team, there were only privateer race teams that championed the Corvette.

Because of a voluntary ban on racing by GM, people like Tommy Morrison, John Greenwood, Tony DeLorenzo, Jer Thompson, Doug Bergen, Bob Johnson, and others built the Corvette's reputation as a competitor. Before all of them though, it was the Grady Davis Gulf Oil Racing Corvettes driven by Don Yenke and Dick Thompson that were making history.

Grady Davis, Vice President of Gulf Oil, was one of the privateers that continued the racing tradition. Using Gulf Oil research and development, and some clandestine heavy-duty help from Chevy engineers, he was able to give his drivers Corvettes that could win. For drivers he connected with Chevrolet dealer and racer Don Yenke. Don was fiercely competitive, and someone who could understand what his cars were doing mechanically. Dick Thompson, "the Flying Dentist", was on the team as well. Together they began driving Corvettes for Gulf Oil in 1961 and won the National Championship that year.

On February 11, 1962, Davis, Yenke and Thompson brought their Corvettes to the opening race in the World Sports Car Championship series at Daytona International Speedway. The two Gulf Oil Corvettes came in 1st and 2nd, with another Corvette privateer taking 3rd. The team went on to take the B Production class championship in 1962 and 1963 with Gulf Oil Corvettes.

This picture is the Croton watch that was given to Don Yenke by Grady Davis after the 1963 racing season. The watch is engraved "To Don from Grady '63" on the back.

CCWP Webmaster

Regis Kuzel

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Remember, if you take pictures of Club events, participate in other Vette events, or you are featured in an article, share the information with the membership by sending them to the Webmaster. You can reach Regis at 412-818-2295. If you have any pictures of your car or anything you want to add send it to CCWP@CCWP.org.



NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Send all pictures and articles to the editor by the 17th of the month at :

gyoung1210@msn.com or by regular mail to:

Georgeann Young 1210 Harvest Dr.

Monroeville, PA 15146

Do not use the Club mailing address as delays may occur.

Membership Meeting



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557 Wendel Rd., Irwin

The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. but if you would like to have dinner and spend some time with your fellow members, you can come around 6:00. There will be a limited menu available.

If you are planning to attend, please let Allen Young know by Sunday, March 13th so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect.

Allen's contact info: ayoung1210@msn.com
412-372-7802

Museum News-Pat Hillyard



There is a new offering at the NCM Motorsports Park. The GM Bundle gives you a chance to drive both a C7 and C8 Corvette. The bundle includes four laps around the track in each car. Note that the C7 Corvettes are manual shift.

Something to consider, especially if you have a collector vehicle in your garage, is insurance, and NCM offers that with Agreed Value Protection. With this policy they lock in the value of the vehicle with no depreciation for the lifetime of the policy. If a total loss ever happens, the agreed value is what is paid out to the policy holder.

They also offer insurance on the upcoming 2023 Corvette Z06 and any collector vehicle, not just Corvettes.

Registration for the 2022 Michelin NCM Bash is now open. The dates for the event are April 28 to 30, 2022 and kicks off the NCM on-site event season. There will be a seminar and classroom session given by GM certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner. Other events include guided road tours, two celebrity choice car shows, a celebrity autograph session, auctions, book signings, and a banquet dinner. More details will be available soon, and on-line registration ends April 1st. See the NCM website for more information if interested in attending.

The NCM has announced that Chef Bobby Hammock has joined the organization as Consulting Executive Chef of the Stingray Grill at the Museum. In addition to overseeing general restaurant operations, under Hammock's leadership the Museum will begin internal catering for operations for small and mid-size events on the property.

Check out the Museum website for more information about the Museum and Motorsports Park or to check out upcoming activities.

www.corvettemuseum.org

March Birthdays – Allen Young



3rd	Shannon Morich	20th	Lee Smith	23rd	Patty Farrell
15th	Mary Anne Lewandowski	21st	Bruce Saye	23rd	Richard Kline
17th	Pat Chapaitis	22nd	Lane Neff	23rd	Gregory Pelagio
17th	Pat Hillyard	23rd	Darlene Callaghan	31st	Bob Schartner

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Upcoming 2021 Club Activities

March 1, 2022	March Board Meeting
March 14, 2022	March Membership Meeting
April 5, 2022	April Board Meeting
April 11, 2022	April Membership Meeting
May 3, 2022	May Board Meeting
May 9, 2022	May Membership Meeting
May 15, 2022	Spring Car Show

DON'T FORGET!!! Watch future editions of the Flying Fiberglass for additional events and information on The Corvette Club of Western PA.

ALSO: please check out our website for any last minute changes that may affect an event you plan on attending. Our site is updated as new information becomes available. Don't forget! Visit: www.ccwp.org

Illness & Condolences

If a Club member wishes to notify the Club of a death, illness, or accident in his/her (or fellow members) family please notify one of the Board Members. The information will be passed on to other Club members at the next general meeting if so desired.

Thank You



The Club would like to send out a big thank you to all the members who made a donation for the tornado victims in Tennessee and to member Mike Webber for his efforts in making sure our donations made it to the right people there. He also deserves a big thanks for collecting other items and making arrangements for getting them to the tornado victims.

New Members – Allen Young



Welcome
New Members of the
Corvette Club of Western PA

Membership questions??

Contact Allen Young

412-372-7802

E-mail:

ayoung1210@msn.com

Misc.

Over the years Corvette owners have turned to expensive paint protection films or do-it-yourself ceramic coatings as the primary method of protecting their car's exterior. However, if you want unmatched levels of gloss, surface slickness and swirl and chemical resistance that guaranteed up to nine years, try GTECHNIQ Crystal Serum Ultra. The company was founded over 20 years ago by a quantum physicist named Drew Gill who was unhappy with the available automotive paint protection at the time. Over the years the formulas have been refined and In 2017 this premium ceramic coating was released. Crystal Serum Ultra wipes on the car with one application and after buffing with a microfiber cloth, it begins to cure after being exposed to water molecules in the air. Once it's cured, there's not much you can do to take it off. It should only be applied by an accredited dealer who has been specifically trained to work with the product.

Recently some research has been done on the value of used cars. A list of 15 cars that cost more used than new was developed. The C8 Corvette was second on that list. It was determined that used Stingrays are selling for 20.2% more than new models. The mid-engine Corvette is one of the most highly anticipated American sports car ever made, and demand has far exceeded supply since its launch for the 2020 model year.

The chip shortage has finally caught up with the Corvette. Effective January 24th, Chevrolet has removed the Rear Park Assist from orders due to lack of chips. Buyers whose vehicles were stripped of this option will receive a \$50 credit. Chevy estimates the availability of parts to retrofit the option will return sometime in the fourth quarter of 2022.



The Central Pennsylvania Corvette Club donated two of these really cool mini Corvettes to the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Harrisburg. They will be used to calm and ease the anxiety of their pediatric patients as they can now cruise into the operating room in style.

The mini Corvettes have some pretty cool features including a button that makes authentic engine sounds and there is even a radio with a couple of stations on the dial. The kids are able to operate the cars but the nurse can override them.



Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania ("C.C.W.P.")

New and Renewal Membership Application

Date: ___/___/___ New: _____ Renewal: _____

Name: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____
(Last Name) (First Name)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Email Address _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Member's Birth Date: ___/___/___ (At least the month & day) Name for Name Badge: _____

Spouse's/Domestic Partner Name (if joining): _____
(first) (last)

Email Address _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

Birth Date: ___/___/___ (At least the month & day) Name for Name Badge: _____

Year of Your Corvette: _____ Color: _____ Body Style: Coupe Convertible Hardtop

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How did you hear about CCWP? _____

Requirements of membership

To be completed by new members only

Please answer yes or no to these statements.

- Yes No I understand I must be at least 18 years old to be a member.
 Yes No I understand the membership year runs from January 1st To December 31st
 Yes No I understand my name, e-mail address and telephone number may be printed in the monthly newsletter

The newsletter is available on the website below. Check here to have it mailed to you.
(please note that having it mailed to you will cost an additional \$15 yearly above your annual dues)

Membership Dues

Newsletter by e-mail (Jan 1st thru Dec 31st): \$30.00 for a single/ \$35.00 for a couple Amount enclosed: _____

Newsletter by US mail (Jan 1st thru Dec 31st): \$45.00 for a single/ \$50.00 for a couple Amount enclosed: _____

Liability Statement

In consideration of membership in the Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania, I/we acknowledge that I/we have liability insurance on all of our cars as that is a requirement of membership. Also as a requirement of membership, I/we release, indemnify and hold harmless the Board of Directors, staff members and general membership of CCWP from any and all claims, causes of actions, property damages, judgments, lawsuits and injuries whether known or unknown for any reason whatsoever as a result of my attendance and/or participation or the attendance and/or participation of my guests before, during, and after any event associated with or sponsored by CCWP.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

(Signature is required)

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

(Signature is required)

After completing the information above, please mail this application with a check or money order payable to C.C.W.P. to:

Allen Young
C.C.W.P Membership Director
1210 Harvest Drive
Monroeville, PA 15146

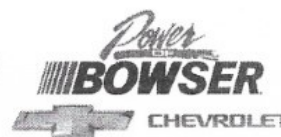
General membership meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Join us online at WWW.CCWP.ORG

Revised (9/25/17)



Spring Corvette Show



Sunday, May 15, 2022

Bowser Chevrolet Monroeville - Rte 286, Monroeville, PA

Registration and Clean Up 9:00am

Judging and Show 11:00am, Trophies at 3:00pm

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!

REGISTRATION: \$10.00 (pre-registration, mailed) \$15.00 day of show

ALL REGISTRATIONS INCLUDE: Coffee/donuts and lunch
Dash plaque to the first 100 cars present
50/50 raffle



Judging Classes:

C1/C2: 1953 - 1967

C6: 2005 - 2013

C3: 1968 - 1982

C7: 2014 - 2019

C4: 1984 - 1996

C8: 2020 - current

C5: 1997 - 2004

Fun Class (non-judged)

Make checks payable to: **CCWP**

MAIL TO:

Allen Young
1210 Harvest Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Year: _____ Class: _____ Color: _____

In consideration of attendance and/or participation in this event, sponsored by **Bowser Chevrolet/CCWP** I/we acknowledge that I/we have liability insurance on the participating car(s) as that is a requirement of attendance/participation. Also as a requirement of attendance and/or participation, I/we release, indemnify and hold harmless the Event Coordinator, Owners and Employees of **Bowser Chevrolet/CCWP** from any and all claims, causes of actions, property damages, judgments, lawsuits and injuries whether known or unknown for any reason whatsoever as a result of my attendance and/or participation or the attendance and/or participation of my guests before, during and after this event.

SIGNED: _____

Date: _____

The December membership meeting was held at Rodney's in Irwin. Vince Morich called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. and we were unable to start with the Pledge of Allegiance because of our location.

Director's Reports

Membership— Allen Young

Membership numbers for 2021: 159 Members, 93 Families

Vice-President / Insurance— Ron Thomas

Insurance is paid.

Social— Vacant

We are looking for someone to take over this position. No one ran for this position in the recent election.

Events— Pat Hillyard

Please check the Website and our Facebook page-they have all the activities and details.

We discussed the After-Christmas Party that is scheduled for Saturday, January 8th, 2022 at Lakeview in Greensburg. A final menu has not yet been chosen, but we have decided to have a sit down dinner this year. Once we know for sure how many entrée choices we are allowed we will send an email to all who are attending to get their choice so we can pass it on to the venue. There was some lengthy discussion about the tornados that went through Kentucky in early December and caused significant damage in Mayfield and Bowling Green Kentucky. There was some damage to the Corvette plant and also the Museum itself. There was significant damage to the NCM Motorsports Park. It was decided that we would take up a collection at the meeting, which we did, raising \$500. The membership also voted to take \$1,000 from our savings account and send it on to aid the victims of this tragedy.

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Newsletter—Georgeann Young

Everything for the Newsletter should be submitted by the 17th of the month.

New Business

We are tossing around the idea of re-doing some of the previous Laps of PA since there are several that people seem to have really enjoyed. Further discussion to come and this would probably occur in the Spring. Lynn Full has also mentioned putting together a trip for the Corvettes on the Boardwalk in Ocean City in the fall.



"Let me guess, you finally told him it was you who put the dent in his Corvette last week."

Old Business

There is still 60th Anniversary merchandise available.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Historical Committee — Frank Paolo

No report.

Museum—Pat Hillyard

Raffle tickets can now be purchased using a mail order form that is available on the Museum website. The prices for the raffles have also changed.

Health and Welfare Committee- Connie Jelovich

No report.

Competition—Frank Paolo

No report.

WPCCC—Frank Paolo

No report

Website/Facebook

Regis is still doing the website and will help with the sponsors. We also have a PayPal account set up to make it easier to pay for some of these things.

Treasurer—Mike Diorio Absent

Mike Diorio was absent but had provided Vince with the most recent Treasurer's report and it was approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report only available at General Membership Mtgs.

The next membership meeting will be held at the After-Christmas party and then we won't meet again until March.

Meeting adjourned around 7:50 pm.

