## Flying Fiberglass

# September 2021



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### **Welcome Message**

As hard as it is to believe September has arrived and with it the start of Fall. We all know what that means-it's almost time to put our Corvettes away for the winter. But we still have a couple of months to enjoy them so let's see where Fall takes us. Our annual picnic was held in August at Mt. Odin Golf Club. We had a great turnout and we were able to meet and spend some time with some of our new members. The weather was sunny and warm and we had a wonderful location that gave us a nice breeze throughout the day to make the heat more bearable.

more bearable. Due to the fact that the Boulevard, the Delmont restaurant where we hold our indoor meetings, is now closed Mondays and Tuesdays, we have decided to have another outdoor meeting in September. Chas Rottmund was able to secure the same pavilion in Oak Hollow Park where we had our July meeting and pizza will be provided by the Club. Something to keep in mind, if the Boulevard remains closed on Mondays and Tuesdays going forward, we may have to temporarily move our indoor meetings to Wednesday nights starting in October. Be sure to check the October Newsletter for more info. We're still looking for a sponsor so we can plan a car show. It's too late for this year but not too late to try and find someone so we can get a headstart on planning for the spring. If anyone has any ideas of a dealer or any kind of business that might want to sponsor a judged show please let the Board know so they can follow up.

Another thing we might want to consider for next year is to bring back the Lap of PA, perhaps redoing one of the trips that we had done in the past. These trips were a lot of fun and a great way to get to know other members

Reminder to any past 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.

If anyone has any ideas they would like the Board to consider for the coming year, please contact any board member or attend a Board meeting. They are held the 1st Tuesday of the month and you should check with a Board member for the location if you plan to attend.

Reminder: Our next membership meeting will be Monday, September 13, 2021 at Oak Hollow Park, Pine Pavilion. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm, but come early for pizza that will be provided by the club.



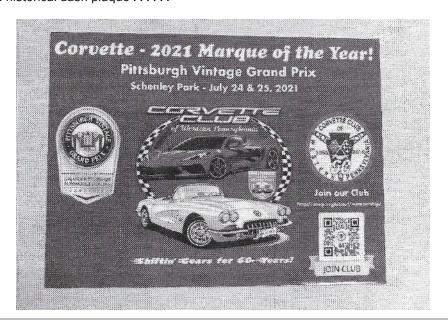
"THE OLDEST AND ONE OF THE LARGEST CORVETTE CLUBS IN PENNSYLVANIA"

### **Vintage Grand Prix**

#### Another First for CCWP . . . . . . .

As part of this year's Vintage Grand Prix festivities that honored the Corvette as the featured Marque,

CCWP supported the program with an ad in America's Sports Car Magazine, the Corvette Museum's national publication. It was a great ad both in information and graphics. We have Regis Kuzel to thank for his creative efforts in producing that ad on behalf of the Club. But Regis wasn't quite finished, as he put an exclamation point to his efforts with an event dash plaque. All Club members that attended the 2021 Vintage Grand Prix were given that souvenir dash plaque. We believe, and claim, that this dash plaque is the first in the country given by any Corvette Club, or any other car club, that features a "QR Code" as part of its message. The code actually opens to a membership application to CCWP! Included is a copy of this historical dash plaque . . . . . .



### CCWP Webmaster Regis Kuzel



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.

### **September Membership Meeting**



Our September Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13, 2021. Because our indoor location is closed Mondays and Tuesdays, we have opted to have another outdoor pizza meeting.

Place: Oak Hollow Park, Pine Pavilion

Time: Meeting starts at 7:00 pm

Pizza will be available around 6:30

Remember to bring your own drink and plan on joining us for the evening.

Please let Allen Young know if you will be attending so we can plan on how much pizza we will need. His contact info: ayoung1210@msn.com or 412-372-7802

### **Museum News-Pat Hillyard**



Although the early registration deadline has passed, you may still be able to register on site if you are thinking about attending the Museum's 27th Anniversary Celebration September 2nd to September 4th. It also possible to be a virtual participant and enjoy 2 days of activities around the Museum that includes access to special video presentations and raffles. Virtual Anniversary registration is \$20 per household. Check the Museum's website for more information.

The NCM has won 3rd place in in the 2021 U.S. Today 10 Best Readers' Choice

travel award contest for Best Attraction for Car Lovers.

Every 5 years the NCM celebrates its Anniversary with a Corvette Caravan. In 2024 the National Corvette Museum will celebrate 30 years of Corvette history. Leading the fleet of thousands of Corvettes coming home is the overall Caravan captain Frank Sancineto. Frank is seeking regional Caravan Captains. If interested in becoming a Captain or if you have any questions about the Caravan you can contact Frank at nationalchair2024@gmail.com or call 919–604-6978. The Museum will celebrate the anniversary of an epic win at Daytona that occurred 20 years ago with the opening of an exhibit called 24 at 20: Earnhardt, Corvette, and the overall win at Daytona. On September 2nd the Museum will host a seminar featuring championship winning driver Andy Pilgrim, former Corvette Racing Program Manager Doug Fehan, and retired Corvette Racing Marketing Manager Gary Claudio. They will share memories of that historic race and all that led up to it. You can take part in this seminar in person or virtually. Check the Museum website for details.

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

### **September Birthdays** — Allen Young



1st Don Baker 7th Janet Hollabaugh 17th Frank Paolo

2nd Norma Jane McDonald 9th Mary Rish 22nd William Callaghan

4th Vince Morich 13th Richard Zisek 26th Lynn Full

6th Dean Lindsay 16th Bradley Gray George Franz

### **Upcoming 2019 Club Activities**

August 26-28, 2021 Corvettes at Carlisle

Sept. 7, 2021 September Board Meeting

Sept. 13, 2021 September Membership Meeting

Sept. 18, 2021 Wilkins Township Parade

October 5, 2021 October Board Meeting

October 11, 2021 October Membership Meeting

**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 Connie Jelovich at 724-325-2571, CAJJJELO4@comcast.net with the information. The information will be passed on to other Club members at the next general meeting if so desired.

### **Wilkins Township Parade**



Wilkins Township is celebrating their 200th anniversary this year and they sent us a request to participate in a parade they are planning for September 18, 2021 to mark the event.

In the past we have participated in parades and had a great time and hopefully by September things will be under control enough that we will be able to join in the parade.

If interested in joining us for the parade contact Allen Young at 412-372-7802 or by email ayoung 1210@msn.com.

### **Annual Picnic**



The 2021 Annual Picnic was held at Mt. Odin Golf Park in Greensburg. The weather was great and so was the food. A fine time was had by all.





A special thank you to Deb Cassel who baked a ton of cookies so we would have desert.





















### **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

### **Car Cruises**

Thursdays, starting May 6th Lamplighter Restaurant in Delmont 5:00pm Saturdays, starting, May 8th Murrysview Shoppes, Monroeville 4:30 pm

Tuesdays, starting May 4th Plum Boro America Legion Post 980 5:00 pm (Saltsburg Rd)

Wednesdays Pgh. Mills, Tarentum (Back Lot) 4:30 pm

Sunday, Sept. 5th McKeesport/Renzie Park Ribfest, Concert & Car Cruise 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 6thDeer Lakes Park at Carp Field11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.Saturday, Sept. 11thBeaver Falls Annual Cruise11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.Saturday, Sept. 18thHarrison City/Penn Township Fall Festival12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.Sunday, Sept. 19thNorth Park Pool/Honors 1st responders10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.Sunday, Sept. 26thBoyce Park Wave Pool11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Check out the website carcruises.com for more car cruise information

### **For Sale**



C7 OEM Base Spoiler for Sale. It was removed from a low mileage 2015 Corvette. Color is Laguna Blue but it can be repainted.

Price: \$100 plus postage

Contact Dave Kitch if interested: dmkitch@comcast.net or 724-433-4151



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

New and Renewal Membership Application

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

Monroeville, PA 15146

Join us online at <u>WWW.CCWP.ORG</u> Revised (9/25/17)

### Misc.

It's been nearly 60 years since GM completed its first complete design, debuting in 1963 with a Convertible model and all new hardtop coupe version. Even though the 1963 split-window only graced the C2 Corvettes for just its inaugural year, the design is considered one of the most iconic automobiles ever produced.

Across town rival Ford found success when they took their two-seater Thunderbird and stretched it to four-seats. That prompted Chevy President Ed Cole to order up a four-seater Concept model in 1962. The model was created by designer Larry Shinoda and it stretched the car with a slightly longer wheel base and larger doors, and a photo from GM's chief photographer Walter Farynk actually captured the car with occupants in all four seats.



Luckily, Chevy never did build the four-seater, choosing instead to keep with the Corvette's true identity as a two-seater sports car. The design study was shelved and the original fiberglass model was destroyed. The details of why they actually killed the car can be found in an old interview with designer Larry Shinoda: Once the model was finished Jack Gordon, who was the President of GM, came in one day in his suit and says to Ed Cole (the designer): "Ed...tell me... can a human really sit in that back seat?" Ed says of course they can, and he opened the door and tilted the seat forward. Mr. Gordon climbed in and sat down and was kind of hunched over in the back. Finally he says "Let me out of this thing." For

some reason the seat jammed and they couldn't get the seat to fold down and they had to unbolt the seat and he's fuming while waiting for the union mechanics to come and unbolt the seat. When he finally got out of the car he was totally frustrated and madder than hell... and that killed the car, which is a good thing for Corvette Fans.

Hustle & Tow is an A&E reality tv show that follows the exploits of an Atlanta based towing company. Recently they were attempting to tow an Arctic White C7 Corvette Stingray when the owner came out and jumped in the vehicle to stop the process. The towing company demanded a \$100 drop fee to release the car, but the owner wasn't having any of it. There is a video of the incident and there is so much that goes wrong, from the towing company saying they are trying to protect the vehicle while it's being dragged out of its parking space with the rear axles locked, to the C7 Corvette driver's wife/girlfriend/date doing a faceplant while at-



tempting to step over the tow cable. Eventually the police are called, but they tell both parties that it's a civil matter. They can't make the tow company unhook the Vette and they can't make the driver get out of his car. In the end, the driver coughs up the \$100 drop fee and everyone goes on their merry way.



If it hadn't been for the Corvette, we might not be blasting "Life in the Fast Lane" out of our mid-engine Stingray speakers some 45 years later.

In the 2003 documentary The History of the Eagles, Glenn Frey explains that he was riding shotgun in a Corvette with a drug dealer on the way to a poker game. Before he knew it they were going 90 and holding cocaine. Frey says, "Big time" and the dealer grins and goes "Life in the fast lane!" Frey thought now that's a song title. The band

would go on to build the song around a catchy riff that lead guitarist Joe Walsh had been using to warm up.

#### General Membership Meeting (Unapproved)

August 8, 2021

The August membership meeting was at the annual picnic on Sunday August 8th, at Mt. Odin Gold Park. Food for the picnic was provided by The Boulevard. Vince Morich called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Director's Reports**

#### Membership-Allen Young

Current Membership numbers: 159 Members, 93 Fmilies

#### Vice-President / Insurance- Vince Morich

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.

Pat Hillyard and John Walko discussed the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix and the Club's role. Also talked about the Dash Plaques that was designed by Regis Kuzel for those members that attended race weekend.

Pat mentioned that he would be attending the Museum's Anniversary celelbration in September and anyone else who is going should contact him.

There was also mention of Corvettes as Carlisle that will be held the last weekend in August and discussion about our tent at the event. It was determined that the tent will be up and anyone attending is welcome there.

#### Newsletter-Georgeann Young

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

#### **New Business**

We mentioned that in order to have a car show we would have to find a sponsor and asked for suggestions. The earliest we could do anything at this point would be Spring 2022. We are sill thinking about the possibility 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.



"He leaves like that every day. It's like he hasn't seen his Corvette in years. It's only been 8 hours."

#### 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 has 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

Mike Diorio gave 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 meeting will be at the another outdoor pizza meeting at Oak Hollow Park, Pine Pavilion, on Monday, September 13th. The meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. and pizza will be there about 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned around 2:00 pm.

