**Official Newsletter of C.C.W.P.** 



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### Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvaniat's



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# **Welcome Message**

As we welcome June the flowers and bushes are in bloom, the weather has been better than we could expect for this time of year, and we are back on the road with our Corvettes for another year.

Our first official club event was a Sping Corvette Show at Shorkey Chevrolet in Murrysville on Sunday, May 21st. The weather was perfect for a car show with temperatures in the 70s and a slight breeze, There were 80 cars that attended and there were some great cars to see. Shorkey again donated a number of items for door prizes and there was a 50/50 raffle that raised a nice amount of cash and was won by Lynn Full. A big thank you to Bob Whitesides who put the show together and to everyone who pitched in to help at the show, including those who showed up to help with judging. Deb Cassel has planned an outing for the Club in June. She will be taking a group to the Mountain Playhouse to see the play, "Life Could Be A Dream." She has had a good response and if anyone is still interested you should contact her to check and see if there are still openings. The information for the outing is also in this Newsletter along with Deb's contact information.

We are still planning on taking part in the 4th of July parade in Monroeville. Attendance at last year's parade was low and we are hoping for a better showing this year. If interested in joining us please contact Allen Young.

We're still looking for ideas for things to do as a club this summer and hoping some members will help us with the planning too. The current Board, with few changes, has been in place for some time now and has worked hard to keep the Club together, but all members need to remember that it is their Club too, and it would be a big help if more people would get involved and help keep things going. We have had a couple of people some forward but there are still some positions that need filled. Please consider helping your club by offering to fill one of these openings.

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 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 next membership meeting is Monday, June 12th. It will be held at Indian Lake Park in Irwin and will be the first outdoor pizza meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm, but the pizza should be there by 6:30 pm, so come early and join us for pizza and to socialize with your fellow members.

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# Misc. Info

There is always a lot of information to be had at the NCM Bash, including production updates. As of March 2023, they were showing 40,562 total C8s with the breakdown being 94% Stingray and 6% Z06. The last time there were more than 40,000 cars produced in a model year was 2016. According to current information, production is still running around 52% coupes vs 48% convertibles. The most popular trim for the Stingray coupes is the 2LT at 42% while buyers are selecting the 3LT trims overwhelmingly at 55% for the convertible.

Top colors for the Stingray are Torch Red, Arctic White, Black, and Red Mist. Black interiors account for over 30% of production with Adrenaline Red being second at 24%.

For the Corvette Z06, the convertible model is currently out-selling the coupe by 51% to 49%. The 3LZ trim package dominates both coupes and convertibles. The Z06's top colors are the same as the Stingray but are shuffled, with Black being the top color and Torch Red the second most popular. There's a 4-way tie for third with Arctic White, Red Mist, Pearl White, and Hypersonic Gray all at 9% of production.

Production for 2024 models will begin on Tuesday, September 5th.



The driver of a Rapid Blue C8 was cited for speeding at 149 mph on I-75 North in Ohio. It seems that he was tempted to test 495-horsepower engine in his mid-engine Corvette.

He explained to the troopers he was driving a new car and someone cut him off, but no one is sure how that explains why he was speeding at 149 mph.

A new gallery recently opened at the National Corvette Museum just in time for the visitors to the Michelin Bash to see it. The 2,500 square foot McMichael Family Education Gallery provides a state of the art educational experience aimed at the next generation of Corvette enthusiasts, engineers, designers, and more. It will serve as a space to engage families, students, and kids of all ages with standards-based STREAM education, group tours, school field trips, and curriculum based learning opportunities.

# **CCWP Webmaster**

# Bradley Gray

# CCWP.ORG

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 Brad via email: 1bradleygray@gmail.com. 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.

# **June Membership Meeting**



The June membership meeting will be held on Monday, June 12th, at Indian Lake Park in Irwin. The club will supply the pizza but you will need to bring your own drinks. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and the pizza should be there by 6:30, so come early and have something to eat and spend some time catching up with friends and fellow members.

The address for Indian Lake Park is 2616-2622 Clay Pike, Irwin. We are at the pavilion across the lake.

In order to help us know how much pizza to order, please let Allen Young know by Sunday, June 11th, if you plan to attend.

Please contact Allen Young by Sunday, June 11th, if you are planning to join us for pizza. Allen's contact information: ayoung1210@msn.com 412-372-7802

# **Museum News**



The connection between Corvette and racing runs deep. Ever since the debut of the C1, Corvettes have been proving their mettle on racetracks all over the world. In fact, at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, the undisputed domain of American open wheel racing, Corvette will serve as the official pace car of the Indy 500 for the 20th time. The May Artifact of the Month is an autographed C5 fuel rail cover. It celebrates the enthusiasm motorsports fans share for the Corvette. It was donated by Sheila Chaffee and it contains signatures of 19 personalities from the IndyCar Racing Series and includes autographs of 11 Indy winners.

The National Corvette Museum has announced the 2023 Corvette Hall of Fame members elect. They will be formally inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Saturday, September 5, 2023. They are: Enthusiast -John Amgwert, founding member of National Corvette Restorers Society: Racing-Dan Binks, Retired Crew Chief of Corvette Racing: and GM-Chevrolet-David Wickman, Retired GM Vehicle Performance Manager of Milford Proving Grounds. Corvette Hall of Fame inductees have distinguished themselves not only through their accomplishments but also by their high standards of integrity and character that reflect and enhance the reputation of the Corvette and the NCM. Registration for the induction ceremony celebration will open in June.

You might want to mark your calendars for August 29-31, 2024. That's the dates of the 7th National Corvette Caravan. It is often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event and is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. The 2024 Caravan will mark the Museum's 30th anniversary.

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

# June Birthdays – Allen Young



2nd	Donald Brett	9th	Curt Betters	23rd	Deb Paolo
2nd	Lori Osselborn	18th	Margery Pisarcik	24th	Bernadette Valero
3rd	Meme Betters	19th	Steve Bachner	26th	Jan Roslund
5th	Kimberly Baker	20th	Mary Rock	28th	Frank Dvorchak
6th	Chad Ferri	22nd	Ron Veyo	28th	Nancy Horak
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# Upcoming 2023 Club Activities

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June 6, 2023	June Board Meeting
June 9, 2023	Vandergrift Car & Bike Cruise
June 12, 2023	June Membership Meeting
June 25, 2025	Lunch/Musical Outing
July 4, 2023	Monroeville 4th of July Parade
July 13-23, 2023	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
August 13, 2023	Annual Picnic

\_\_\_\_\_ Y'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

able. Don't forget! Visit: www.ccwn

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# **IIIness & 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.

# **Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix**

The deadline for early On-line registration has passed. Regular on-line registration is available June 1st thru July 20th and is \$50 per car. Late registration is after July 20th and is \$60 per car. Your fee includes your weekend car display spot, a PVGP Race Program (\$10 value), and a PVGP decal (\$5 value). You will receive 2 PVGP wristbands \$10 each value) that allow you access to the show field and to the start/finish area all weekend.

The Corvette display will be across from the American Show. There will be a larger area to display the 70th Anniversary Sweepstakes Z06 Vette, and there is a special area around the Sweepstakes Corvette for all Z06s in attendance. This area is also much closer to the race track and vendors.

The downtown car display is July 19th at either PPG Place or Market Square and is almost sold out, so if interested you should register asap. The Waterfront car show is Tuesday, July 18th, from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

More info available at: pvgp.org, including a full calendar of this years events.

# **Spring Car Show**



Another successful show at Shorkey Chevrolet in Murrysville













# New Members – Allen Young Welcome Membership questions? Welcome 412-372-7802 New Members of the E-mail: Corvette Club of Western PA ayoung1210@msn.com Dennis & Shirley Bohatch Sarver 2022 Yellow Coupe Bill & Lori Osselborn Greensburg 2016 Arctic White Convertible/1979 Silver Coupe

# **Spring Shorkey Corvette Show**

The winners from the Spring 2023 Corvette Show at Shorkey Chevrolet are:

<u>C1/C2</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Jack Eidemiller Dave Fawcett Roy Musser	<u>C3</u>	1st 2nd 2rd	Lou Urbanski Wib Roth Scott Spillar	<u>C4</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Bob Mihalinac Jeff Harrison Dennis Smith
<u>C5</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Larry Shaffer Sam DeMonte Bobby Marino	<u>C6</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Jay Troutman Tom Flaherty Pat Whitesides			
<u>C7</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Mike Greco Elaine Smolnik Bob Krohmaly	<u>C8</u>	1st 2nd 3rd	Zakery Sommers Clifford Learnard Dana Smith	<u>Fun Cl</u>	<u>ass</u>	Al Kurtz Bill Osselborn Toby Tyler

# **Vandergrift Car & Bike Cruise**



Join the fun in Vandergrift on Friday, June 9th, at their annual Car & Bike Cruise that benefits the Vandergrift Museum.

Donation is \$10 per car and it runs from 6pm till dark. It's a rain or shine event.

There will be dash plaques for the first 75 cars.

Music will be provided by DJ Dale Frederick

There will also be raffles and food available for purchase.

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# **Car Cruises**

Below is a listing of some area car cruises that might be of interest to our members. See carcruises.com site for more info.

Saturdays, 2023	Murrysview Shoppes, Monroeville	4:00 pm to 8:00 pm	weekly
Tuesdays, 2023	Plum American Legion Post 980	5:00 pm to 8:30 pm	weekly
Wednesdays, 2023	Frazier Wed. Car Cruise/Galleria, Pgh. Mills	4:00 pm to 8:00 pm	weekly
Friday, June 2, 2023	Victory Family Church, Cranberry-Corvette Night	5:00pm to 9:00 pm	weekly
Sat, June 3, 2023	Pet Friends 1st Annual Save-A-Pet Cruise	2:00 pm to 8:00 pm	
Sun. June 4, 2023	Vinoski Winery, Rostraver	12:00 pm to 5:00 pm	
Sun. June 18, 2023	Oakmont Lions Club Father's Day Show	9:00 am to 3:00 pm	
Sun, June 18, 2023	Norwin Elks Father's Day Show	12:00 pm to ?	

# **Mountain Playhouse**



We hope you can join us for an afternoon of fun as we take in the play 'Life Could Be A Dream' at Mountain Playhouse on Sunday, June 25th, at 3:00 pm. The cost is \$35 per person and is the discounted group rate. There are still a few reserved seats left so if you are interested please let me know as soon as possible. The money is due by the May Membership meeting at the latest. Make your checks payable to CCWP and either bring to the May meeting or mail to:

Deb Cassel, 517 Green Haven Court, Pittsburgh PA 15239

There are **NO REFUNDS**, but if something comes up and you can't attend, you can get someone to take your place. All reservations must be made by the May Membership meeting.

Life Could Be A Dream is the story of Denny and the Dreamers, a fledgling doo-wop singing group preparing to enter the Big Bopper Radio contest and realize their dreams of making it to the big time. But trouble comes in the form of Lois, who arrives to put some polish on the boys. Denny falls in love, Wally falls in line, Eugene falls apart, and along comes handsome heartthrob Skip to send the whole situation spinning. The 60's hits say it all:

"Fools Fall in Love," Tears On My Pillow," "Runaround Sue," "Earth Angel," "Stay,"

"Unchained Melody," "Lonely Teardrops," and "The Glory of Love"

Winner of the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle Best Musical Award, Life Could Be A Dream will leave you laughing, singing, and cheering-let's hear it for the boys.

We Will meet at 11:30 am at Keystone Plaza, 8279 State Route 22, New Alexandria (across from the Sheetz at the light at Routes 22 and 981). We will have lunch first at Our Coal Miners Café, 1640 Lincoln Highway, Jennerstown, PA 15547. Each person pays for their own lunch.

After lunch we will drive to the Play at Pasquerilla Performing Arts at the University of Pittsburgh, 450 Schoolhouse Rd., Johnstown, PA 15904.

Any questions please text or call Deb Cassel at 412-932-7326

# General Membership Meeting (Unapproved)

May 8, 2023

The May membership meeting was held at Papa Rocks in Monroeville. The meeting was called to order around 7:00 pm by Thom Shepler, who then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

# Director's Reports

#### Membership-Allen Young

Membership numbers for 2023: 149 Members, 90 Families

#### Vice-President / Insurance- Brad

Brad Gray, who currently handles our website, has taken on this position.

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-Vacant

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

Bob Whitesides went over the details for the Spring Car Show that will be held at Shorkey Chevrolet in Murrysville on Sunday, May 21st. There are 50 cars pre-registered for the event. The trophies and dash plaques are ordered as are the donuts and coffee for early attendees. Shorkey has arranged for two food trucks to be there so there will be options for those attending to purchase their lunch, and they have donated a number of items as door prizes.

Deb Cassel also spoke at the meeting. She has arranged an event for the club to take place in June. The group will be driving to Jennerstown for dinner and then on to Mountain Playhouse in Johnstown to see the play "Life Could Be A Dream." She had the theater hold some seats for her and several members signed up that evening. Deadline is the May membership meeting.

Allen Young mentioned that we will be taking part in the Monroeville 4th of July parade and he is hoping members will join him. Chad Rothmund stated that he ad contacted Mt. Odin Gold Park and that he had secured the date in August for our annual picnic. We are still hoping that some other members will come forward with some ideas and plans for some other outings now that some nice weather is here and we have our cars back out. Hopefully there will be more to come.

## Newsletter-Georgeann Young

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



"I dumped my boyfriend, but now that he bought a Corvette I suddenly want to get back with him. But he won't take my phone calls."

#### New Business

There was some discussion about how we could come up with a way to let members know when someone was planning on going to a car cruise or some other event to see if anyone wanted to join them. Brad offered to put together a text chain to implement this and most in attendance were in favor.

#### <u>Old Business</u>

We still have several Board positions that are open and we would like to see someone step up to fill them

### SPECIAL REPORTS

Historical Committee — Frank Paolo No report.

#### Museum-

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-

No report.

#### WPCCC—Frank Paolo No report

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Website/Facebook Brad Gray Is taking over the website.

#### 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 membership meeting will be held at on Monday, June 12th, at Indian Lake Park in Irwin.

Meeting adjourned around 7:45 pm.

