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Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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Welcome Message

As September rolls in it brings with it the official start of Fall, and that means we are getting closer to the time when we put our cars to sleep for the winter months. Before we get there we did have a couple of events for the club members to enjoy.

First was our annual picnic that was held on Sunday, August 13th, at Mt. Odin Gold Park in Greensburg. There were about 65 members who attended and everyone seemed to have a good time. Lunch was provided by 3 Gems catering (the same caterer we had for last year's picnic) and the food was great again this year.

Phil and Deb Cassel led a small group of members to Altoona on August 6th for the All Chevy car show sponsored by the Altoona Corvette Club. They had an opportunity to talk to some folks from the Altoona club and they may decide to travel down here for one of our car shows.

Several members also went to Carlisle late in the month for the Corvettes at Carlisle weekend. Lots to see there.

We are having a Fall Car Show at Shorkey Chevrolet in Murrysville on Sunday, September 10th, so be sure to add it to your calendars and plan on joining us at the show. We do need some help the day of the show so consider joining your fellow club members for a fun day.

John and Jan Hollabaugh are planning a day trip up to Ligonier for Saturday, September 9th. The details as well as John's contact info are in this Newsletter. If interested, let John know.



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 come forward but there are still some positions that need to be 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, September 11th, at **Indian Lake Park** in Irwin. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and pizza will be provided by the Club and should be there about 6:30. There are some drinks leftover from the picnic that will be available. Hope to see you there.

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

Altoona Car Show



Sunday, Aug. 6th, was a nice day. We had 7 cars that ventured up to Altoona for the Altoona Corvette Club All Chevy Show. There were around 90 cars in all and unfortunately no one in our group won any awards or auction items, but we did have a nice time of fellowship. We invited a couple who live in Altoona but did not belong to that club to sit with us. They did have a Corvette, and they won a trophy and auction item, so maybe they will join in the future. I talked to the wife of the President of the Altoona club and invited them to our show next month. She was happy to see us travel that far to join their car show and hopes to come to one of ours in the future. We stopped at the Dream Restaurant for dinner and to get some of their cream puffs. I always get a cream puff to remember Patti Zahrobky who introduced me to this delicious desert.



CCWP Webmaster

Bradley Gray

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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 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.

September Membership Meeting



The September membership meeting will be held on Monday, September 11th, 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, September 10th, if you plan to attend.

Please contact Allen Young by Sunday, September 10th, if you are planning to join us for pizza.

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

Museum News



The August artifact of the month is Dan Binks helmet. Binks was no stranger to professional auto racing. In the 1980's he was Tommy Kendall's crew chief when Kendall dominated IMSA's GTU division in a Mazda RX-7. Binks also worked on Jack Roush's NASCAR team during the 1990's. In March 2003 it was time for a new challenge. The 12 hours of Sebring would be his first race as crew chief and tire

changer on the Corvette Racing. No. 3 car. The helmet Binks wore on that memorable day is the August artifact. Painted yellow to match the car, the famous Corvette crossed flags appear prominently on the front of the helmet. A Checkered flag pattern swoops around the sides to the back, leaving just enough room for an American flag emblem and grinning skull and crossbones above the nickname "Big Daddy." It comes complete with a set of goggles and is on loan from Binks himself. He used the helmet through the 2008 ALMS season at Laguna Seca. He joins John Amgwert and David Wickman in the Corvette Hall of Fame Class of 2023. Binks and the No. 3 Corvette team won the race at Sebring. He remained the crew chief of the No. 3 unit until his retirement in 2020, becoming one of the most respected members of Corvette Racing. He is celebrated today for his mechanical skills and efficient pit stop coordination. His helmet is a unique piece of Corvette racing history, and a reminder of how races are often won in the pits.

There is a new event at the NCM Motorsports Park-it is the Women's HPDI event. On Saturday, October 23, 2023, the track will host its inaugural Women's High Performance Drive introduction event. It is an activity geared toward women of all skill levels. It will provide participants a fun, safe, and supportive environment for learning the fundamentals of high performance driving.

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



1st	Don Baker	9th	Mary Rish	22nd	William Callaghan
2nd	Norma Jane McDonald	13th	Rich Zisek	26th	Lynn Full
6th	Dean Lindsay	16th	Bradley Gray	29th	Charlene Butala
7th	Jan Hollabaugh	17th	Frank Paolo		George Franz

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Upcoming 2023 Club Activities

September 5, 2023	September Board Meeting
September 9, 2023	John & Jan Hollabaugh Day Trip
September 10, 2023	Fall Shorkey Car Show
September 11, 2023	September Membership Meeting
October 3, 2023	October Board Meeting
October 9th, 2023	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

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.

Annual Picnic



On Sunday, August 13th, we held our annual picnic at Mt. Odin Golf Park in Greensburg. It was a beautiful day for a ride in our Corvettes and for a picnic. We had 62 people in attendance and had a great meal catered by 3 Gems Catering.

We would like to thank all who volunteered to make desserts for the picnic: Thom Shepler, Annette Bryer, Charlene Butala, Georgeann Young, Deb Cassel, Lynn Full, Gail Thomas, Jackie Kirkpatrick, and Lori Osselborn. Hopefully more of you can come next year to enjoy the delicious homemade desserts of our club members.

Annual Picnic



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

Rick Conwell/Celia Evans-Conwell

Cranberry

1959 Charcoal Convertible
1965 Glen Green Coupe
& more

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
Fridays, 2023	Victory Family Church, Cranberry	5:00 pm to 9:00 pm	weekly

Day Trip



John & Jan Hollabaugh are planning a road trip for the club on Saturday, September 9th.

They will leave from New Alexandria about 9:00 am and head south to Ligonier. They plan to continue south on routes 711/381 to a rest stop at Ohiopyle State Park. They then plan to continue south on the National Road Interpretive Center at Fort Necessity Battlefield. From there they will head west on Route 40 to lunch at the Braddock Inn (there is also a weekend flea market there).

There are no group plans after lunch.

Please let John know if you are interested and did not sign up at the picnic. His email is:

model99@windstream.net



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

New and Renewal Membership Application

Date: ____/____/____

New: _____

Renewal: _____

Name: _____
(Last Name) (First Name) Home Phone: (____) _____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 ☐ HardtopYear of Your Corvette: _____ Color: _____ Body Style: ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible ☐ Hardtop

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

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2024 Corvette Caravan

It may be hard to believe but the time for the next Corvette Caravan to the National Corvette Museum is just a little over a year away. This event is often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event and is a celebration of America's Sports Car. No matter what direction you are coming from, the Caravan culminates in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. The Caravan takes place every 5 years, and the next one is set for Labor Day weekend 2024 and will mark the Museum's 30th Anniversary.

The National Chairperson for the 2024 Caravan is Frank Sancineto. If anyone needs information they can't find elsewhere, you can contact Frank. His number is 919-604-6978 and his email is nationalchair2024@gmail.com,

There are caravans from all 50 states and Europe and if you check the NCM website you can find information for the various state caravans. Several years ago our club joined the Atlantic Corvette Caravan for the ride down to the Museum. The contact for that caravan is Jeffrey Duda and his number is 856-912-5200. For the last Caravan event we joined a caravan from Michigan and some members liked that one better because of the events they had planned for the trip to the Museum. For any members who are interested in participating in the 2024 Caravan you might want to get together and explore the itineraries for the larger Caravans and decide if there is one you might want to hook up with. Most of these groups require registration so you might want to decide sooner rather than later. You will also need to register for events at the Museum.

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Wrap Up

This past year marked the 41st year for the Vintage Grand Prix, and it was a great year for the event. Ferrari was the Marque of the year and enthusiasts flocked to Pittsburgh to honor the "Rosso Corsa" racing red. The Shelby American Automobile Club and Team Shelby managed to stage their national convention during part of the PVGP at the Pittsburgh International Race Complex. Famed Shelby Daytona designer Peter Brock appeared and was featured on the PVGP livestream.

The Grand Marshal, Luigi Chinetti Jr. commented on how much the PVGP captured the glory days of racing at places like Watkins Glen in the late '50's - the race car paddocks under shady trees, cars racing in the streets, people interacting with the cars and racers, and he was mesmerized by the sheer size and diversity of cars.



General Membership Meeting (Unapproved)

August 13, 2023

The August membership meeting was held at our annual picnic at Mt. Odin Golf Park on Sunday, August 13th. The meeting was called to order around 1:00 pm by Thom Shepler, who then led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance. After the meeting lunch was served

Director's Reports**Membership— Allen Young**

Membership numbers for 2023: 149 Members, 90 Families. He also welcomed some new members who attended the meeting,

Vice-President / Insurance— Brad

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

Insurance is paid.

Social— Vacant

Charlene Butala has agreed to take on the Social Chair position.

Events— Vacant**Please check the Website and our Facebook page-they have all the activities and details.**

Bob Whitesides talked a bit about the September 10th show at Shorkey Chevrolet in Murrysville. The details for the show itself are pretty well set but Shorkey was unable to get the food trucks they wanted so what they will do about food at the event is still up in the air.

Deb Cassel gave a short recap of their day at the Altoona Corvette Club show the week before the picnic.

Allen Young recapped the Monroeville 4th of July parade.

Deb Cassel also came spoke about the trip to the Greenburg Cadillac Museum in Brookville. Unfortunately there were only 3 cars that went, but it was short notice, in part because the museum is only open once a month.

John Hollabaugh spoke briefly about a day trip he and Jan had planned for Saturday, September 9th, and passed around a signup sheet for anyone who is interested to sign,

Newsletter—Georgeann Young

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



"I realize you don't want anyone to steal your Corvette, but can you point that security light somewhere else?"

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 set something up for those who provided cell phone numbers to use for this purpose.

Old Business

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

Website/Facebook

Brad Gray is taking over the website. He is making some changes to update the site and they should be ready soon.

Treasurer—Mike Diorio absent

Mike Diorio was not at the picnic but he did provide the Treasurer's report and it was given by Georgeann Young. It was approved by the members present.

Treasurer's Report only available at General Membership Mtgs.

The next membership meeting will be held at Indian Lake Park on Monday, September 11th.

Meeting portion adjourned around 1:40 pm.

