

# Flying Fiberglass

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Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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## Welcome Message

It's hard to believe that it's October already. It doesn't seem that long ago that we welcomed in 2023 and now we're starting the last quarter of the year. Crisp fall air and changing leaf colors greet us as we wind down this year's Corvette season. Soon it will be time to put our cars in storage for the winter, but there might still be a few nice days left to enjoy them. Who knows what Mother Nature has in store for us.

There were a couple of events that some club member did attend in September. One of these was Corvettes at Carlisle. A few club members went to Carlisle and managed to meet up for dinner. Edgewood Winery had a car cruise and, even though it was a rainy day, there were a few members who ventured out to check out the cars and drink some wine.

John and Jan Hollabaugh had to cancel their planned day trip once but were finally able to get it done. It was a nice drive and enjoyable lunch.

Deb Cassel has planned a day trip for Saturday, October 14th. It includes a drive to Connellsville to visit Scott C's Classic Building, a stop at the Laurel Mall Flea Market, a visit to Laurel Caverns, and wine tasting at Christian Klay winery. Details are in this Newsletter and you need to let Deb know if you are interested in attending.

With the colder weather coming we are moving the Membership Meetings back inside and will again be at Papa Rocks in Monroeville.

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, October 9th, at Papa Rocks in Monroeville. 7:00 pm and a buffet dinner will be served around 6:15. You are responsible for the cost of your own dinner.



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

## Corvettes at Carlisle



From: Phil and Deb Cassel



Phil and Deb belong to the Grand Sport Club and it was the largest group at the show. They found out that anyone with a Corvette can join the club, even if it's not a Grand Sport. If interested in joining let them know.



Corvette weekend at Carlisle this year had a total of 3,080 cars pre-registered, which is the first time they surpassed the 3,000 mark with pre-registrations. They ended up with over 5,000 Corvettes in attendance. There was some rain on Thursday but we had great weather Friday and Saturday. Those who did attend for the weekend had a great time looking over all the Corvettes. Some of us met for dinner at Fiddler's Bar & Grill on Friday night for dinner.

**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](mailto:1bradleygray@gmail.com). If you have any pictures of your car or anything you want to add send it to [CCWP@CCWP.org](mailto:CCWP@CCWP.org).



## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

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

[gyoung1210@msn.com](mailto: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.**

## October Membership Meeting



The October membership meeting will be held on Monday, October 9th, at Papa Rocks in Monroeville. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm and dinner will be the same buffet deal that we had there in the spring. The cost will be \$15/person and will include pizza, grilled chicken salad, beverage, tax and tip. The buffet should be ready around 6:15. Hope you can attend and can come early and have something to eat and spend some time catching up with friends and fellow members.

In order to ensure that they have adequate staff, Papa Rocks has asked us to provide an estimate of how many people will attend a week in advance. Therefore, we need you to let Allen Young know by Sunday, October 1st, if you plan to attend. This doesn't obligate you to attend, it's just so we can provide them an idea so they can properly schedule their staff

Please contact Allen Young by Sunday, October 1st, if you are planning to attend the meeting.

Allen's contact information: [ayoung1210@msn.com](mailto:ayoung1210@msn.com)  
412-372-7802

## Museum News



On October 2, 1948, the small village of Watkins Glen, New York began a new chapter in the history of American motorsports. The village hosted the inaugural Watkins Glen Grand Prix, the first major road race held in the U.S. after World War II.

The Watkins Glen Grand Prix became an annual event, and in 1951 Harley J. Earl attended the race. Earl is known as the "Father of the Corvette" and is a member of the Corvette Hall of Fame. As the head of GM Styling, he went to Watkins Glen to display his GM dream car, the LeSabre. However, what made the biggest impression on Earl was the thousands of fans cheering for all the European makes. He later credited this visit to

the Glen as the inspiration for designing the Corvette.

This September the Museum returned to the Glen for the Watkins Glen Vintage Weekend. This event celebrates the early days of racing through the village. The Corvette was the featured marquee for this year's festival and was part of a special "Showcase of Speed" display of Corvette race cars.

Come and join Doug Fehan and Tommy Milner as they usher in the era of Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Sports. Tommy will give a behind the scenes look at the development of the new GT3R. You can also learn what is in store for Corvette Racing for the upcoming 2024 season. The event kicks off Thursday, October 26th, with a Happy Hour at Cassel Vineyards of Hershey, where you can pick up your event credentials. The Vineyard is just minutes from the AAAA Museum. If you decide to participate in the Poker Run, you can pick up your Registration Packet there. You can also pick up your packet at the driver's meeting at the AAAA Museum on Friday morning. There are a number of events planned for Friday and also some free time to explore the area. On Saturday there will be the annual Corvette Racing Seminar which will also include an auction of Corvette Racing related items, a full slate of speakers and will end with an autograph session. Pricing for the overall event is \$50 per person and the cost of the Poker Run is \$40 per person. Check out the Museum website for more information and registration information if interested.

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

[www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)



## October Birthdays



3rd	Bob Neff	11th	Dennis Smith	24th	Clyde Martz
4th	Rick Frattura	19th	Ken Miller	24th	Raymond Ratay
8th	Loures Weaver	21st	Shirley Bohatch	28th	Oren Grimmenstein
9th	Jonnie Grimenstein	22nd	Charlie Roslund	29th	Rick Conwell
10th	Madge Brown	23rd	Lee McDonald		

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## **Upcoming 2023 Club Activities**

October 3, 2023	October Board Meeting
October 9th, 2023	October Membership Meeting
October 14, 2023	Trip to Scott C's Classic Building
November 7, 2023	November Board Meeting
November 13, 2023	November Membership Meeting
December 5, 2023	December Board Meeting
December 11, 2023	December 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.

## **October Trip**

On Saturday, October 14th, Deb and Phil Cassel are planning a trip to Scott C's Classic Building, 712 E. Crawford Ave., Connelville, PA 15425. They are planning on arriving there around 9:00 am, and once they see who is interested in joining them will pick a time and place to meet to leave from. Deb mentioned this at the September meeting but there didn't seem to be much interest, but they are hoping to get some members who have decided to join them. They will not be at the October meeting, so if you are interested in the trip, please let Deb know directly (contact info below).

She also plans on stopping at the Laurel Mall Flea Market and then going on to Laurel Caverns. The cost is \$17 for adults and \$15 for seniors. If at least 15 people go there will be a \$2 discount per person. You will need to bring the correct cash to pay for your ticket that day because payment has to be for the entire group. You should also bring a picnic lunch and plan to eat at their pavilion. After lunch there is a stop at Christian Klay winery. If weather permits you will finish with a drive through Ohiopyle for our annual leafpeeper.

Deb Cassel      cassel79@yahoo.com

412-932-7326

## Edgewood Winery



Sun., Sept. 17th, some members got together and went to the winery for their car show. It ended up raining in the afternoon but that didn't stop them from listening to some music and enjoying some wine and having a good time.



## Condolences



The membership of CCWP would like to offer their condolences to the family of Ron Horak on his recent passing.

Ron was proud of his 1960 Vette and brought it to several of our car shows.

## Misc.

E5 Wheels is a relatively new company on the Corvette scene but their owners have been in the wheels business for over 40 years. They bring to the Corvette enthusiast fresh new designs with specifically engineered fitments for C6, C7, and C8 Corvettes. With their refined designs and exceptional quality, E5 Wheels are the ideal choice for the Corvette enthusiasts who only want the best for their rides.



The Daytona is E5's first wheel design. They offer a winning combination of strength and light-weight performance while the spun forged manufacturing process ensures that it will last for years to come. They are available in 3 finishes and each wheel features a matching E5 center cap or you can add your own. Prices start at \$2,500/set,

E5 Wheel's newest design is the Sebring, featuring 20 spokes radiating outward from the center and offering the perfect fusion of style and performance. The Sebring is also offered in 3 finishes and each wheel features a matching E5 center cap or you can add your own. Prices start at \$2,500/set.





## 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

Jayne Deibler

Pittsburgh, PA 15227

2023 Rapid Blue Coupe

## National Road Trip



Jan and John Hollabaugh led a small group of members on an early fall drive in September. They started out from New Alexandria and headed south toward Ligonier. One stop was at the National Road Interpretive Center at Fort Necessity Battlefield. This was a great stop and offered film and exhibits from the French and Indian War as well as information about the origin and building of the National Road. They then stopped for lunch at the Braddock Inn. A great time was had by all who attended.

## New and Renewal Membership Application

Date:        /        /

**New:**

Renewal:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (State) (Zip Code)

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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 1<sup>st</sup> To December 31<sup>st</sup>
- ☐ 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)

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

**Newsletter by US mail (Jan 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>): \$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) (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](http://WWW.CCWP.ORG)

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## General Membership Meeting (Unapproved)

September 12, 2023

The September membership meeting was held outdoors at Indian Lake Park in Irwin. Pizza was again provided by the club. The meeting was call 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: 152 Members, 92 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— Charlene Butala**

Charlene is working with Papa Rocks to set up the location for our indoor meetings that start in October. She is also going to contact Lakeview and try to get a date for our After Christmas Party. We are looking at doing a luncheon this year.

**Events— Vacant**

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

Bob Whitesides gave a recap of the September show that was held at Shorkey Chevrolet in Murrysville. Even though the weather was a little iffy during the day, we still had about 59 cars registered for the show and we managed to beat the rain. Shorkey had arranged for a caterer to be on sight so participants could purchase lunch, and that worked out pretty well. The food was good and prices reasonable. John Hollabaugh spoke briefly about a day trip he and Jan have 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.



"Our Corvette just texted me. It says it won't drive us anywhere until I give it a bath. I didn't know it was such a clean freak."

**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. Brad showed the members some of the changes that he has made to the website. Everyone seemed to be happy with the changes.

**Treasurer—Mike Diorio**

Mike Diorio gave the report for September. It was approved by the membership.

**Treasurer's Report only available at General Membership Mtgs.**

The next membership meeting will be held at Papa Rocks in Monroeville on Monday, October 9th.

Meeting portion adjourned around 7:50 pm.

