

# Flying Fiberglass

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Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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## Welcome Message

The leaves are falling from the trees and there is a definite chill in the air. Thanksgiving is just around the corner. What do all these things mean? They are all signs that the 2023 Corvette season is over and it's time to put our cars away for the winter and plan for 2024.

Although our year was not as busy as it has been in past years, we were finally able to plan a few events for our members.

We had two successful car shows at Shorkey Chevrolet in Murrysville, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. Plans are already underway for a Spring Show in 2024, possibly at Bowser Chevrolet in Monroeville.

We had another great annual picnic at Mt. Odin Golf Park in Greensburg in August. Attendance was down a little, but we had good food and time to visit with friends.

Some members got together at various times and attended a number of area car shows. Deb Cassel was instrumental in planning some events for the club and we have a few ideas for some things to do next year.

There was some good news for the Board too. We had someone step forward to fill one of our open positions-Social. She is a new member, Charlene Butala, and we want to thank her for taking on that challenge. She has hit the ground running, taking responsibility for the pizza at our last outdoor meeting and setting us up for our indoor meetings at Papa Rocks through the end of the year.



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, November 13th, at Papa Rocks in Monroeville.. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm, and a buffet dinner of pizza and grilled chicken salad 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"

## Misc.



Jeff and Missy Gardner had a small disaster befall them—a storm that blew through Smiths Grove, Kentucky damaged their 2019 Watkins Glen Gray Corvette. However, they didn't let that get them down. They had NCM Insurance and they covered the loss of their 2019 Corvette and expedited their claim. The ending to the story is that they were recently in Bowling Green at the National Corvette Museum to take delivery of their replacement Vette—VIN 001 for the new 2024 model year. It's an Arctic White with Adrenaline Red interior.

In June a pair of Special Edition Camaros were announced along with a January 1st end date for their production. However, a recent report from GM shows that the finish line has been moved up. The final coupe is scheduled for release December 7th, leaving the Corvette as the only "performance" option for Chevrolet.

Earlier this month GM released its latest quarterly sales report. It shows that 8,409 Corvettes were delivered during the 3rd quarter. That's 5.9% better than the same time last year. However, calendar year to date figures show that Chevrolet delivered 25,438 Corvettes from January 1 through September 30, an increase of just 58 Corvettes over the number delivered during the same time frame in 2022.



In a recent notice to dealers Chevrolet announced that they were raising the price \$2,000 across all trims. In addition to that change, the destination fee has also been increased an additional \$100 to \$1,695. The destination fee is mandatory, and it's even tacked on if you choose to have a Museum delivery. It's also been noted that the price of the full-length racing stripes has been increased by \$200. The Engine Appearance Package price has been raised \$500. The Carbon Fiber wheel prices have also had a significant price increase.

**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](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.**

## November Membership Meeting



The November membership meeting will be held on Monday, November 13th, 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, November 5th, 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, November 5th, if you are planning to attend the meeting.

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## Museum News



The most recent artifact of the month at the Museum is the Corvette Color Sample Wheel for 2000. This wheel was probably used by GM as they planned Corvette's colors for model year 2000. This wheel is about two feet in diameter and shows samples of all 10 colors offered for 2000. The badges identifying each color include both the name and the paint code. At the center of the wheel is the Corvette crossed flags emblem as it appeared during the C5 era from 1997-2004.

The featured colors on this wheel include some time-tested favorites. Arctic White first became a Corvette color in the 1950's, but earlier versions of white were the most popular color in both the C1 and C3 eras. During the C2 run, Nassau Blue was number one among Corvette buyers. However, only 851 Nassau Blue Corvettes were produced in 2000, and the color has not been offered since. The two new colors for 2000 were Millennium Yellow and Dark Bowling Green. Both Millennium Yellow and Magnetic Red were more expensive options, costing an extra \$500. Of all the available colors, the most popular was Torch Red, which adorned 6,700 Corvettes. Black was the second most common color with 5,807 cars. Metallic grays first became a popular choice among Corvette buyers in the C5 years, a trend that continues today.

Don't forget the Corvette Caravan to the Museum in 2024. More information is available on the Museum website.

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)

## November Birthdays



4th	Sandy Harkins	17th	Richard Farr	25th	Lavon Claycomb
7th	Gary Laughlin	18th	Tim Carr	25th	Christine Pelagio
7th	Jonie Oakes	20th	Linda Raymer	27th	Jackie Kirkpatrick
13th	Dave Kitch	23rd	Tom Franczyk		John Walko
15th	D.J. Strotman				

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## Upcoming 2023 Club Activities

November 7, 2023	November Board Meeting
November 13, 2023	November Membership Meeting
December 5, 2023	December Board Meeting
December 11, 2023	December Membership Meeting
January 2, 2024	January Board Meeting
January 13, 2024	After Christmas Luncheon
February 6, 2024	February Board 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.

## Condolences



The members of CCWP would like to send our heartfelt condolences to Jackie Kirkpatrick and her family for their loss. Bill was an important member of our club and a friend to all. He will be missed.

**After Christmas Luncheon**



**AN INVITATION**

**CORVETTE CLUB OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
AFTER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON  
Saturday, January 13, 2024  
Ferrante's Lakeview Banquet Center  
6153 Route 30  
Greensburg, PA 15601**

Luncheon Buffet - Time: 12:30 pm

Cost: \$30 per person

Reservations required - Deadline: January 6, 2023

**MEMBERS NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPOUSE/GUEST NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL AMOUNT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to CCWP and mail to**

Allen E. Young  
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## New Members – Allen Young



Welcome  
New Members of the  
Corvette Club of Western PA

Membership questions??

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Elmer Henderson

North Versailles

2004 Glacier White Convertible

## Corvette News



Another case of an accident involving a Corvette, this time in Louisiana.

Hard to believe but the occupants of the Corvette walked away with no major injuries, even though the Vette was wedged under the semi cab.

This photo from the scene shows the passenger side tires of the truck cab floating off the ground, held in the air by the body of a Laguna Blue C7 Corvette. It took crews quite a while to clean up the materials that spilled from the 18-wheeler.

If you have a C8 Corvette and are looking to make an upgrade, you might want to check out ACS Composite. They make quality aero accessories for the Corvette, and their selections for the C8 Corvette offer more choices than anyone.

One choice would be the C8 Stingray Rear Diffuser Inserts.

They offer a race inspired look for your car while also providing aerodynamic benefits. These are affixed to the lower rear fascia of the car. The diffuser not only enhances the rear of your Corvette, the race inspired design improves aerodynamics by reducing turbulence and directing fast moving air away from the undercarriage.







## General Membership Meeting (Unapproved)

October 9, 2023

The October membership meeting was held back indoors at Papa Rocks in Monroeville. The restaurant provided a pizza and salad buffet. 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: 155 Members, 94 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 set up our indoor meetings with Papa Rocks. She also contacted Lakeview and set the date for our After-Christmas Luncheon so we are all set there.

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

There was a brief discussion about our car shows for 2024. Bob Whitesides is going to contact Bowser Chevrolet to set up an appointment with their marketing person to see if we could go back there for one show next year,

Details for the After-Christmas Luncheon were announced. We are going back to Lakeview in Greensburg and we are going to have a luncheon buffet this year. Details to come.

Papa Rocks has asked that we give them an idea of how many people to expect for the meeting a week ahead of time so they can schedule their staff. At the meeting we stressed the importance of letting us know if they are planning to attend in a timely manner.

**Newsletter—Georgeann Young**

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

**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 October. 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 Monday, November 13th.

Meeting adjourned around 7:50 pm.

The Board of Directors of CCWP would like to wish all of our members a very Happy Thanksgiving.

