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Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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Welcome Message

November has rolled into December, the trees are bare, the temperature is dropping, and our cars are tucked in for a long winter's nap.

The Club's last big event of 2023 is our After Christmas Party, which we actually hold in January of 2024. This year we are planning a luncheon instead of a dinner in the hopes that we will see more members join us for the event. It will be held Saturday, January 23, 2024 at Ferrante's Lakeview in Greensburg. It starts at 12:30 pm and lunch will begin at 1:00 pm. It will be a buffet and will include dessert. There will be a cash bar. The cost is \$30 per person, with the Club covering any costs over that amount. We hope that you will join us as we celebrate the holidays.

Plans are already underway for a Spring Show in 2024, at Bowser Chevrolet in Monroeville. The date is the Sunday after Mother's Day in May. Bowser will provide a catered lunch for the event. We are in the planning stage and will, as always, need some members to help that day so things run smoothly for the show participants. This past year we were able to plan a few more events for our members and it is our hope that we can do even more in 2024. We have a couple ideas for short trips and hopefully the plans will come together as we move forward.



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, December 11th, 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.

NCM Insurance—It may not be a well known fact but there is an NCM Insurance Agency that you can use to insure your Corvette. With an Agreed Value Policy from the NCM Insurance Agency you know the exactly what the replacement value is in case of a total loss. When you take a new vehicle to the NCM Insurance Agency they lock in the purchase price for the first six months so you don't have to worry about depreciation of needing gap insurance. With rising values of used cars it is possible to adjust your value with them at any time.

NCM Insurance allows you to save on liability when you have multiple vehicles on one policy. There are also three mileage tiers available so there is flexibility in choosing the one that works best for you and your driving habits.



The Susquehanna Valley Corvette Club in PA recently donated two remote controlled mini C8 Corvettes that allow pediatric patients to be transported around Geisinger Woodbine Hospital in Danville, PA. The idea behind the remote controlled Corvettes is to make it less stressful for the kids to make their way through the facility for procedures like x-rays or casting. Workers at the hospital underwent training to learn how to operate the cars safely.

The club raised the funds for the cars through their annual car show.

Research geeks at iSeeCars have released a new study and this one takes a look at vehicle depreciation rates after five years. It is a fact that all used cars are holding their values better today than in 2019, not all hold their value equally. The average 5-year depreciation rate for the Corvette is 27.5%. That rate placed the Corvette at 23 of their 25 best vehicles retaining their value. While that is pretty good, it was the Porsche 911 Coupe that leads the way with only a 9.3% depreciation after 5 years while the Porsche 718 Cayman was second at 17.6%. The Corvette was joined by two other Chevrolets in the top 25. The Camaro came in at number 7 with a 24.2% depreciation rate over 5 years, and the Chevrolet Spark which came in at number 19 with a 26.6% five year depreciation rate.

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.

December Membership Meeting



The December membership meeting will be held on Monday, December 11th, 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, December 3rd, 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, December 3rd, if you are planning to attend the meeting.

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

Museum News



Artifact of the Month: Jack Gerbic Career recognition Badge

Francis "Jack" Gerbic started his career at GM in 1948, building wooden station wagon bodies in Euclid, Ohio with Fisher Body. By the time he retired in 1991, he had risen to become Production Manager for GM's Corvette plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky. In recognition of his long career at GM, Gerbic's colleagues presented him with a gold colored badge. It has been donated by Jack's family and is a token of thanks for a 43.2 year professional journey in the

auto industry.

Gerbic's career is deeply intertwined with the movement of Corvette production to Bowling Green. In 1971 he became Quality Control Director of GM's St. Louis plant, where Corvettes had been built since 1954. As Corvette production increased over the next decade, Gerbic became aware that the line could be moved but GM was unsure of where it would go. Gerbic joined the team tasked with finding a location and felt the Bowling Green location (a former Chrysler Airtemp plant) would be a suitable home for Corvette. The fact that the building already existed helped the decision. GM's upper management agreed with his assessment and on March 11, 1980 the company made the official announcement.

One of the current exhibits at the Museum is Custom Charisma: The Legendary Creations of Carl Casper. If you want to see some wonderful examples of his work you will have to hurry to the Museum because the exhibit closes December 31. 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

December Birthdays



3rd	John Hollabaugh	14th	Phil Cassel	23rd	Jeff Weaver
3rd	Gail Thomas	15th	Jack White	25th	Tom Butala
8th	Mike Diorio	20th	Debbie Jenson	31st	Ken Rock
8th	Bill Ferri				

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Upcoming 2023 Club Activities

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
March 5, 2024	March Board Meeting
March 11, 2024	March 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.

Condolences



The members of CCWP would like to send our heartfelt condolences to the Paolo family on the recent loss of Frank's brother

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

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New Members – Allen Young



Welcome
New Members of the
Corvette Club of Western PA

Membership questions??

Contact Allen Young

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Jeremy Garris

Mt. Pleasant

2005 Black Coupe

Corvette News

A recent report from Reuters that is based on the complete UAW contract suggests GM's Lansing Grand River Assembly Plant could begin manufacturing the Corvette EV and Cadillac EV by 2027. GM is being tight-lipped about future products but did promise more specifics around product details moving forward. In outlining future investments through April 2028 provided in a summary of the latest labor contract with the UAW, the company indicated plans for \$13.3 billion in investments in U.S. facilities, with \$1.25 billion earmarked for the Lansing plant.



GM needs to be more transparent with its Corvette production issues, which are plenty. Earlier in November it was learned that some new 2024 Corvette owners had their cars shipped to Michigan, unbeknownst to them. Many of these Corvettes have been paid for, and those doing an RBC Museum deliveries were forced to cancel flights and hotels because their delivery dates were rescheduled. For three weeks these owners waited to hear from someone, anyone, about the status of their new Corvettes. The silence has been deafening. Even the dealers who have customer cars in Michigan are not being told by GM why those Corvettes are there. Were they shipped there for unknown service or repairs? Are they being stripped and reassembled out of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant due to a production glitch? Will some of those waiting change their mind and ask for their money

back? It seems like GM should at least act like it respects the value of a customer willing to spend over \$100K on one of their vehicles. Another issue with the Bowling Green plant is the decision to build cars without having all the parts readily available. Chevy was building 2023s when they started "building shy" and it's resulted in owners waiting for their cars to be completed. Even worse is that there were 2024s being delivered when Chevy hasn't even completed the 2023 model year cars yet. The result is like a pyramid scheme where new parts delivered to the factory have to be prioritized to go on those "built shy" cars in the lot and not on those scheduled to be built. The problems continue and new photos show that the scope of the issues is larger than originally believed.

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. Membership numbers for 2024: 36 Families, 60 members.

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 has also made the arrangements for the After Christmas party at Lakeview. This year it will be a luncheon buffet.

Events— Vacant

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

Bob Whitesides and a couple of Board members met with Megan at Bowser Chevrolet to talk about our doing a Spring car show there and they are interested. A date has been picked—it is the Sunday after Mother's Day in May of 2024. More details to follow.

Plans 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.



"I wanted to drop by and ask you in person for a Corvette...just in case you didn't get my emails, texts and letters."

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 November. 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, December 11th.

Meeting adjourned around 7:40 pm.

The Board of Directors of CCWP would like to wish all of our members a very Merry Christmas and a Happy Holiday Season,

