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Welcome Message

Well another year is in the books and although we, as a Club, did hold a few more events, there are still a lot more we can do. 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 having a luncheon instead of a dinner in the hopes that we will see more members join us for the event. It is scheduled for Saturday, January 13, 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. If you haven't signed up yet there is still time to get your reservation in.

We already have one event we are working on for next year-a Spring Corvette Show at Bowser Chevrolet in Monroeville. The date is the Sunday after Mother's Day in May. We are just in the planning stage so be on the lookout for more information in the next few months. As is always the case we will need some members to help that day so things run smoothly for the show participants. The calendar for the new year is wide open and we are hoping that some members will come forward with some ideas with activities for our members. After all, the fun of owning a Corvette is driving it.

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: There are no membership meetings in January and February so we hope to see everyone at the March meeting.



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

Misc.



Update on the Sting Rays that were sent to Michigan and are sitting in a parking lot there. At least two owners who have cars parked there were able to talk to representatives from GM's Executive Resolution Board. They were able to confirm that their cars were sent there because of a problem with the dual-clutch transmission. It's still not clear if they are repairing or replacing the transmissions, but the reason for sending the cars to Michigan is that there simply was no room at the Corvette Assembly Plant for so many cars to be fixed. The fact that it is a problem with the Dual-Clutch Transmission explains why all the cars in Michigan were

Stingrays, which have a unique transmission. These transmissions for the 2024 model year were updated and feature a redesign.

Although GM won't confirm, Motor Trend has sources that indicate if the the Corvette SUV is real, then you should expect to see it in 2024. One reason is that Corvette buyers are aging and climbing into an SUV is easier than getting into a low slung coupe. It also offers more room for passengers and their stuff. The automaker does, however, recognize that a performance SUV must perform like the sports car that it sprung from.

Motor Trend also believes that after the SUV is revealed, GM will offer its first look at a concept electric Corvette before the end of 2024. The concept EV will be recognizable as a C8 but with nods to previous generations. GM will also use the opportunity to come up with a new look for the future that it hopes will appeal to a younger buyer.

CCWP Webmaster

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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 :

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Do not use the Club mailing address as delays may occur.

January Membership Meeting

Please Note: There are no membership meetings in January and February.
There is however a short meeting In January at the After-Christmas Party.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again in March, as we get close to the time when we can bring our cars out of storage and back on the road again.



Museum News



For 70 years Corvette has represented speed, style, and personal expression. It should be no surprise then that they have become a natural inspiration for Christmas decorations. This month the Museum shares 4 Corvette themed ornaments from the George Bierderman Collection.

The first ornament has Santa trading in his sleigh for a 1953 Corvette, complete with gifts. This ornament was created by ENESCO Corp. in honor of Corvette's 40th Anniversary in 1993. They named it "Dream on Wheels" and was part of a larger series of ornaments. There may be other ornaments that feature Santa at the wheel, this particular ornament was only sold for one year.



In 2003, during Corvette's 50th Anniversary, Hallmark came out with another iconic ornament, the 1963 Sting-Ray split-window coupe finished in Sebring Silver.

The second ornament by Hallmark honors a toy that appeared under many Christmas trees and was released in 2008. The ornament celebrates Barbie's 1976 Star Vette, the first Corvette toy created for Mattel's famous fashion doll. The ornament features all of the details of the toy including the luggage rack, Super Slick tires, and Barbie herself in the driver's seat.



One final ornament from Hallmark is from 1997, modeling the then new 1997 C5 Corvette. It features a stylish Torch Red Corvette just as it appeared on the showroom floor. It also holds wrapped presents visible through the back window.



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

January Birthdays



1st	Pat Patrizio	16th	Mona Pappafava-Ray	24th	Jennifer Diorio
7th	Duane Ross	17th	Patti Carl	26th	Deb Cassel
7th	Bo Segina	19th	Richard Pisarcik	26th	Connie Decker
11th	Marlene Van Ryn	23rd	Chas Rottmund	28th	Bonda Culley
13th	Annette Bryer	23rd	Mike Strong	31st	Joan Bland-Veyo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Upcoming 2023 Club Activities

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
April 2, 2024	April Board Meeting
April 8, 2024	April 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.



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**Dave's
Corvette Corner**
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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 _____

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New Members – Allen Young



Welcome
New Members of the
Corvette Club of Western PA

Membership questions??

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Corvette News



For the fifth time in its five year production run, the C8 has been named one of the ten best cars on sale by Car and Driver. This is the automotive equivalent of being named a first team all-star. This year, because the Z06 base MSRP exceeded the 10 best price ceiling, the honor fell back to the Stingray and the newly minted E-Ray. This marks the 25th time that the Corvette has made the prestigious 41-year old list. As the Corvette continues to propel Chevy up the record books, it sets its sights on cross-town rival Ford.

Car and Driver says that Chevrolet has delivered a new hit: the hybrid powered, all wheel drive, \$106,595 Corvette E-Ray. The 655-hp E-Ray's electrified front axle and mid-mounted 6.2 liter V-8

powertrain aren't really about green energy. The E-Ray can operate in electric only mode for very short periods at very low speeds, and only if the driver has chosen to do so before starting the car. Once the battery depletes or speed exceeds 45-mph, there's no going back to EV mode. It's all V-8 with electric assist. The E-Ray also blasts to 60 mph in 2.5 seconds, making it the quickest Corvette they have tested.

The base model still earns its own praise. For the money there isn't another production car that achieves some of its feats. Both models earned marks for comfort, livability, and their brilliant ride quality.

As part of its second annual Golden Slash Awards, the staff of The Drive has concluded that the all new Corvette E-Ray is the best performance car on sale today and their favorite to go fast. It states that the e-Ray is easily the cheapest hybrid supercar out there. It's quicker than many of them too. It's as quick to 60-mph as the McLaren P1 but for less than one-tenth the price. For the \$106,595 that the E-Ray starts at you can't even get a base Porsch 911.

The Hybrid AWD Corvette beat out the off-road ready Porsche 911 Dakar, 500-pony Ford Mustang Dark Horse, and the reborn Acura Integra.

General Membership Meeting (Unapproved)

October 9, 2023

The December membership meeting was held 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 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 has made the arrangements for the After Christmas party at Lakeview. This year it will be a luncheon buffet to be held Saturday, January 13th.

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

Still planning on having our Spring Corvette Show at Bowser Chevrolet in May. The date has been set for the Sunday after Mother's Day. We are planning on meeting with Bowser again in the New Year to nail down the details.

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. We have about 40 people signed up and the reservation form is in the Newsletter.

We worked out a ticket plan to help Papa Rocks with counting how many people are eating at our meetings. We are still trying to get people to let us know if they are planning on attending the meeting so we give the restaurant a heads up on how many to expect so they can schedule their staff.

Newsletter—Georgeann Young

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



"I think you should chill out on buying accessories for your Corvette for awhile."

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 and has updated the site.

Treasurer—Mike Diorio

Mike Diorio was absent.

Treasurer's Report only available at General Membership Mtgs.

The next membership meeting won't be until March, 2024.

The Board of Directors would like to wish all of our members and their families a Happy New Year.

