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Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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Welcome Message

Another After Christmas Party is in the books and everyone seemed to like the fact that it was changed to a luncheon. We were back at Ferrante's Lakeview in Greensburg. The food was great as usual and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Planning is underway for our Spring Car Show and this year we are back at Bowser Chevrolet in Monroeville. It is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th. We should have a flyer and registration form ready for the March newsletter and more information available as we move forward with the plans. 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 and it's always fun to do things as a group and get to know your fellow members, so put on your thinking caps and if you have an idea for an event the club can do please let someone know.



The current Board 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.

The Board would like to send out a big **Thank You** to everyone who has participated in and helped at any of our events. Our members are the heart and soul of CCWP and we appreciate them. 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 is no membership meeting in February. We are looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting in March. Be sure to check the March newsletter for the location.

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

Misc.



Chevy officially kicked off production of the new 2024 Corvette E-Ray in December with the completion of the first three customer cars. The 2024 E-Ray is the first Corvette to have all-wheel drive thanks to the 160-hp front drive motor that is powered by a 1.9 KWh lithium battery. With a combined 655 horsepower from both the electric and motor and small block V8, all that power can be provided to all four wheels at once, making the Corvette E-Ray the quickest production Corvette in history. The new electrified Corvette is capable of running 0-60 mph in 2.5 seconds and breezing through the quarter mile in 10.5 seconds. The E-Ray has one other trick up its sleeve, and that's the ability to start up and drive at up to 45 mph in stealth mode, using just the energy from the battery.

Visitors to the upcoming 2024 Canadian Auto Show will have the opportunity for the first time to see in person the 1957 pink Corvette used in the recent Barbie movie. The Vette features a 283 V8 engine and a custom wrap by One1link. Action Vehicle Engineering, Inc. designed the paint and exterior of the car, as well as the interior that includes a dashboard, instrument cluster, and custom upholstery on seats, door panels, and carpet.

There will also be life size replicas of four hot wheels toy cars, including the Deora II, Green Loop Coupe, Gray Loop Coupe, and 1967 Camaro.

The show will be held February 16-25 at the Metro Toronto Convention Center. More info on the show can be found on their website.



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.

February Membership Meeting

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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



Gordon Killebrew joined the Corvette Hall of Fame in 2007. He was originally a mechanic at the GM plant in Bowling Green and had a well known reputation as the guru of C4 Corvettes. He became a central figure in the operations of the Corvette Action Center, an advisory phone line for Corvette technicians, dealers, and owners. He offered instructions to customers for troubleshooting their cars and compiled feedback on improving the Corvette. Using his expertise with the C4's design,

he edited service manuals, owner's manuals, and technical bulletins before their final release. He even started a training school to educate Corvette owners on the technology and operations of their cars. Killebrew and his wife, Chris, also a Corvette aficionado, were popular in the Corvette community and honorary members of many clubs. They filled up a whole photo album with pictures of one such meetup. He recently donated it to the Corvette Museum. It features pages of color photos of Corvettes surrounding their home in Tennessee. There are also a number of additional photos of caravans with friends to visit the NCM. Not all the photos have dates, but some are dated as far back as 1994, which means they were taken just after the Museum opened.



The 27th Annual Michelin Bash at the NCM is scheduled for April 25-27, 2024. The schedule and registration forms are available on the Museum website.

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

February Birthdays



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| 6th | Dale Harrison | 10th | Thomas Shepler | 20th | Mark Claycomb |
| 10th | David Howell | 12th | Paul Culley | 21st | Bradley Paolo |
| 10th | Edwin Rusell | 16th | Roger Van Ryn | 25th | Ronald Gorton |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Upcoming 2023 Club Activities

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| 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 |
| May 19, 2024 | Spring Car Show |

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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New Members – Allen Young



Welcome
New Members of the
Corvette Club of Western PA

Membership questions??

Contact Allen Young

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Corvette News



Darwin Clark, a former GM Vice President who once led the Oldsmobile brand, had a project to work on after he retired. He set out to build his version of the ultimate Corvette in the early 2000's. The result is pictured here. It is a 1954 Corvette roadster with an LS1 V8 and a 4LE60E automatic transmission. The build addresses the biggest issue with vintage cars and that is the suspension. Clark used many of the components from the C4 that were custom matched to the 1954. A double-wishbone C4 front suspension and an independent



rear suspension greatly improved the ride and handling. The braking and steering systems of the C4 were also mated into the vintage roadster. A custom stainless steel exhaust system was fabricated with 2.5 inch tubing with a pair of Flowmaster mufflers providing the rich, V8 rumble out the back. Much of the custom work on the car was done by a former GM designer named Steve Pasteiner of Advanced Automotive Technologies. Clark wanted to give it a feel represented by the Motorama cars. That included a special hand fabricated center console and armrest, Auto Meter white-faced gauges, a smaller diameter steering wheel, sculpted seats. Once completed, the 1954 Corvette nicknamed the 'Retro-Jet Vette' received Best in Class and Best Sports in Show at the prestigious 2004 Detroit Autorama. It's been featured Popular Hot Rodding Magazine and the car has been displayed at the NCM.

In early January GM released the sales report for 4th quarter of 2023. It shows a total of 8,915 new Corvettes were delivered during the final 3 months of 2023. That is 2.4% less than the number delivered in the same quarter of 2022. For the entire 2023 calendar year, U.S. dealers delivered 34,353 cars, just .5% less than 2022.

Chevrolet also released the official 2023 Corvette Production Statistics. 1979 still owns the Corvette production record but the 2023 model year is second all time with 53,785 cars produced. Of those cars, 46,864 were delivered to customers in the United States, while Canada was second with 3,179 and Europe third with 2,195. When it comes to the 4 models the Stingray coupe led the way with 24,384 units produced, followed by the Stingray Convertible at 22,538. The Z06 Convertible outsold the Z06 Coupe, 3,304 Convertibles vs 3,109 Coupes.

Overall the top three colors are once again Torch Red (7,895), Arctic White (7,216), and Black (6,403).



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

New and Renewal Membership Application

Date: ___/___/___ New: _____ Renewal: _____

Name: _____ Home Phone: (____) _____
(Last Name) (First Name)

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 Hardtop

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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

Revised (9/25/17)

General Membership Meeting (Unapproved)

January 13, 2024

The January membership meeting was held during our After Xmas Luncheon at Ferrante's Lakeview in Greensburg. The luncheon was a buffet provided by Lakeview. Thom Shepler led the meeting portion and reports were given by Allen Young and Mike Diorio.

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 welcomed everyone to the luncheon. She has worked with Chad Rottmund to obtain permits for pavilions for the summer pizza meetings.

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

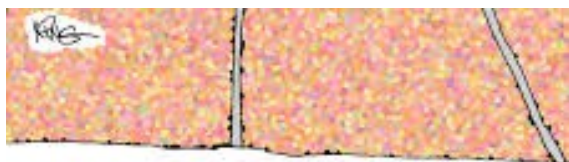
Still planning on having our Spring Corvette Show at Bowser Chevrolet in May. The date has been set for the Sunday May 19th. We are planning on meeting with Bowser again in the New Year to nail down the details.

We are still looking for events that we can do as a club in 2024 and also for anyone who might like to help plan some things we can do as a club.

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 have to admit, I never thought just a Corvette would make a great half-time show." *Blogger.com*

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 gave the report for December and it was approved by those present..

Treasurer's Report only available at General Membership Mtgs.

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

