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Welcome Message

I don't know about anyone else, but it's hard for me to believe that we're coming up to March already. It seems like it was just yesterday when we were getting our cars ready to put into storage and here it is almost time to get them back out and on the road. It probably helps that for the last month or so we have had some great weather, almost warm enough to entice us to get those Corvettes out and running. Is this just a teaser? Other than our Spring Corvette Show we don't have anything lined up to do just yet, but hopefully at our March meeting we can come up with at least a couple of events that get some members out together.

March also means we can get back together for our monthly meetings and catch up with fellow members. The first meeting of 2024 will be Monday, March 11th at Papa Rocks in Monroeville. Same time as usual with dinner served around 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00. Plans are also underway for our Spring Corvette Show. This year it will be held at Bowser Chevrolet in Monroeville on Sunday, May 19th so mark your calendars. Watch your email for the flyer that will be sent shortly with details and registration info,

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: The next membership meeting is Monday, March 11th, and will be held at Papa Rocks in Monroeville. The meeting starts at 7:00 pm but anyone who wants to share a meal with their fellow members can meet around 6:00, with dinner being served around 6:30.



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

Misc.

Bloomington Gold recently announced a new Dallas, Texas event to be held in September. This becomes the 3rd event in the Bloomington Gold show portfolio. It builds on their new Kissimmee show and the traditional "Granddaddy of Corvette shows" held each June in Illinois. The new Dallas event will take place over 3 days, Wednesday, Sept. 4th thru Friday, Sept. 6th. at the Omni Hotel in downtown Dallas. It will be in conjunction with the Dallas Mecum Auction. Details are still coming together and will be available on the Bloomington Gold site.



Feb. 12th marked the 10th anniversary of the sinkhole disaster at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green. Thanks to the leadership at the Museum, the disaster quickly turned into a textbook case of how to make lemonade out of lemons. Museum attendance actually increased in the following months and years as tourists flocked to see what might be described as one of the world's most famous car wrecks. Museum officials commissioned a study into what caused the collapse and how best to repair it. Although the hole has been fixed, a window on the floor still offers visitors a look into the remaining cave below. A "Corvette Cave-In" exhibit also digs deeper into the sinkhole and the massive effort to rescue

the vehicles, some of which were able to be restored and some that weren't. As the Museum itself prepares to celebrate its 30th anniversary, a special "Ground to Sky: The Sinkhole Reimagined" exhibit will open in June to mark the 10th anniversary of the sinkhole. Recovered Corvettes will be displayed, and media coverage that documents the past, present, and future of the Museum will be included, along with recognition of everyone and everything that helped get the facility running again. The NCM team is making sure the 30th anniversary is special, with other special exhibits planned for the rest of the year.

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 :

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

March Membership Meeting



The March Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, March 11, at Papa Rocks in Haymaker Plaza on Route 130 in Monroeville.

The meeting starts at 7:00 pm but you can come early and join your fellow members for dinner. The setup for dinner will be the same as it was in the fall: pizza and grilled chicken salad buffet with a drink, tax and tip for \$15.00.

Papa Rocks has asked us to give them an estimate of how many people will be attending the meeting so if you even think you will attend, please let Allen Young know by Sunday, March 3rd.

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Museum News



This year marks the 10th anniversary of Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s second Daytona 500 win. He won his first Daytona 500 in 2004, driving for the race team founded by his father. Four years later he began racing for Hendrick Motorsports. He had a rough time the first six seasons with Hendricks, but was still regarded as one of the best superspeedway drivers in NASCAR. Most of the 2014 Daytona 500 was run under

the lights because of a rain delay in the early rounds. Earnhardt Jr. took the lead with 18 laps to go. However, while circling the track under a caution with 4 laps left, he hit a large piece of



bonding tape that had fallen off a damaged car. The tape got stuck to the grille of his Chevy SS, threatening to overheat his car. Now the team was in a tough spot. If he drove into the pit to remove the tape he would lose his lead and never regain the position again. Finishing the race with the tape on the grille and hoping the car would not overheat was the only option. The race ended with a two-lap dash to the finish, and Earnhardt Jr. held the lead the whole way, capturing the victory with the tape still stuck to his car. Earnhardt Jr. autographed this commemorative helmet, which was generously donated to the NCM by Allan DePue. The replica helmet is #153

out of 588 and includes a "Victory Collage" of Earnhardt Jr. and Hendrick Motorsports celebrating their Daytona 500 win. A "Dale Junior" signature appears on the helmet's visor in gold script. The race winning car is at the Hendricks Motor sports Museum in Charlotte, NC, with the infamous tape still stuck to the grille.

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

March Birthdays



15th	Sandra O'Malley	22nd	Lane Neff	23rd	Gregory Pellagio
21st	John Kish	23rd	Darlene Callaghan	29th	Janet Kish
21st	Bruce Saye	23rd	Patty Farrell		

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Upcoming 2023 Club Activities

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 2, 2024	May Board Meeting
May 8, 2024	May 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??

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Corvette News

At the end of January there was a surprise announcement from the National Corvette Museum that the President and CEO of the NCM, Sharon Brawner, was leaving her position, effective immediately. There was an official statement issued by the NCM that thanked Sharon for her leadership. Her contributions over the past two and a half years include reimagining the exhibit galleries, growing their collections, and increasing investments in Museum facilities.

The new GT3 racing car has already debuted in the Rolex 24 at Daytona with two teams-Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports and AWA, and two more programs are in the works- with TF Sports in the FIA World Endurance Championship LMGT3 Division DXDT Racing in Fanatec World Challenge America powered by AWS. That's just for the first season. Program Manager Christie Bagne says preparation for the expansion of the Z06 program in 2025 actually began last year with a fact finding mission by a delegation of Corvette reps to several major endurance races. More such trips are also scheduled for this year. This is all to get ready for the 2025 season, although they are not yet ready to announce where the Corvette teams will be competing.



To help prepare dealers to sell and service the new Corvette E-Ray model, Chevrolet will be hosting a round of training sessions at the National Corvette Museum's NCM Motorsports Park starting in March and running into April. The training will consist of classroom sessions to go over detailed product information and the delivery process for both the E-Ray and the Z06, and the driving portions of the training on the track will most likely share the blistering quickness of the E-Ray's acceleration from a stop thanks to the new AWD setup.

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 Chas 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.**

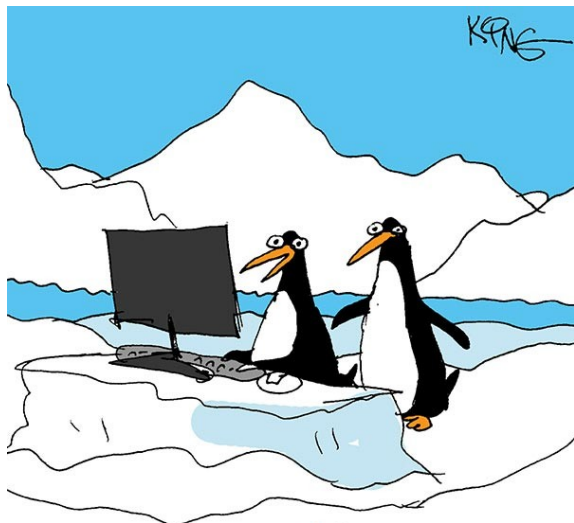
Still planning on having our Spring Corvette Show at Bowser Chevrolet in May. The date has been set for the Sunday May 19th. We are planning on meeting with Bowser again in the New Year to nail down the details.

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 can 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 hear the Corvette is fast, provides a great driving experience and has an excellent air conditioner."

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.

