

Flying Fiberglass

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Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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Welcome Message

Well Spring has sprung and it's time to get our cars out of storage and back on the road again. Here's hoping for the good weather we have been having to continue so we can do some driving sooner rather than later. Hopefully this year we can put together some events that we can do as a club, and it would be great if we could get some members to help plan some of those events, or, at the very least, bring us some good ideas that we can plan around.

We are moving along with the planning for our Spring Corvette Show. This year it will be held at Bowser Chevrolet in Monroeville on Sunday, May 19th, so be sure to mark your calendars. The flyer is in this newsletter. We need members to volunteer to help the day of the show as well as bring their cars out and participate in the show itself.

NOTE: Shannon Morich has agreed to setup a Chinese auction at the show and she is looking for donations. If any members have anything that would work as an auction item, or if you know someone who might like to donate something, you can bring it to the April membership meeting and Shannon will collect them there. If you can't make the meeting let one of the Board members know and arrangements can be made to get it from you.

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, April 8th, 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.

Misc.



In the world of hot rodding and custom cars, Detroit Autorama is the Super Bowl of the hobby. The Detroit Autorama winner receives the prestigious Ridler Award. This year the honor went to an absolutely stunning 1953 Corvette custom owned by Dave and Tracey Maxwell and built by Kindig-it Design. To qualify for the award, the car must be seen publicly for the very first time. Posting or sharing in-process photos or renderings on-line are prohibited. Furthermore, it must start/stop and be driven into the show spot. Each Ridler winner also receives \$10,000. The final product was a result of 5 years of work. As expected of a hot rod at this level, virtually everything is hand built or custom made. The engine is an LS-

based, naturally aspirated 9.2 L V-12. The body is completely hand built out of aluminum and is loosely based on the GM Corvair show cars from the 1950's. The body is sprayed in a color called Infrared and is accented with Sagebrushed. This combines for a dark red or burgundy with shades of copper and even some brown depending on the light. The suspension was inspired by Indy cars. The seats are covered in Sienna Leather as are the 3D printed instrument panel and console. It all adds up to a stunning Corvette.

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.

April Membership Meeting



The April Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, April 8th, 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 Monday, April 1st.

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

Museum News



In 1963, automobile designer Margaret Sauer began a new challenge. She had previously worked for Harley Earl's "Damsels of Design" team at General Motors. There she had been influential in creating interiors for several GM vehicles in the 1950s. This new opportunity was with Raymond Loewy's industrial design studio and was a chance to work on his latest project, the Studebaker Avanti. The Avanti was Studebaker's new luxury performance car, and the automobile manufacturer had tasked Loewy's team with its design. In just 40 days Loewy's studio drafted a design for a four-seat coupe with a distinct appearance. It had an unusual shape and that required the body to be molded from fiberglass panels. Sauer's most notable contribution was a unique glovebox equipped with a pull out drawer. The drawer contained a flip-up mirror and extra storage space for small items. Yet the car's innovative design was not enough to save Studebaker's sagging automobile sales. There were a few revivals of the Avanti over the years and some of the modified versions used Chevrolet's small-block V8 engine, the same that was used in the Corvette. The Museum's collection includes a 1977 Avanti II donated by Mike Hammer. It has a gold interior and exterior, and includes a Corvette engine, fiberglass body, and the special glovebox designed by Sauer more than 60 years ago.

The dates for the 27th annual Michelin Bash are out. It will be held April 25th-April 27th, 2024 at the Museum. It includes seminar and classroom sessions, guided road tours, artifact pitstops, guided tours of the new Luster Realistic Art Exhibit, the NCM judged car show. There will also be events at the NCM Motorsports Park. For more information and registration information visit the Museum's 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

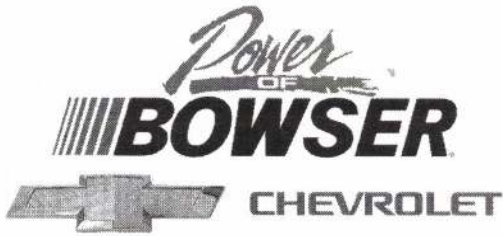


April Birthdays



4th	Russ Desena	12th	Richard Novotny	20th	Pat Whitesides
6th	George Ragula	13th	Jim Bryer	25th	Richard Janus
8th	Joan Zisek	14th	James Rulyak	28th	Bridget Kitch

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



SPRING Corvette Show



**MAY
19TH
2024**

Bowser Chevrolet of Monroeville - Rte 286, Monroeville, Pa

RAIN OR SHINE EVENT!

Sunday, May 19th, 2024

Registration and Clean up 9:00am

Judging and Show 11:00am, Lunch at 11:30am,

Trophies at 2:00pm

HOODS OPEN

Registration: \$10.00 (pre-registration, mailed) \$15.00 day of show

ALL REGISTRATIONS INCLUDE: Coffee/donuts and lunch, dash plaque to the first 100 cars present, 50/50 raffle, proceeds to benefit **Veterans Association**

Pittsburgh Health System

Judging Classes:

-C1/C2: 1953-1967 -C3:1968-1982 -C4:1984-1996 -C5:1997-2004

-C6:2005-2013 -C7:2014-2019 -C8:2020-CURRENT -Fun Class (non-judged)

Make checks payable to: **CCWP** MAIL TO: Allen Young, 1210 Harvest Drive, Monroeville, PA 15146

Name: _____	Phone: _____
Street Address: _____	Email: _____
City: _____ State: _____	Year: _____
Zip code: _____	Class: _____ Color: _____

In consideration of attendance and/or participation in this event, sponsored by Bowser Chevrolet/CCW I/we acknowledge that I/we have liability insurance on the participating car (s) as that is a requirement of attendance/participation. Also as a requirement of attendance and/or participation, I/we release, indemnify and hold harmless the Event Coordinator, Owners and Employees of Bowser Chevrolet/CCW 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 this event.

SIGNED: _____

DATE: _____

Upcoming 2023 Club Activities

April 2, 2024	April Board Meeting
April 8, 2024	April Membership Meeting
May 7, 2024	May Board Meeting
May 13, 2024	May Membership Meeting
May 19, 2024	Spring Car Show
July 26-Aug. 4, 2024	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

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.

Spring Car Show Chinese Auction



At the March 11th meeting it was decided to add a basket raffle to the car show at Bowser Chevrolet on Sunday, May 19th. If any of you would make up a basket to donate, it would be greatly appreciated. If you could donate an item to be added to a basket that, too, would be appreciated. Articles for baskets may be given to Shannon Morich at the April 13th meeting! A "request donation letter" from the Board will be available at the April meeting for those of you who may wish to solicit from businesses, I understand. If we all work together for the good of the club, I'm sure the basket raffle will add a little extra interest that Sunday.

New Members – Allen Young



Welcome
New Members of the
Corvette Club of Western PA

Membership questions??

Contact Allen Young

412-372-7802

E-mail:

ayoung1210@msn.com

Brandon & Troas Stambaugh

Export, PA

2024 Black Coupe

Corvette News

When it comes to customizing your Corvette, owners have a lot of choices. ACS Composites is one of the leaders in their industry and they offer some of the coolest products and accessories to enhance and protect your ride. They ensure the quality and fit of their premium parts and they have it down to a science by using the best materials and latest technology to meet the exacting standards of Corvette owners.



There are some new accessories that will enhance the performance and curb appeal of your Corvette.

The C8 Stingray License Plate Filler is a new product from ACS Composite that is designed to fill the license plate area and highlight the C8 Corvette's unique taillights. The addition of the license plate filler helps to break up the exterior's color on the rear and it compliments all the other Carbon Flash trim on the car. Once it's on the car it opens up another area of customization as you can pair the filler with an optional License Plate Frame in your preferred C8 body color. The C8 License Plate Cover is made from ACS Composite's durable PC Composite material and it is secured to the rear panel with T30 Torx screws and double sided tape.

One of the more recent products to be launched by ACS Composite are the C8 Stingray Rear Diffuser Inserts that are affixed to the lower rear fascia of the car. They really help fix the C8 Corvette's bland rear valence. The inserts add a bold, aggressive look to the car, and the race inspired design improves aerodynamics by reducing turbulence and directing fast moving air away from the car's undercarriage. ACS designed the inserts in-house specifically for the C8 Stingray. They are manufactured by ACS Composite using their proprietary PC Composite material that is mold injected to create the new parts. The diffusers are finished using Carbon Flash Metallic to match the Stingray's trim, or you can offer a bold look by selecting one of the body colors that are available. You can also inquire about custom paint finishes. Installing these diffusers is fairly straightforward. The modification looks great and is completely reversible.





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)

March 11, 2024

The March meeting was held on Monday, March 11th, at Papa Rocks restaurant in Monroeville. The Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Thom Shepler. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Director's Reports**Membership— Allen Young**

Membership numbers for 2024: 79 Families, 127 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 back since March is our first official meeting of the new year. She has worked with Chas Rottmund to obtain permits for pavilions for the summer pizza meetings and she also secured Mt. Odin Golf Club for our summer picnic in August.

Since some members have expressed a desire to move our meeting to a different location, Charlene has made some inquiries but has not been able to find any place that fits our needs at this time. It was decided that we would hold the April and May meetings at Papa Rocks and use the summer months to search for a new location.

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. There was a meeting with Bowser in March and some of the details were nailed down and the flyer was approved for us to deliver.

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.



"Bob, you should have never parked that close to Jim's Corvette. And Jim, judging by Bob's condition, you over reacted."

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. Brad said that he would load the flyer for the car cruise as soon as it is available.

Treasurer—Mike Diorio

Mike Diorio gave the report for February and it was approved by those present..

Treasurer's Report only available at General Membership Mtgs.

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