

# Flying Fiberglass

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Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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## Welcome Message

Well they say April showers bring May flowers, and with the amount of rain we had in April we should have some great May flowers to show for it. But even with all that rain we still had some days where we could get our cars back on the road, and hopefully May will bring even more opportunities to do so.

An event that we hope we will have good weather for is our Spring Corvette Show at Bowser Chevrolet in Monroeville on Sunday, May 19th. Registration is open so you can send it in using the instructions on the flyer in this Newsletter. We also need some members to volunteer to help the day of the show, and to support the club by bringing their cars out and participating in the show itself.

**NOTE: Shannon Morich is collecting donations for a Chinese auction at the show. The last chance you have of making a donation will be at the May membership meeting. If you can't make that let but have something you want to donate, let one of the Board members know and arrangements can be made to get it from you.**

Car cruises are starting and we had some members that went to the Quaker Steak and Lube show on April 28th. We are starting to get some activities organized for the summer and there are a couple already in the works. Deb Casel has arranged an outing in June that includes lunch and a show. More information for that is in this Newsletter. Gary Laughlin is planning on leading a group to a show in Lancaster Ohio in September. There is also more information on that in this Newsletter.

We're still looking for other ideas for some summer events.

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, May 13th, 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 6:20. It is a pizza and salad buffet, and includes drink, tax and tip for \$15.

## Misc.



GM is now offering new Visible Carbon Fiber Sill plates that feature the Corvette silhouette logo and script for all three models of the Corvette, and they can be ordered on new Corvettes or through the parts department of your local Chevrolet dealer. The cost is around \$2,000.

GM has issued a new service bulletin for the 2024 Corvette Z06's automatic shift to park function which under certain rare and unique situations can fail. Apparently all it will take to correct the issue is a reprogramming of the Engine Control Module by a GM service tech. Chevy hasn't said how many cars are affected, but with the low production numbers it wouldn't seem to be too many. The repair will be available until the new vehicle limited warranty period expires for each Z06.



ACS Composite has developed another accessory for the C8, a rear window spoiler. It conceals the raw edge of the glass on the rear window while enhancing the look of the rear hatch. It has two wicker edges on the sides that matches the various C8 spoilers with wicker edges and it integrates perfectly into the Coupe's rear design. There is also a drainage system to allow any water from car washing or driving in the rain to drain through a center opening.

GM recently released 1st quarter sales figures and it shows a total of 8,576 new Corvettes were delivered during the first three months of 2024. That's an 8.5% over the same period in 2023. However, the number is lower than the number delivered in the last quarter of 2023. The plant is now building a large number of Stingrays and dealers are ordering for dealer stock so dealers should have a supply available for sale.

**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](mailto:1bradleygray@gmail.com). If you have any pictures of your car or anything you want to add send it to [CCWP@CCWP.org](mailto:CCWP@CCWP.org).



## NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Send all pictures and articles to the editor by the 17th of the month at :

[gyoung1210@msn.com](mailto: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.**

## May Membership Meeting



The May Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, May 13th, 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, May 6th.

Allen's contact information: [ayoung1210@msn.com](mailto:ayoung1210@msn.com)  
412-372-7802

## Museum News



The next time you visit the National Corvette Museum be sure to look up as you explore the exhibit "Driven by Design." Suspended from the ceiling is a wire frame model in the shape of the C5 Corvette. This model was one of the tools designers used to visualize the body of the C5, the design that took the Corvette into the 21st century. When it debuted in 1997, the fifth generation was the most revolutionary Corvette ever created. Its development began in the late 1980s and early 1990s, but difficulties within GM were threatening the future of the Corvette. Sales had been falling for years and it could have been eliminated from Chevrolet's lineup. However, a dedi-

icated group of engineers remained committed to the next generation that would revitalize the Corvette name. As a result, most of the parts and pieces of the C5 were brand new components designed specifically for the Corvette. One idea was to give the C5 chassis a 'backbone' structure. This would provide better maneuverability and make the car stronger. Inspiration for the shape came from several sources including design sketches, aerodynamic testing, and even feedback from current Corvette owners. The outcome was the wire frame structure now on display, providing visitors with a peek at the creative process that gave rise to the innovative C5.



The National Corvette Museum has once again been nominated as the Best Attraction for Car Lovers in USA Today's 10 Best Competition. Voting has closed, but the results should be out in early May, so keep an eye out to see if they made it. 2024 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Museum and there will be a Corvette Caravan to the Museum this year to celebrate this milestone. Visit the Museum website for more information that includes a listing of events for the 3 day celebration and registration information.

Check out the Museum website for more information about the Museum and Motorsports Park or to check out upcoming activities.. [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)

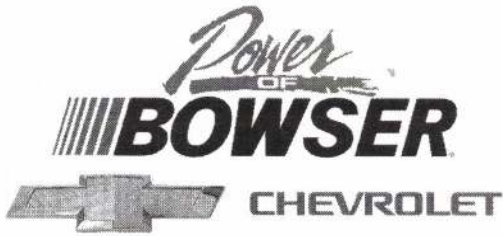
May Birthdays



6th	Louise Bertone	17th	Bobbi Patrizio	21st	Joe Valero
13th	Bob Whitesides	20th	Clem Zahrobsky	29th	Georgeann Young
16th	Jim Wainwright	21st	John Putzier		

**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

May 7, 2024	May Board Meeting
May 13, 2024	May Membership Meeting
May 19, 2024	Spring Car Show
June 13, 2024	Lunch/Play at Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center
July 26-Aug. 4, 2024	Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix
Sept. 8/9, 2024	Trip to Lancaster, Ohio

**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. If anyone still has something that they want to donate for the auction please bring it to the May membership meeting to give to Shannon Morich. If you can't make the meeting please let someone (an officer perhaps) know so that arrangements can be made to get it to Shannon. Hopefully this will generate some additional interest at the show 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

## Mountain Playhouse

Deb Cassel is putting together a trip to the Mountain Playhouse at the University of Pittsburgh Johnstown Campus for Thursday, June 13th. Tickets are \$41 per person, but if we have 20 people go, we would be able to get the group rate of \$35 per person. She reserved 28 seats and there was an email sent out earlier asking that you let her know asap if you planned to attend so she would know if we would be eligible for the group rate. Hopefully members that are planning to attend have been in contact with Deb.

Deb will let those who contacted her know which price we will pay, and you will need to have your check made out to CCWP, with the memo Playhouse, to give to Mike Diorio at the May membership meeting. Or you can send your check to Deb before May 7th. Her address is 517 Green Haven Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15239. She will be our of town on the day of the membership meeting and needs to have completed the reservation before she leaves. **There are no refunds after payment has been made, but you can get someone to take your place.**



The chaotic comedy follows the Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society-an amdram group putting on a production of a 1920s murder mystery. But, as the show's title might suggest, things don't go as smoothly as they would have hoped. As the show progresses, things fall apart as the sets collapse, lines are forgotten and props go missing. But, as the saying goes, the show must go on, even if it limps to the final bow.

We will meet at 10:45 at Keystone Plaza, 8279 State Route 22, New Alexandria (across from the Sheetz at the light at 22 and 981). We will have lunch first at Coal Miners Café, 1640 Lincoln Highway, Jennerstown, PA 15547. Each person pays for their own lunch. After lunch we will head to the Pasquerilla Performing Arts venue. After the play everyone is on their own to go home.

Any questions please call or text Deb Cassel at 412-932-7326.





## 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 1<sup>st</sup> To December 31<sup>st</sup>
- 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 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>): \$30.00 for a single/ \$35.00 for a couple    Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Newsletter by US mail** (Jan 1<sup>st</sup> thru Dec 31<sup>st</sup>): \$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](http://WWW.CCWP.ORG)**

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 VINTAGE GLASS

2024 EVENTS - GATHERING OF CORVETTES IN LANCASTER OHIO

# Corvette Gathering XIX



19<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio  
Corvette Club Alliance  
Corvette Gathering  
Lancaster, OH  
2024

**On the road to Ohio's Largest All Corvette Show - September 8, 2024**

Showtime: Sunday 10 – 3      Registration \$20

GPS: Use 130 S. Broad St., Lancaster, OH 43130 for entry point (S. Broad At Chestnut)

Commemorative event item to all registrants. Door Prizes, 50/50 drawings, DJ

National and local Corvette Vendors of Parts, Accessories, and Services

Historic Downtown Lancaster, Ohio. Shopping, Restaurants, Museums, Food Trucks

[www.visitfairfieldcounty.org](http://www.visitfairfieldcounty.org)

[www.destinationdowntownlancaster.com](http://www.destinationdowntownlancaster.com)

Lodging at Holiday Inn Express 740-654-4445 x0 "Ohio Alliance Corvette Club Block" Code: OAQ

Other Hotels available in the area: Baymont 740-994-4874 Hampton Inn 740-654-2999

*Special Saturday Events if you are in early; Contact us for details*

Saturday events: Lunch. Road Tour & Evening Wine & Cheese Party @ Holiday Inn Express

Contacts: [corvettesoflancaster@hotmail.com](mailto:corvettesoflancaster@hotmail.com)

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Dan Singer 740-503-1164

Dee Flagg 304-488-5533

Ervan Rodgers 614-434-6295

Sponsored by: Hugh White Chevrolet, Lancaster, OH [www.HughWhiteChevy.com](http://www.HughWhiteChevy.com)

For anyone who was not at the April meeting, Gary Laughlin has agreed to lead a group to the 19th annual Corvette Gathering in Lancaster, Ohio in September.

It's a one day cruise on Sept. 8th from 10 am to 3pm. Last year there were over 600 corvettes there.

We'll leave early Saturday morning and get to White Chevy for a sandwich lunch, then do a country drive or you can go to your motel to check in. Dinner on your own. There is a cheese and drink get together Sat. evening at the Holiday Inn. We'll leave about 8 am for the cruise. The cruise fee is \$20 and is paid at the cruise. There are restaurants, food trucks, a glass museum, and more in town. You can depart for home whenever you want.

Gary may try to meet up with some of the other clubs from the area for the drive to Lancaster. Be sure to let Gary know if you are planning to attend so he doesn't leave anyone behind.

If you are planning to go, you may want to make your hotel reservations as soon as possible because the Holiday Inn is already full

**FREE ENTRY**  
DONATIONS BENEFIT LOCAL YOUTH



# #1 COCHRAN *Chevyfest*

**3<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL  
JUNE 22, 2024**



**10am-3pm @ #1 Cochran Chevrolet**  
22010 Rte. 19, Zelienople, PA 16063

**GIVEAWAYS | RAFFLES | PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARDS @ 1:30 | FOOD TRUCKS**



more info at [bit.ly/chevyfest24](https://bit.ly/chevyfest24)

Additional Cruises:

Sunday, May 5th  
Saturday, May 18th  
Friday, June 7th

Papa Rocks, Monroeville  
Bairs, Linesville  
Vandergrift

## General Membership Meeting (Unapproved)

April 8, 2024

The April meeting was held on Monday, April 8th, 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. Allen also talked about a number of car cruises that are coming up in the next couple of months that we have received information about.

**Vice-President / Insurance— Brad**

Brad Gray, who currently handles our website, has taken on this position. Insurance is paid.

**Social— Charlene Butala**

Charlene has worked with Chas Rotmund to secure parks for the summer pizza meetings and she also secured Mt. Odin Golf Club for our summer picnic in August. She is planning on contacting the same caterer that we had the last couple of years for the event.

We are still planning on looking at some other locations for our indoor meetings so we are ready when we move back inside in the fall. Charlene has looked at some places but their terms wouldn't work for our club.

**Events— Vacant**

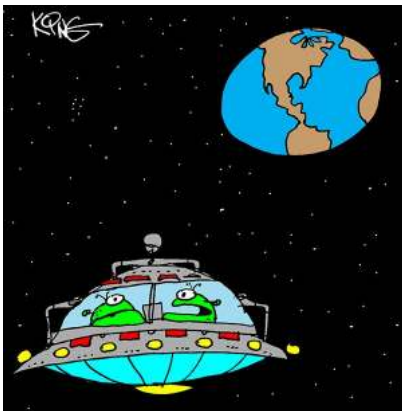
**Please check the Website and our Facebook page-they have all the activities and details.**

Still planning on having our Spring Corvette Show at Bowser Chevrolet in May. The date has been set for the Sunday May 19th. Details were finalized at a meeting with Bowser in March and it was decided that the lunch will be catered. Bowser will take care of the details and set that up.

Gary Laughlin agreed to lead a group to Lancaster, Ohio in September for the annual Corvette gathering there, sponsored by Ohio Corvette Club Alliances. The ticket plan that we have put in place to help Papa Rocks with counting how many people are eating at our meetings is working well. 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.



*"They may be crazy, but they sure make a nice Corvette."*

**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.**

The next membership meeting will be Monday, May 13th, at Papa Rocks in Monroeville.



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