

Flying Fiberglass

December
2024

Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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Welcome Message

The time has come to close out another year, and although we still didn't have as many activities as we might like, we were able to offer our members a few more events that they could join in. Our goal for the new year should be to find someone to take over the events position on the Board and help with the planning for 2025 so we can get our club members out on the road again. Spring will be here before you know it.

We would like to send out a big thank you to those members who did step up and help with the planning and execution of our car shows this past year, and also those who did plan events for our members. The car shows were a big success and although the events that were planned did not draw big crowds, those of us who participated had a great time. In October we tried out a new location for our indoor meetings, Hoss's in Murrysville. We also went there in November and will be there again for our December meeting. For the most part the feedback has been positive, so we are looking to possibly stay there through the Spring of 2025 until we move to our outdoor meetings.

We are hoping to have another Spring Car Show at Bowser as well as a Fall Show at Shorkey. We will pursue those events in the new year.

We want to wish all of our members a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

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 will be held on **Monday, December 9th**, at Hoss's on Route 22 in Murrysville. Come early to enjoy dinner with friends and fellow members.



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

Misc.



The C8 Corvette's dual clutch transmission continues to make headlines for Chevrolet but it seems like it's for all the wrong reasons. It's true that the C8's DCT from Tremec is a marvel as it delivers lightning fast shifts, but it's also been the one component that C8 owners have had the most issues with. In addition to these service issues, there still seems to be some confusion over the maintenance schedules, what they entail, and how they might apply to earlier c8s versus newer model years. GM wants to help clear the air on the maintenance of the C8 transmissions, and they have recently begun sending letters out to owners detailing when to change the transmission's oil filter. This is important to follow, as GM will reject warranty claims on the transmission if these criteria are not met. The key point to remember is that GM wants to see all transmission oil filters replaced between 7,000 and 8,000 miles. The next change comes at 22,500, and then every 22,500 miles afterward. If you had your transmission filter replaced prior to 7,500 miles, it still needs to be done again between 7,000 and 8,000 miles. And finally, GM reminds you that even if you had your transmission replaced, you need to follow these guidelines so that the filter is replaced at 7,500 miles from when you received the replacement.

The C8 has been a hit since its introduction. Now it has another award under its belt, this time for the convertible version. It has racked up a win in the Premium Convertible/Roadster category of the 2024 Total Quality Awards. It racked up a Total Quality Index score of 683, the third highest on the entire list. The awards were based on responses from over 77,000 new vehicle buyers during their first 90 days of ownership, combining both emotional and rational evaluations of quality and vehicle performance.



Over the years the Corvette has captured a number of different awards. However, a recent report from ISeeCars.com has recently released a report that gives the Corvette an honor that it doesn't want. Their report that analyzes fatality data from model year 2018-22 cars, the Corvette ranked as the second most dangerous car on the list with fatal accident rates nearly five times higher than the average vehicle.

CCWP Webmaster

Bradley Gray

CCWP.ORG

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.

December Membership Meeting



The December membership meeting will again be at Hoss's in Murrysville, and will be held on **Monday, December 9th**. Hoss's is located right on Route 22 just past the intersection of Rt. 22 and School Rd.

You can order from the menu and they will do separate checks. However, we have to do our part and provide them with a count by the Wednesday prior to the meeting. If you attend the meeting and don't eat, there will be a charge of \$5 per person.

The meeting will start at 7:00 pm, but come early to enjoy a meal and conversation with your fellow members.

To enable Hoss's to have the appropriate number of wait staff we need to provide them with a count of who will be attending and eating by Wednesday, December 4th, so please let Allen Young as soon as possible if you are planning on being there and are going to eat.

Allen's contact information: Phone: 412-372-7802

Email address: ayoung1210@msn.com

Hope to see you there!

Museum News



Jim Lovell was one of NASA's second group of astronauts and would fly in the Gemini and Apollo programs. Although he didn't make his first spaceflight until December 1965, he experienced the astronaut lifestyle much sooner. Like many of his peers, he found himself behind the wheel of a Corvette. Corvettes became associated with astronauts after GM gifted Alan Shepherd a 1962 Corvette. The relationship expanded through Jim Rathman, and Indy 500 winner and owner of a Chevrolet dealership near Cape Canaveral. Astronauts were allowed to lease a Chevrolet for \$1 a year through Rathman's dealership, and most chose Corvettes as their personal car.

Lovell leased several Corvettes throughout his astronaut career, including this silver C3 from 1968. It features a 327 ci engine producing 300 horsepower and an automatic transmission. Lovell may have driven this Corvette while preparing for his Apollo 8 mission. Lovell's 1968 Corvette is now owned by Dawn and Mike Scanlon, and is on display at the NCM. Several artifacts on loan from the U.S. Space and Rocket Center accompany the car, and include a commemorative medallion that flew into space with the Apollo 8 crew, a lunar navigational chart signed by 9 astronauts, a pair of gloves used by Lovell, and an issue of Newsweek magazine covering the Apollo 8 mission



The National Corvette Museum has announced that Andy Marcum has joined their organization as the new Director of Accounting. He will report to the National Corvette Museum Board Executive Committee. His leadership role will oversee and manage all aspects of the organization's financial operations. This includes financial oversight of the National Corvette Museum, the NCM Motorsports Park, and NCM Insurance, with responsibilities spanning strategic budgeting, forecasting, and revenue management.

Check out the Museum website for more information about the Museum and Motorsports Park or to check out upcoming activities.. www.corvettemuseum.org

December Birthdays



3rd	John Hollabaugh	11th	Adam Chatlos	20th	Debbie Jenson
3rd	Gail Thomas	14th	Phil Cassel	23rd	Jeff Weaver
8th	Mike Diorio	15th	Jack White	25th	Tom Butala
8th	Bill Ferri	17th	Chet Szymanski	31st	Ken Rock

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Upcoming 2023 Club Activities

Dec. 3, 2024	December Board Meeting
Dec. 9, 2024	December Membership Meeting
Jan .7, 2025	January Board Meeting
Jan. 11, 2025	After Christmas Luncheon
Feb. 4, 2025	February Board Meeting
March 4, 2025	March Board Meeting
March 10, 2025	March 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.

For Sale



2002 Magnetic Red with full set of options including heads up display.

Owned since 2003

60,000 miles

Asking \$20,000

If interested or if you have any questions call or text Bill Ferri at

724-396-9961



AN INVITATION

**CORVETTE CLUB OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
AFTER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON
Saturday, January 11, 2025
The Lamplighter Restaurant
6566 State Route 22
Delmont, PA 15626**

Luncheon Buffet - Doors Open at 11:30 am
Lunch served starting at Noon

Cash Bar

Cost: \$25 per couple \$12.50 per person

Reservations required - Deadline: January 1, 2025

MEMBERS NAME _____

SPOUSE/GUEST NAME _____

TOTAL AMOUNT: _____

SIGNATURE _____

Make checks payable to CCWP and mail to

Allen E. Young
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Monroeville, PA 15146

New Members – Allen Young



Welcome
New Members of the
Corvette Club of Western PA

Membership questions??

Contact Allen Young

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Jim Feneis, a Minnesota car collector who recently passed away, once described his abode as “my garage with an attached house.” Inside that garage he displayed a lifetime of cars and related memorabilia, including a pickup belonging to his dad, his mom’s car, a black C1 Corvette convertible, a 1969 Super Bee, motorcycles, pickups, scooters, and even a 1963 Polaris Snow

Traveler.

Prior to his death, he set up the James Feneis Charitable Foundation with the very specific aim to turn his beloved garage into a museum. The Sauk Rapids Planning Commission approved his proposal for the Idle Ridge Car Museum, to be located at 920 10th St. NE in Sauk Rapids, Minnesota. A Foundation spokesperson said that Jim wanted the museum to be for all the local kids to come and visit, see the cars and see the history upstairs and all the neon signs. The museum is located in the two-level garage and is expected to be open next summer. The main

level has a couple of cars, an indoor car wash, a 1950’s style diner, and many historic signs from Central Minnesota. Most of the cars are kept on the lower level.





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)

November 12, 2024

The November membership meeting was held at Hoss's in Murrysville. The day had been changed to Tuesday at the request of the restaurant. The meeting was called to order around 7:15 pm by Thom Shepler. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Membership numbers for 2024: 92 Families, 151 members.
Membership for 2025:

Vice-President / Insurance— Brad

Insurance is paid.

Social— Charlene Butala

The decision had been made to try Hoss's for our monthly meetings, and October was our first month there. The only stipulation is that if someone comes and doesn't eat, they will have to pay \$5. We can get separate checks and order from the menu. If everyone agrees we will stay there at least through the end of the year. Charlene has researched some locations for our After-Xmas luncheon and found that the Lamplighter in Delmont has a good deal for a buffet luncheon so the Board has decided that we would try them this year and that was announced to the membership. Since the Club had 2 successful car shows this year, it was also decided that they would cover some of the cost of the luncheon, as well as cover the cost to set up the bar, and this was also announced at the meeting.

Events— Vacant

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

There are no upcoming events, but we are looking for ideas for next year, as well as people to help plan the events.

Newsletter—Georgeann Young

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



"I wanted to drop by and ask you in person for a Corvette...just in case you didn't get my emails, texts and letters."

New Business

Charlene was looking at the possibility of leaving her Social position and agreed to step in for Mike as treasurer. That again leaves us without a Social chair.

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 has taken over the website and has updated the site. Brad has said that anyone who has an event that they would like put on the website to let him know. He is also looking to load photos of members cars if they have one to submit to him.

Treasurer—Charlene Butala

Charlene was absent but she did submit a report for October that was read at the meeting and approved by those present.

Treasurer's Report only available at General Membership Mtgs.

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**Dave's
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