

Flying Fiberglass

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Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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Welcome Message

January has certainly brought us a blast of winter, both snow and cold temperatures. Unlike the past few years where we have had some mild weather that let us get our cars on the road early, it doesn't look like that will be the case this year. But we can hope.

We did contact Bowser to see if they are interested in hosting us again but they said they have too much going on right now and wouldn't be able to do one this year. We are going to ask Shorkey about doing the spring show since that seems to bring in a bigger crowd. More information to come once we have an answer from them.

We would still like to have an events person on the Board but, until we do, hopefully some members will come forward with some plans or ideas for things to do this summer. Deb Cassel did mention a couple of ideas she had at the After-Christmas luncheon and she will follow up on those.

A big thank you to Lynn Full who has agreed to take on the secretary position on the Board. Thank you so much. Just a reminder that there is no Membership meeting in February, so our next meeting will be in March and we will be back at Hoss' in Murrysville.

Here's hoping for an early spring so we can get our cars back on the road sooner rather than later.

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.

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

Misc.



There has been a lot of talk over the past six months about the 2025 ZR1, calling it the “Unthinkable” during the lead up to its unveiling. Unthinkable is exactly what Chevrolet delivered. The new King of the Hill makes a C6 ZR1-matchig 638 HP at just 4,100 rpm and gets to the C7 ZR1’s 755 just 650 rpm later on its way to a scarcely believable 1,064 HP and an 8,000 rpm redline. Even more impressive is the fact that the ZR1 reaches those numbers without an ounce of electric-hybris segmentation. Throw in 1,200 lbs. of downforce, a 233 MPH top speed, and state-of-the-art tech, including Mag-Ride, carbon fiber wheels, and ceramic brakes, and the ZR1 can genuinely be considered the new standard for supercars.

Price is the final piece of the puzzle GM hasn’t let out of the bag. When it comes to the most impressive piece of consumer-grade machinery this country has ever produced, it’s also the one piece of information haunting every car guy and girl across the nation. What is known so far is that it’s not going to be cheap, and with its list of features/tech, world beating performance, and the highest quality interior in Corvette history, that shouldn’t come as a surprise.

The previous ZR1 still holds the record for starting price in a Vette. That hit the scene in 2019 with a base MSRP of \$122,095, which is equal to \$150,215 when accounting for inflation. With C8’s laundry list of optional extras, you can easily spec a new Z06 or E-Ray past even the inflated C7 ZR1’s price. One estimate of an ideal Z06 comes in at \$174,810 and that’s without getting into frivolous but desirable options.

The thing that’s really making Corvette fans nervous, though, is GM’s choice of a yardstick. GM was developing ZR1s alongside a small fleet of Ferrari SF90 Stradales. This top shelf Ferrari is the only semi-mass-produced vehicle on sale capable of running with the new monster Vette. Its selection as the official ZR1 workout buddy makes perfect sense, but what is worrisome is that the SF90 starts at an eye-popping \$528,000. What is even more concerning is the realization that the Ferrari is, on paper at least, an inferior performance vehicle.

With all this info, where will the price finally land?

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.

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If you have any questions please contact Allen Young. His contact information is listed below.

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

Email address: ayoun1210@msn.com

Hope to see you then!

Museum News



Long before the reveal of the C8 Corvette Stingray, GM was experimenting with mid-engine sports car designs. One of these concept cars was the 1967 Astro I, a low, sleek, futuristic looking auto created primarily as a styling exercise. The experiment convinced GM to build another mid-engine concept with greater potential to be a production automobile. Initially called XP880, this next car would eventually become the 1968 Astro II, the first true mid-engine Corvette prototype. It is currently on display at the NCM on loan from General Motors. Frank Winchell, who oversaw GM's Research and Development department, led the engineering of the Astro II. Winchell and Larry Nies equipped the car with a 427 cubic inch V8, which produced 400 horsepower. Nies chose to mount the engine backward within the car, allowing more room to install the alternator, water pump, and other equipment. Winchell's team also built the Astro II's steel frame and rear suspension components, supplementing the front half of the chassis with off the shelf parts. Chevrolet's R & D department drafted the blueprint for the Astro II's internal components. The blueprint is now part of the Museum's archival collections. Ultimately the Astro II did not go into production. GM was unwilling to risk transitioning the Corvette to a mid-engine layout, particularly since the C3 was selling well. Never the less, the Astro II's innovative engineering and influential design make it one of the most successful Corvette concepts ever produced.



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



6th Dale Harrison

10th Edwin Russell

16th Roger Van Ryn

10th David Howell

10th Thomas Shepler

21st Bradley Paolo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Upcoming 2023 Club Activities

Feb. 4, 2025	February Board Meeting
March 4, 2025	March Board Meeting
March 10, 2025	March Membership Meeting
April 1, 2025	April Board Meeting
April 14, 2025	April Membership Meeting
April 26, 2025	Irwin Car Show
May 6, 2025	May Board Meeting
May 12, 2025	May 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

New Members – Allen Young



Welcome
New Members of the
Corvette Club of Western PA

Membership questions??

Contact Allen Young

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Rick DeBruhl has a You Tube series called Automotive Evolution. Recently he went back to the Martin Automotive Museum in Glendale, Arizona and focused on a 1958 Corvette and explains why the model was so important to Chevrolet at the time. The 1958 saw a number of changes from the 1957 with perhaps the biggest change being the move to quad headlights and a new grille design that looked more aggressive with its nine teeth vs the thirteen that made up the previous year. There was also plenty of chrome, as twin spears were featured on both the front of the car, running from the headlights to the base of the

windshield, and on the rear of the car. The hood saw a one year change with the addition of fake hood louvers, and the 1958 Corvette was larger than its predecessor as well, stretching 9 inches longer, almost 2.5 inches wider, and it weighed in at over 3,000 pounds.

Other changes included five different engine configurations all featuring the 283 ci small block with the base engine producing 230 horsepower all the way up to the fuel injected 290 hp V8. The standard three-speed manual transmission could also be upgraded to a four speed manual or an automatic Powerglide. Inside the car there was a redesigned driver-centric dash layout which consolidated the gauges for easier viewing, and factory seat belts were now included for enhanced safety.

Maybe most important according to DeBruhl is the fact that the 1958 Corvette was the first model to generate a profit for GM. There were two factors that helped make that happen included a price increase, with the car now starting at \$3600, up from \$3100, and the sales volume increased to over 9100 units, a 50% increase in sales vs the 1957 model.

The general opinion is that the 1958 Corvette is one of the prettiest Corvettes to have been produced, and it's always been a favorite of collectors due to all the bling on the car.



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)

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(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 11, 2025

The January membership meeting was held at our after-Christmas Party on Saturday, January 11, 2025. The meeting was called to order after lunch had been served by Thom Shepler. The meeting started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Membership for 2025: 73 Families and 124 members

Vice-President / Insurance— Brad

Insurance is paid.

Social—

Everyone seemed happy with the food at the Lamplighter at the luncheon. The meetings at Hoss's have been going well so we will probably continue there through the spring. The only stipulation to remember is that if someone comes and doesn't eat, they will have to pay \$5. We are able to get separate checks and order from the menu.

We are still waiting to hear back from Bowser about a spring car show there.

Deb Cassel had some information about a possible trip that would probably take place in early June. More information to come on that.

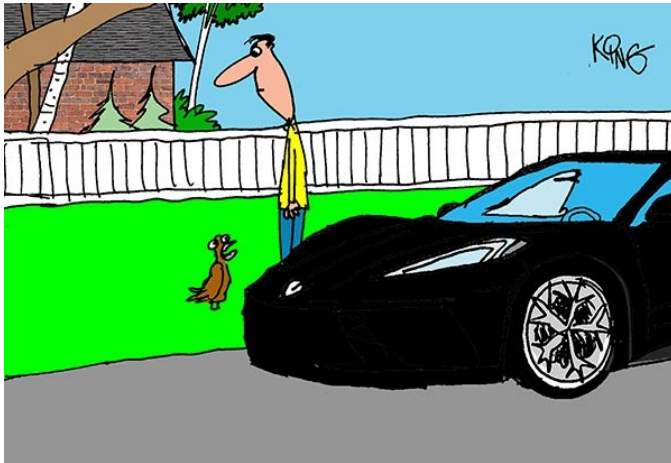
Events— Vacant

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'll make you a deal: You build me a big bird house, keep a lot of bird seed out and relocate any cats, and me and the rest of the birds won't target your Corvette."

New Business

Charlene has taken over the Treasurer position from Mike. She did take on the After-Christmas luncheon but we will need someone to take over the Social position.

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 submitted the December report and it was approved by those present.

Treasurer's Report only available at General Membership Mtgs.

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