

Flying Fiberglass

**April
2025**

Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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Welcome Message

Spring has sprung, April is here, Easter is on its way, and Corvette season is just around the corner. I would guess that everyone is anxious to get their cars out of storage and back on the road again after what seems like a long winter. One way to welcome in the new season would be to attend our car show at Shorkey Chevrolet in Murrysville on Sunday, May 18th. Come out and show your car off and support your club in the process.

We are still without an events person and are relying on our members to step forward and help us plan some events. Deb Cassel has already planned one outing for early June. They are planning to go to the Bowtie Nationals in Ohio June 6th and 7th. More details are in this newsletter.

Rick Conwell is planning a trip to the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio for later in June. He is hoping to set it up so those who attend will be able to dine in the officers dining room on the base. More details to follow as we move forward. March also started our regular monthly membership meetings again. We will be indoors at Hoss' in Murrysville until we start our outdoor pizza meetings. We have reserved the park pavilions for our summer pizza meetings and we are thinking about starting them in May, depending on the weather. Keep checking the newsletter for time and location as we move forward.

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 Monday, April 14th, at Hoss' in Murrysville. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm, but come early and enjoy dinner with fellow members.



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

Misc.

The NCM has recently named the new President and Chief Executive Officer, David Hill. The Museum's Board conducted an in depth search for a leader who could balance heritage and innovation, ensuring the Museum continues to thrive for future generations of Corvette and Corvette enthusiasts. They believe that his combination of business acumen, deep rooted passion for the Corvette legacy, and proven leadership experience made him the perfect choice. Hill is a hands on Corvette owner, having restored multiple classics. He moved into his new position March 17th and will relocate to Bowling Green with his wife, Shannon. He previously served several CEO and leadership roles in education, energy, manufacturing, and technology and has led modernization efforts, product expansion, and market growth at those companies. He is passionate about people and culture, two qualities he believes set an organization apart and that align with the Museum's commitment to innovation and excellence.

GM is leaving dealers in the dark over their March 2025 Corvette Allocations and ZR1 orders that have been put on hold. Orders for the first ZR1s opened up on February 13th but then the week after that they started being moved from schedule for production to a holding status. Some dealers have even reported that their zone managers have any information. Orders for the other three models appears to be on hold as well. Dealers were supposed to be able to start ordering the March 2025 order cycle around mid-March, but no allocations were granted for the Stingray, E-Ray, Z06. GM originally distributed End of Model Year dates to dealers in January that showed March to be the last month for ordering a 2025. The model year was to end on May 30th and the start of 2026s would start June 2nd. However, some dealers have target production dates for upcoming orders that go into June and there has not been any guidance from GM.

Historic Route 66 turns 100 in 2026. Two Lane America are experts when it comes to touring historic Route 66 that runs from Chicago to Los Angeles. They do all the planning so all you have to do is drive for the two week trip. Route 66 tours are available for individuals, couples, small groups, Corvette clubs so if interested in making the trip, contact them. This would be a fun trip.

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.

April Membership Meeting



The April Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, April 14th, at Hoss' on Route 22 in Murrysville.

You can order from the menu and they will do separate checks. However, they have asked us to provide them with a head count a week before the meeting. If you attend the meeting but don't eat, there will be a \$5 charge per person.

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

If you could contact Allen Young by Wednesday, April 9th, and let him know if you plan to attend and eat so we can let Hoss' know how to staff for that evening. 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



During the closing laps of the 2000 Petit LeMans, Corvette Racing driver Andy Pilgrim made a daring move. As he approached turn one, Pilgrim quickly cut to the inside of Tommy Archer's Viper and ran side by side with him going into the corner. The two cars never touched, and Archer wound up sliding off the course, allowing Pilgrim to take the lead. This move, which became known as the "Pilgrim's Pass" sealed the victory for Corvette Racing. Pilgrim's impressive drive caught the attention of



NASCAR superstar Dale Earnhardt. A few days after the race Pilgrim was shocked to receive a letter from Earnhardt congratulating him on the victory. Earnhardt also expressed interest in being Pilgrim's Corvette Racing teammate for the 2001 24 hours of Daytona. Two weeks later, at a press conference at Earnhardt's North Carolina race shop, Chevrolet announced the Earnhardt and his son, Dale Jr., would indeed compete with Pilgrim and Kelly Collins at Daytona in a Corvette CR-5.

Pilgrim and Earnhardt became good friends as they prepared for the race. Earnhardt had never driven a Corvette before and leaned on Pilgrim's expertise for how to maximize its performance. The Corvette that they all drove at Daytona was the same chassis that Pilgrim raced at the Petit LeMans, but the race number was changed from four to three to match the elder Earnhardt's number in NASCAR. The 2001 Daytona race resulted in a major victory for Corvette Racing. Johnny O'Connell, Ron Fellows, Chris Kneifel, and Frank Freon won both the GTS class and the overall victory in the number two CR-5. Pilgrim, Collins, and the Earnhardts finished 14 laps behind their teammates to earn second in the GTS class and fourth overall. A few days after the race, Pilgrim received a second letter from Earnhardt Sr. thanking him for his guidance and friendship. Earnhardt reiterated an interest in being Pilgrim's teammate again but never got the chance.

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	13th	Jim Bryer	20th	Pat Whiteside
6th	George Ragula	14th	James Rulyak	25th	Richard Janus
8th	Joan Zisek	16th	William Octave	28th	Bridget Kitch

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Upcoming 2025 Club Activities

April 1, 2025	April Board Meeting
April 14, 2025	April 14, 2025
April 26, 2025	Irwin Car Show
May 6, 2025	May Board Meeting
May 12, 2025	May Membership Meeting
May 18, 2025	Spring Car Show at Shorkey Chevrolet
June 3, 2025	June Board 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



Jim MURRYSVILLE
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JIM SHORKEY MURRYSVILLE CHEVROLET

6730 William Penn Hwy., Murrysville, PA 15668

Sunday, May 18th, 2025

Registration:

Pre Registration through May 11th, 2025

\$10/Mailed Pre-registration OR \$15/In-Person DAY OF SHOW

*Includes coffee, donuts, and food trucks (customer pay). **Vendors**, Door Prizes, and more!*

8am - Registration and Clean Up

11am - Judging and Show - Hoods Up

2pm - Trophies

***Rain or
Shine Event!***

JUDGING CLASSES:

C1/C2: 1953 - 1967

C3: 1968 - 1982

C4: 1984 - 1996

C5: 1997 - 2004

C6: 2005 - 2013

C7: 2014 - 2019

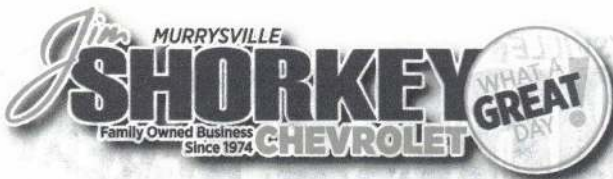
C8: 2020 - CURRENT

FUN CLASS - NOT JUDGED



CHEVROLET

**CERTIFIED
SERVICE**



Make Check Payable to: CCWP
Mail To: Allen Young
1210 Harvest Drive
Monroeville, PA 15146

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Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone #: _____ **Email:** _____

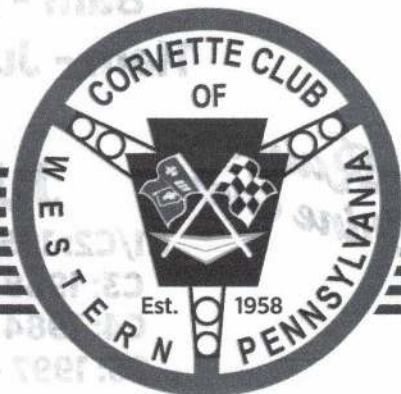
Year: _____ **Class:** _____ **Color:** _____

In consideration of attendance and/or participation in this event, sponsored by JIM SHORKEY CHEVROLET/CCWP, 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 Jim Shorkey/CCWP from any and all claims, causes of action, property damages, judgements, 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:** _____

Rain or Shine Event!

Spring
Corvette
Show



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

Bowtie National Trip

The Bowtie Nationals featuring the GM Invasion will occur at the Summit Racing Equipment Motorsports Park, 1300 State Route 18, Norwalk, Ohio. Scheduled for June 6th and 7th, 2025, this event will spotlight Chevrolet, Buick, Oldsmobile, Pontiac, Cadillac, and GMC vehicles. Attendees can experience drag racing, a car and truck show, a swap meet, and a vendor midway. This event offers an opportunity for automotive enthusiasts to encounter the performance of GM vehicles.

We will drive out route 30 on Thursday June 5th to see the show on Friday June 6th. Driving out route 30 will be 4 hours. I need to know how many will go so I can get a motel. One day will keep the costs down. Everyone would be on their own to leave whenever they want to drive home. If taking the turnpike home it would be 3 hours depending where you live. You will have to register on <https://bowtienationals.com/event-registration> to have your car in the show with driver and passenger for \$55.

Please contact Deb Cassel if interested asap at 412-932-7326 or email cassel79@yahoo.com so I can make arrangements for a motel. I am hoping to get a group rate at a hotel if possible.

Aire Force Museum Trip

Rick Conwell is in the early planning stages for a trip to the Air Force Museum in Dayton Ohio in June. He passed around a sheet at the March meeting to see who was interest and so far there are 8 cars and 14 members that signed up for the trip. The dates are June 19th to the 21st.

The plan so far is to leave from Cranberry early in the morning of the 19th and have lunch somewhere around Springfield, Ohio around noon. You would then continue on and make a stop at Mershon's World of Cars around 2:30 pm and tour the facility and check out their cars. After that stop you would then continue on and check into the hotel, which will be near the USAF Museum. Friday the group would then go over to the Museum for a VIP. After the tour the group will return to the hotel to freshen up and then head out to dinner. The group will return to the hotel after dinner and probably head home on the 21st.

More details will be available as the trip gets closer.



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 ☐ HardtopYear of Your Corvette: _____ Color: _____ Body Style: ☐ Coupe ☐ Convertible ☐ Hardtop

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 10, 2025

President Thom Shepler called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Approximately 38 CCWP members met at Hoss's Restaurant in Murrys ville. A motion was made by Ron Thomas and seconded by Shannon Morich to approve the minutes from the January 11th membership meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

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

Membership for 2025: 73 Families and 125 members

Vice-President / Insurance— Brad

Insurance is paid and will be due again in May.

Social—

The May meeting could be outside at Indian Lake, it depends on the weather. June will be at Oak Hollow, and July and September will be held at Indian Lake. August 10, 2025 picnic meeting will be held at Mt. Odin Park in Greensburg.

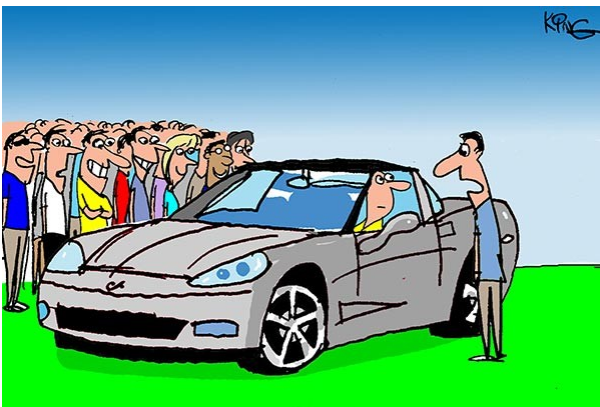
Events— Vacant

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

At the request of Deb Cassel, Lynn Full mentioned the Bowtie Nationals featuring the GM Invasion at the Summit Racing Equipment Motorsports Park in Norwalk, OH will be held June 6th and 7th. The Cassels are planning to drive there on June 5th. They'll be going out Route 30 (approximately 4 hours), To keep costs down, the hotel stay will be one night. We would be there for the show on the 6th. There is drag racing, a car and truck show, a swap meet, and a vendor midway. If you are interested, you must call Deb Cassel ASAP at 412-932-7326 or email her at cassel79@yahoo.com. The cost for driver and passenger is \$55.00 to have a car in the show. Fliers were available. Bob Whiteside announced that he has a meeting with the Gen, Mgr. and another gentleman at Shorkey's to discuss a Corvette Show on May 18th. Anyone can join him. August 23rd is the All Chevy Show at Shorkey's. Rick Conwell passed around a sign-up sheet for those who are interested in going to the Dayton Air Force Museum and dinner at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base Officers Club. He will be leaving from Cranberry on June 19th, touring the museum and dinner on the 20th, and returning home on the 21st. Frank Paolo wanted to know who would be interested in going to Charlotte and Rick Hendrick's place. Frank will check and see what is available and will try to make track arrangements.

Newsletter—Georgeann Young

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



"Would you mind parking somewhere else? Everyone looks at your Corvette instead of my fireworks show."

New Business

Charlene and Deb Paolo passed around new information on clothing we can purchase.

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-

Cle m is now living at the ARC Personal Care Home. His number is Deb Cassel is recovering from wrist surgery and having back and neck therapy due to someone rearending her.

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 January and February reports and they were approved by those present. A motion was made by Ron Thomas to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Margie Laughlin. The motion to accept was carried.

Treasurer's Report only available at General Membership Mtgs.

The next general membership meeting will be held Monday, April 14, 2025, at Hoss's Restaurant in Murrys ville. A motion was made by Steve Bachner to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Pat Whiteside. The motion to adjourn was accepted and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.



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