

# Flying Fiberglass

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Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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## Welcome Message

I wonder what we have done to make Mother Nature mad enough at us to send all this snow our way. If you are like me I'm guessing you have had enough shoveling to last until next winter. All this white stuff and frigid temperatures should make us even more ready for spring and looking forward to getting our cars out of storage and back on the road again.

We were able to get our annual After-Christmas luncheon in before the weather turned. We had a good turnout with over 60 members attending and the Lamplighter provided another nice spread for lunch. Our members again pitched in, with many of them bringing a small gift that we used for a door prize raffle. A good time was had by all.

We're still hoping to have a more active season, and we think that the list of ideas that Rick Conwell has put together will help us do that, provided we have some members who will help form a small committee to help plan them.

We are already looking forward and have started planning for our Spring Corvette Show. We have determined that it will be at Shorkey and it is usually the weekend after Mother's Day, but we still have to verify that to make sure. Please plan on attending and we will need some members to help with registration and judging, so make sure to mark your calendars once we verify the date. Also, bring your cars and show them off at the show.

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. 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:** We don't have a membership meeting in February.. The next membership meeting will be in March.



## Misc.



GM has finally provided an update about the Electrochromic dimming roof panel that offers the ability to control three levels of ambient light appearing in the cockpit. This is an option that no one has actually seen or experienced and the cost was \$3,000. Only a handful got out into the wild before demand caught up with supply, which obviously wasn't enough. On the Order Update Guide there is a footnote that says they are 'Not Available to Order'. This is considered temporary. Compounding the situation even more is that these roofs require a special wiring harness, and it's only installed on those cars that were ordered with it, and cannot be retrofitted after the fact.

This is a photo taken from a video of a C8 Corvette Stingray Convertible that suddenly combusted while being driven. There appear to be several different versions of this video and the original appeared on You Tube, so if you want to see the whole video you might want to check there. It appears that the driver is wearing a GoPro or similar camera to capture the point of view drive but if you watch the rear view mirror you will see flames suddenly erupt from the rear of the car. If you play the videop several times you can also see when the Check Engine Light illuminates, but it does appear that it came on only after there was already an issue which impacted the Stingray's LT2 V8 engine.



**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 :

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**The Club P.O. Box has been discontinued. .**

## Membership Meeting



Just a reminder that we do not have a membership meeting  
In February. Hope to see everyone at the March Meeting on  
Monday, March 9, 2026

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: [ayoung1210@msn.com](mailto:ayoung1210@msn.com)

Hope to see you then!

## Museum News



Driven to Preserve is a new exhibit at the Museum and is scheduled to open March 12, 2026. This exhibit is rooted in the mission of the Museum: to collect, preserve, and share the legacy of America's Sports Car. This limited engagement exhibition shifts the focus from showroom shine to the real work of stewardship. Inside the gallery, visitors experience how Corvettes are tracked, documented, stabilized, and interpreted-not just displayed. Every process serves one purpose: protecting both the vehicle and the story it carries. The new facility is 60,000 square feet and it is

designed to show preservation in motion, revealed for the first time. Highlights of the exhibit include seeing how vehicles are documented, moved and cared for using museum-grade standards. You will be able to see a variety of rare and historic Corvettes that highlight preservation and restoration efforts. It also shares the story of how preservation protects context, modifications, materials, and history.

Inside the Limited Engagement Gallery, Corvettes are presented as working collection objects. Vehicles are arranged on lifts, with interpretive displays that explain how Museum staff manage everything from environmental monitoring to object tracking. When the new Collections Facility opens the exhibit will evolve with the collection, the research, and the responsibility to serve the Corvette community.

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

## February Birthdays



8th Ron Garbowsky

10th David Howell

16th Roger Van Ryn

21st Bradley Paolo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## Upcoming 2026 Club Activities

February 3, 2026	February Board Meeting
March 3, 2026	March Board Meeting
March 9, 2026	March Membership Meeting
April 7, 2026	April Board Meeting
April 13, 2026	April Membership Meeting
May 5, 2026	May Board Meeting
May 11, 2026	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 event you plan on attending. Our site is updated as new information becomes available. Don't forget! Visit: [www.ccwp.org](http://www.ccwp.org)

## 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 \$16,000 or Best Offer

If interested or if you have any questions call or text Bill Ferri at 724-396-9961

1979 Corvette with 70,752 miles. 355 cu in 5.7 liter 4, bbl engine, power windows, air conditioning, glass roof panels, sport mirrors and tilt steering wheel.

For price and more information contact Glenn Raymer at 724864-3770

## New Members – Allen Young



Welcome  
New Members of the  
Corvette Club of Western PA

Membership questions??

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Ralph Johnson  
William & Bonnie Oleksak

Greensburg, PA  
Johnstown, PA

1967 Yellow Coupe  
2005 Red Convertible

## MISC.



Corvette's World Domination Tour continued in early January with 2 more award nominations for a Corvette that's not even in production yet. It was named as a finalist for 2 of the 4 prestigious EyesOn Design Awards. The car itself is one of three finalists in the Best Concept Category, where it will compete against the Bentley EXP 15 concept and Cadillac's striking Elevated Velocity Concept. Additionally, the Corvette CX is also a finalist in the Best Designed Interior category. Competitors here include the Bentley eXP 15 again and the BMW Concept Speedtop.

Entering their 20th year, The EyesOn Design awards celebrate exceptional design in production and concept vehicles unveiled over the previous year. The judging panel consists of a who's who of current and past automotive designers from across the industry.

## Condolences



The members of CCWP would like to extend our Condolences to Tom Butala, his wife Charlene, and the rest of his family for the recent passing of his father.



Interim President Bradley Gray called the meeting to order at 1:20 pm. Approximately 61 CCWP members met at the Lamp-lighter in Delmont. A motion was made by Jim Bryer to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2025 General Membership meeting and seconded by Frank Paolo. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Director's Reports**

**Interim President—Bradley Gray**

Bradley requested a moment of silence to remember all the members who have passed away this year. He stated that looking ahead he is excited for 2026.

**Vice-President / Insurance— Bradley Gray**

**Membership— Allen Young**

We have 63 families and 104 individual members paid for 2026. We have several new members: Mike and Debbie Cortese, Bob and Vivian Donley, and Ralph Johnson.

**Social—Vacant**

**Events— Vacant**

**Newsletter—Georgeann Young**

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

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

At this time we don't have any events scheduled.

**New Business**

**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**

**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**

**Treasurer—Charlene Butala**

A motion was made by Rich Zisek to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by George Crouse. The motion to accept was carried.

**Treasurer's Report available at Monthly Board Mtgs.**

The next general membership meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2026, at Veronica's in Trafford. .

Rick Conwell made a motion to adjourn and Harold Kaczmarek seconded it. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:35 pm.



*"I'm making New Year's resolutions that I know I won't break. They're all Corvette related."*

