

# Flying Fiberglass

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Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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## Welcome Message

Spring has finally arrived, at least according to the calendar even if the weather hasn't quite decided what it wants to do.

We are still working on putting together a committee to work on planning some of the events that were on the list that Rick Conwell put together. Since we are getting closer to summer we really need to get some people to help with the planning so we have some activities for the season to come.

We are already looking forward to our first car show of the year and have started planning for it. We have determined that it will be at Shorkey in Murrysville and it is currently set for Sunday, May 17th Remember to mark the date on your calendars and plan on attending to support your club. Keep in mind that we will need some members to help with registration and judging, so think about maybe volunteering to help out the day of the show. Plan on bringing your cars and show them off at the show.

Deb Cassel has put together a trip to Michigan in June to participate in some Flag Day activities that are being planned by Larry Courtney. There is more information in this newsletter. Larry has been instrumental over the years in planning events for Corvette owners who attend the Woodward Cruise and this year, to celebrate our country's 250th birthday he has come up with an event that will show Corvettes lining up to form the American Flag

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:** The next membership meeting will be Monday, April 13th, at Veronica's on Cavitt in Trafford. Meeting starts at 7:00, but come early and share dinner with fellow members.



"He wants to know what it's like to go fast, so he wants to drive our Corvette. I told him that the best I can do is give him a ride."

## Misc.



Chevrolet has revealed the 2027 Grand Sport and Grand Sport X for the upcoming model year. The Grand Sport is one of the most legendary names in Corvette history and many Corvette lovers are happy that it has returned. A Chevrolet spokesperson has said that Grand Sport has always been for drivers who want the spirit of a race car in a package they can enjoy every day. With these new additions, Chevrolet has taken that formula into the mid engine era, pairing a heritage rich design with the most advanced Corvette technologies ever offered. Chevrolet also revealed the all new LS6 6.7L V8 engine that will power the two new Grand Sports as well as the 2027 Corvette Stingray. This is a new 6th generation V8 that will be

built by GM at their Flint Engine Operations Plant. This new LS6 is a naturally aspirated V8 delivering 535 HP and 520 lb-ft of torque. The displacement comes in at 409 cubic inches and it has a 13.0:1 compression ratio. The Throttle Body is 95mm and it has a tunnel ram intake with high velocity ports to move more air which unlocks additional power. Other enhancements include a new lubrication system, forged pistons and rods, and revised exhaust manifolds for extended high-load, high temperature environments.

Chevrolet describes the 2027 Corvette Grand Sport as being engineered for the purist, combining the widebody looks and rear wheel drive experience with the new LS6 6.7L V8 that delivers 535hp. Magnetic Ride Control comes standard and it comes paired with a touring suspension and Michelin Pilot Sport All Season tires. A new braking package for the base configuration is designed for low brake dust and a corrosion resistant appearance. The Grand Sport has two performance packages options available depending on your driving style.

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

## April Membership Meeting



The April Membership meeting will be held Monday, April 13th, at Veronica's on Cavitt. The address for the restaurant is 427 Cavitt Ave., Trafford, PA, 15085.

The meeting starts at 7:00 pm, but come early (around 6:00 pm) and try some food at our new location and spend some time catching up with members and friends.

If you are planning to attend please let Allen know by Sunday, April 12th, so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect.

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

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Hope to see you then!

## Museum News



In March the new Driven to Preserve exhibition put a new featured car on display. It is a standout race veteran and is nicknamed "Sweet Hog." It is a 1967 Corvette Stingray that was purchased in 1971 by racer Bill Engel, Jr. and it was quickly rebuilt for competition. It helped the Tri Vettes Ltd. from East Greenbush, NY capture the 1974 North East NCCC Championship. It has a real racing history with some period repairs and a later engine rebuild, but remains about 85% original today.



If you are a Museum member you might want to mark your calendars for June 28, 2026. This is when Member Appreciation Day returns to the NCM. Members are invited to participate in an on-site car show alongside R8C Reunion participants, This will create a shared celebration of Corvette ownership, plus other Members Only experiences. More details will be shared throughout this spring.

The 2026 Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash is the official kickoff of the Museum's on-site event season. It offers the opportunity to join fellow Corvette enthusiasts from across the country for a multi day celebration that is packed with Corvette culture, road tours, seminars, car shows, exclusive merchandise, and more. More information and registration is available on the Museum's website.

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

## April Birthdays



4th	Russ Desena	13th	Jim Bryer	16th	William Octave
5th	Mike Cortese	13th	John Dell	20th	Pat Whitesides
6th	George Ragula	14th	James Rulyak	25th	Richard Janus
8th	Joan Zisek				

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## Upcoming 2026 Club Activities

April 6, 2026	April Board Meeting
April 13, 2026	April Membership Meeting
May 4, 2026	May Board Meeting
April 25, 2026	Irwin Car Show
May 4, 2026	May Board Meeting
May 11, 2026	May Membership Meeting
May 17, 2026	Spring Car Show @ Shorkey

**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

# After Xmas Luncheon-January 2026



## New Members – Allen Young



Welcome  
New Members of the  
Corvette Club of Western PA

Membership questions??

Contact Allen Young

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## Michigan Trip

Larry Courtney, a Corvette enthusiast from Michigan, is holding an event that entails making a flag with red, white and blue Corvettes on Flag Day on Belle Isle to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. He plans on making the biggest Corvette Flag ever, consisting of over 400 cars, the weekend of June 13-14, 2026. Larry has enough cars signed up to make the flag, but there will be other activities that weekend that anyone can attend, If you are interested in attending this event [email](mailto:MichiganCorvetteEvents@gmail.com) Larry at [MichiganCorvetteEvents@gmail.com](mailto:MichiganCorvetteEvents@gmail.com) as soon as possible..

There will be two separate ways to sign up for this event. One is for those in the flag and the other will be for those just attending the event. The Cassel's will be entering their white Corvette. Cost of the event is \$30 per car, and the proceeds will be donated to selected veterans charities.

Hotel information is Residence Inn by Marriott Detroit Pontiac/Auburn Hills at 3333 Centerpoint Parkway, Pontiac, Mi 48341. You can call 248-858-8664 to make reservations under booking code "Corvette Flag Day." Cost is \$129/night for a studio. The rooms under this code have already all been booked as of this writing. However, when you call you can ask for that code and see if you can still book a room at the same rate.

Larry is setting up some tours/events to do on Saturday and the actual flag set up will be on Sunday on Belle Isle.

If interested in going contact Deb Cassel at 412-932-7326. At the time this article was submitted there were three cars committed to the event and some others were considering attending.

This event was first presented at the March membership meeting if you happened to be there.



## General Membership Meeting (Unapproved)

March 9, 2026

President Bradley Gray called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. Approximately 28 CCWP members met at Veronica's in Trafford. A motion was made by George Crouse to approve the minutes from the January 10th General Membership meeting and seconded by Rick Conwell. The minutes were unanimously approved.

**Director's Reports****President—Bradley Gray**

Bradley welcomed everyone back and introduced John Dell as our new Vice-President. Brad announced that the Board of Directors meeting would now be held on the first Monday of each month at Papa Rocks in Monroeville.

**Vice-President / Insurance— John Dell**

John has been given the insurance information and intends to shop around.

**Membership— Allen Young                  Absent**

We have 70 families and 121

**Social—Vacant****Events— Vacant**

Rick Conwell is looking to have 4 or 5 members to get involved and form an events committee.

John Dell came up with the suggestion of a day trip to Weston, W VA. Phil and Deb Cassel intend to participate in a 400+ red, white, and blue Corvette flag for Flag Day, June 14th, on Belle Isle in Michigan. They are planning on going up on Wednesday and maybe tour the Ford Museum and possibly some other things. Larry Courtney will be hosting the actual event to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. The cost is \$30 and the proceeds will go to veterans groups. More information is available in this newsletter. Phil and Deb are planning on returning home on Monday.

Bob Whitesides reminded everyone of the Shorkey Show on Sunday, May 17th. He will have flyers by the end of March. Shorkey is again paying for the donuts and coffee, trophies, and DJ, and will have door prizes available. Rest rooms will be inside the showroom. They are trying to get 2 food trucks for the show. Bob would like to see more club members attend and enter their cars in the show. Start time is 9:00 am.

**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 the only thing pending is the Shorkey Show.

**New Business**

John Dell asked if anyone might be interested in getting some Corvette apparel from Tees 'N Tops.

**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 Deb Cassel to accept the Treasurer's report and seconded by Brad Paolo. The motion to accept was carried.

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

The next general membership meeting will be held on Monday, April 13, 2026, at Veronica's in Trafford. .

Frank Paolo made a a motion to adjourn the meeting and Brad Paolo seconded it. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:455 pm.

