

Flying Fiberglass

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Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania's

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Museum Ambassador–



Welcome Message

The weather is getting nicer and the time is coming that we will have more to do in our Corvettes. Car show time is here and we are already planning for our first show of this year.

Our Spring Show will be at Shorkey's in Murrysville and it is currently set for Sunday, May 17th. The trophies and dash plaques are ordered and we are in need of judges for the show. We have some applications in for the show but hope for more to attend. So remember to mark the date on your calendars and plan on attending to support your club. We also need some members to help with registration. Hope you plan on bringing your cars and showing them off at the show. Several members met after the April membership meeting to put together a plan of action on the list of events that Rick Conwell put together. We have had some of those members pick an event and agree to make the necessary plans and get it scheduled so we can start to put a calendar together for the summer months.

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. They may have met their quota on that but if you are interested you can contact her for more information.

Deb and Phil Cassel also led a small group to Meyersdale at the end of April for a car show and two of our members won prizes at the show. More info is in this Newsletter.

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 Monday 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, May 11th, and will be our first outdoor pizza meeting of the year. It will be at Indian Lake Park in Irwin. Meeting starts at 7:00, but come early and spend some time with fellow members. Pizza will be provided by the club and should arrive around 6:30.



“THE OLDEST AND ONE OF THE LARGEST CORVETTE CLUBS IN PENNSYLVANIA”

Meyersdale Festival



On Sunday, April 26th, a small group travelled to Meyersdale for their festival, They were not expecting rain since there was only a 15% chance, but once again the weatherman was wrong and there was some rain for part of the way on route 30 and some fogging conditions. The group arrived early enough to get great parking spaces right on Center St. and received dash plaques. There were 4 Corvettes and 1 tin car that made the trip. There were 104 cars that were on view, as well the opportunity to see maple syrup, hickory syrup, a number of different crafts and a tour of the Meyer's homestead, Bill Osselborn placed first and



John Dell second in the two seater sports car category. It was great to have 4 cars entered and 2 of them win, even though there were other Corvettes at the festival. Afterwards John led the group on some back roads and the group had dinner at Brady's in Donegal. We then did some more back roads on the way back home.



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

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

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If you are planning to attend please let Allen know by Sunday, May 10th, so we know how much pizza to order. If you don't reply that you are coming and show up you will have to wait until everyone else has eaten in order to get your pizza.

Allen's contact information: Phone: 412-372-7802
Email address: ayoung1210@msn.com

Hope to see you then!

Museum News



As we celebrate America's 250 years of Independence this year, the National Corvette Museum invites patrons to celebrate America250 through the legacy of the American Sports Car. In their Gateway you can explore a special display of red, white, and blue Corvettes that reflect the innovation, craftsmanship, and spirit that have defined Corvette for generations.

You can experience the thrill of high speed racing in state-of-the-art Corvette Racing Simulators. Feel the adrenaline rush as you navigate iconic tracks and push the limits of performance. Please note that these simulators are a virtual reality experience and may cause motion sickness. There is also a height requirement of

55" so that you are able to reach the pedals and see over the steering wheel.

In the Corvette world, every generation tells a story of innovation, performance, and bold engineering. But there is one model that stands alone as both an anomaly and a cornerstone of Corvette history: the one and only 1983 Corvette. It is now showcased in a newly enhanced exhibit in the Skydome at the NCM. It represents a pivotal turning point in the evolution of America's Sports Car. The early 1980s marked the transition from the C3 generation to what would become a groundbreaking C4. Chevrolet engineers were reimagining Corvette from the ground up with a focus on advanced aerodynamic, improved handling, and cutting edge technology. The result was a radically new design that would define Corvette performance for years to come. However, delays in development and the need to meet new emissions and quality standards meant that production timelines shifted, causing the all new Corvette to debut as a 1984 model. While no 1983 Corvettes were sold to the public, there were a small number of prototypes that were built for testing and validation. Most were ultimately destroyed as part of standard GM procedures. The good news is that one did survive and it now resides at the NCM, preserved as a defining artifact in Corvette history.

www.corvettemuseum.org

May Birthdays



4th Debbie Cortese

17th Bobbi Patrizio

25th Marylyn Octave

13th Bob Whitesides

21st John Putzier

29th Georgeann Young

15th Bob Donley

21st Joe Valero

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Upcoming 2026 Club Activities

May 4, 2026	May Board Meeting
May 11, 2026	May Membership Meeting
May 17, 2026	Spring Car Show @ Shorkey
June 1, 2026	June Board Meeting
June 8, 2026	June Membership Meeting
June 13-15, 2026	Michigan Trip/Corvette Flag
July 6, 2026	July 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 event you plan on attending. Our site is updated as new information becomes available. Don't forget! Visit: www.cwcp.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



2026 SPRING CORVETTE SHOW

RAIN OR
SHINE
EVENT!



PRESENTED BY



JIM SHORKEY
MURRYSVILLE CHEVROLET

6730 William Penn Hwy., Murrysville, PA 15668

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

REGISTRATION

\$10 Mailed Preregistration
Deadline is Sunday, May 10th

\$15 In-Person Day of
Show Registration

REGISTRATION INCLUDES: Coffee & donuts.

AT THE EVENT: Vendors, food trucks, door prizes & more!

ITINERARY

8am: Registration & Cleanup

11am: Hoods Up! (Judging & Showtime)

2pm: Trophy Presentation

JUDGING CLASSES

C1/C2: 1953-1967

C6: 2005-2013

C3: 1968-1982

C7: 2014-2019

C4: 1984-1996

C8: 2020-Current

C5: 1997-2004

Fun Class: N/A



JIM SHORKEY
MURRYSVILLE CHEVROLET

Make Check Payable to: CCWP
Mail to: Allen Young
1210 Harvest Dr., 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 of the attendance and/or participation of my guests before, during, and after this event.

SIGNED _____ DATE _____



New Members – Allen Young



Welcome
New Members of the
Corvette Club of Western PA

Membership questions??

Contact Allen Young

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ayoung1210@msn.com

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 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)

April 13, 2026

President Bradley Gray called the meeting to order at 7:14 pm. Approximately 23 CCWP members met at Veronica's in Trafford. A motion was made by Char Butala to approve the minutes from the March 9th General Membership meeting and seconded by Rick Conwell. The minutes were unanimously approved.

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

John Dell will be bringing samples of shirts and an order form to the next membership meeting. John is shopping for insurance to get the best price.

Vice-President / Insurance— John Dell Absent

Membership— Allen Young

We have 77 families and a total of 128 individual members. There are still 23 members from last year who haven't paid for 2026.

Social—Vacant

General Membership Meeting Schedule: May 11th Indian Lake, June 8th Oak Hollow, July 13th Indian Lake, Sunday, August 9th, Annual Picnic at Mt. Odin Park, and September 14th Indian Lake.

Events— Vacant

Bob Whitesides said everything is on for the May 17th Shorkey Corvette Show. Only the food trucks need to be ordered. He has fliers for the show. Volunteers are needed for judging and check in. Let Allen Young know if you are available.

Allen Young wants to know who is interested in participating in the Monroeville 4th of July Parade.

Rick Conwell asked for people to stay after the meeting to review the priority list of events. He plans to make a 13 month spreadsheet for events. There were 2 other ideas thrown in the mix. There is an art educator that Rick knows who has 6 Corvettes. She is willing to show the cars and have people take a ceramics class. She will fire what you create. Also, he suggested a "Garage Tour" to check out garages and man caves.

Deb Cassel reminded everyone that Quaker Steak & Lube is April 26th. Deb and Phil will be going to Meyersdale April 26th but only if it's sunny, Meet at Sheetz in New Alexandria at 7 a.m, It's a 1 1/2 hour drive. 1st 75 cars receive dash plaques. \$10.00 a car. You have to stay until 3:00 if in the show, which is 9:30 to 11:00. Watkins Glen is Friday, Oct. 2nd, Saturday, and Sunday home. Track at 5:00 and staying at the Budget Inn for \$145 plus tax/night. \$40 cash/car to do 3 laps on the track. They will also be touring the Northeast Classic Car Museum in Norwich, NY. If interested, contact Deb Cassel by April 24th. They'll be going to Carlisle and staying in Chambersburg. Chas mentioned doing Corvettes and Coffee trips on Saturday mornings.

Newsletter—Georgeann Young

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

New Business

Brad said to send photos of your cars to be placed on the club's web page. Also there is a 2002 Corvette for sale.

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

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

Treasurer—Charlene Butala

A motion was made by David Howell to approve the Treasurer's report and seconded by Frank Paolo. The motion to accept was carried.

Treasurer's Report available at Monthly Board Mtgs.

The next general membership meeting will be held on Monday May 11th, at Indian Lake Park.

Ron Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tom Butala seconded it. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.



"Your blood came back as oil, gas and paint. Just how much time do you spend restoring that Corvette of yours?"