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## Things Are New Again *by Kevin Minnich ('00)*

It is hard to believe that another new year is upon us again. Hopefully, everyone celebrated a wonderful holiday season amidst family and friends.

Now, it's time to look forward to the year ahead of us. Many of the same major activities will return for 2012. We unofficially kick things off in March with the **St. Patrick's Day Parade** in Allentown. Plans are still being finalized for this event, so watch the newsletter for more information shortly. The first Sunday in May is again AACC's **Springfest Corvette Show** at DeSales University (Center Valley, PA), but we have new event co-chairs — Marty and Laura Hegyi — and will feature three NCCC sanctions! After many years of success, Dennis Corona, Jim Fagan, Frank Shuletsky and Rich Ringhoffer have stepped aside for some new blood. Summer may again bring our **Family Picnic**, but an event chair is needed. Marianne Mosher is willing to secure the venue (Bicentennial Park, East Allen Twp.) but needs to take a break from coordinating the overall event. Jeff Mohring is planning another **Mystery Trip** for July. The **Fiberglass & Steel Corvette Show** will again be held at SteelStacks (Bethlehem, PA) but the date was moved from late October to late September — hopefully the 2012 show won't be snowed-out! Three (or more) NCCC sanctions are planned. Things will wind down in December with our **Holiday Party** at The Barnhouse Village (Bath, PA), where Barb Parsons is stepping down as chairperson. The venue and music are already reserved so it would be minimal effort for someone new to step in.

The above items are only the "club events" for AACC in 2012. There are plenty of shows, autocrosses, day trips, and other events that will help fill our weekend calendars. Please come out and play with your Corvettes and spend time with your "second family" at AACC!

## AACC Meetings @ Blue Monkey



The Allentown Area Corvette Club meets at 8:00 p.m. in the **Palm Room** (upstairs) at the **Blue Monkey**, 1092-1094 Hower-town Road, North Catasauqua, PA.

Full menu and bar service is available.

### Upcoming Club Meetings

Jan. 11    Feb. 8 & 22    Mar. 14 & 28



## This Month

- > **1—HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**  
Party smart in 2012
- > **11—Club Meeting**, Blue Monkey,  
8 pm, N. Catasauqua, PA (p.1)

### Looking Ahead in 2012:

- Feb 24-26: *Classic Car Weekend*,  
Atlantic City, NJ (p.3)
- Mar 18: *St. Patrick's Day Parade*,  
Allentown, PA
- May 6: *AACC's Springfest*  
DeSales Univ., Center Valley, PA
- Jul 27-31: *AACC Mystery Trip*,  
Location:???
- Aug 24-26: *Corvettes @ Carlisle*  
Carlisle, PA
- Sep 23: *AACC's Fiberglass &  
Steel Corvette Show*, SteelStacks,  
Bethlehem, PA
- Dec 8: *AACC Holiday Party*,  
Barnhouse Village, Bath, PA

## JANUARY 2012

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## Welcome!

The following potential member was voted in at our December meeting:  
 Brian Kropf.....Bethlehem, PA ..... '82 Coupe



## Membership Count

As of AACC's meeting on December 14, there were 143 active members  
 and 2 potential members.

## January Birthdays

- |                  |                    |
|------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Bob Gredlics   | 9 Ike Eisenhart    |
| 4 Curtis Purdy   | 10 Margie Edinger  |
| 4 Dennis Guth    | 25 Dennis Phillips |
| Nick Recchia     | 28 Sherry Rollema  |
| 7 Dave Hornung   | 29 Newt Kern       |
| 8 Jim Babmu      | John Shedlock      |
| Dave Shanaberger | 30 Joanne Feinberg |



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## Classics in Atlantic City

Feb. 24-26 — Gearheads return to NJ for the **Atlantic City Classic Car Show & Auction** for three days. In the past, this event was coordinated by Ken Beck and he tried his best to fill a charter bus to a nearby casino. Well, times have changed and Norb Szymanski is taking over. He is looking for folks interested in attending the car show and possibly car-pooling rather than trying to fill a 47-passenger bus. If twenty tickets are purchased for the show/auction, the cost is \$15 each. (\$20 pp if less than 20 tickets.)



Learn more about the event at [www.acclassiccars.com](http://www.acclassiccars.com).

If you are interested, please RSVP to Norb at [neski@rcn.com](mailto:neski@rcn.com) or call him directly at 484-264-7778.

## NCCC Events

*Please support our fellow East Region NCCC clubs by participating in these events (☑ = NCCC-Sanctioned)*



- ☑ 2/25-26: Nat'l Gov.'s Meeting, St. Louis, MO
- ☑ 3/10: Regional Gov.'s Meeting, Grantville, PA
- ☑ 3/31: Driver's School, CCA, Location TBD
- ☑ 4/1: 2x Auto-X, CCA, Location TBD

The East Region is comprised of National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) clubs from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia. Each club is represented, by an elected Governor, at all National and Regional meetings. Altogether, the clubs in the region, have over 2600 members, or 15% of the total membership nationwide in NCCC. We also have two of the ten largest NCCC clubs in the nation - Lancaster County Corvette Club (LCCC) and Cumberland Valley Corvette Club (CVCC) and the club that helped to start NCCC - Corvette Club of America (CCA, ER-001).

We're about more than Corvettes, though. NCCC is a "Bronze" sponsor of the National Transplant Games and supports the National Kidney Foundation through a yearly raffle of a new Corvette. Many other charities are supported by the regional clubs such as Spina Bifida, local hospitals and children's charities

For more information on NCCC events, contact AACC's Governor,  
**Pete Lileck**  
(610-349-0120, [flyhighusa@yahoo.com](mailto:flyhighusa@yahoo.com))



## On The Mend



**Richard DeLeon** — recovering at home following surgery

**Janet Dorshimer** — recent hospitalization

**Rich Piccirilli** — recent hospitalization

AACC's (unofficial) club photographer, Len Feinberg, has photos from over 40 events posted online at his Fotki site. Use the winter months to look back on 2011's happenings while your baby is tucked under cover in the garage...



<http://public.fotki.com/EACC>



AACC proudly supports the  
**Lehigh Valley  
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## Member Spotlight *by Marty Hegyi (AACC Membership Co-Chair, '69)*

This month we would like you to get to know us a little better. Laura and I live in Lower Saucon Township, PA and have been members of AACC for just over 2 years, having joined the club in October, 2009. We are currently the Membership Co-Chairs and will also be Co-Chairing the club's annual SpringFest show at DeSales University on May 6, 2012. Both Laura and I are originally from New Jersey and relocated to the Lehigh Valley in 1989. We celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary this past September.

I am currently a Product Manager for Bosch Rexroth, and have been employed there for the past 23 years. Besides working on my '69 Corvette, my interests and hobbies include music, walking/biking and traveling. I am an avid football fan and my favorite team is the New York Giants. I used to play keyboards in a band back in the 70's and 80's and have also co-written and recorded many songs which are copyrighted by the Library of Congress in Washington, DC.

Laura is currently a Controller for an investment firm in Princeton, NJ, and has been there for the past 25 years. Besides sharing my love for Corvettes (and driving her own '07), travel and outdoor activities, Laura's other interests include cooking, baking, landscaping and arts and crafts. Laura's favorite pastime is working in her vegetable garden.

Our ideal vacation is to take a cruise to Alaska, but a trip to Australia and New Zealand are also on our bucket list. We mostly like to hang out at home and enjoy our beautiful yard and in-ground swimming pool, but also attend many ArtsQuest events, including Musikfest every year. We also enjoy spending time with our many AACC friends that we have come to know over the past few years. Our burning desire is to retire early and live a long and healthy life.



## Show Us Your Ride *by Marty & Laura Hegyi (AACC Membership Co-Chairs, '69, '07)*

Marty and Laura Hegyi of Hellertown, PA are the proud owners of this beautiful 1969 LeMans Blue Stingray coupe with a bright blue interior. Laura purchased the car for Marty about 7 years ago as a 50th birthday gift. It only shows 36,500 miles on the odometer but the true mileage is unknown. The car has the 350 c.i. V8 engine producing 300 horsepower through a 3-speed automatic transmission. The options on the car include power steering, factory air conditioning, Turbo Hydramatic 400 transmission, tinted glass, side exhaust pipes, front fender louver trim and red line radial tires. The engine is numbers matching and Marty and Laura have spent the last several years restoring the car, including refurbishing the interior with brand new carpeting. The car has won several 1st and 2nd place trophies in the C3 class at local car shows. Marty and Laura love to drive this car with the T-tops off, rear window out and the side pipes roaring.



## A Holiday Thank You! *by Barb Parsons (AACC VP, '00)*

Another Holiday Party has come and gone. Your comments were very kind and I appreciate each and every one of them. I'd like to thank all of you for your support of this event, and additionally I'd like to thank those who put bows on the presents and who helped distribute the candy and the gifts. You know who you are.

Congratulations to our honorees: Laura and Marty Hegyi and Kevin and Michelle Minnich for their continued efforts in making this club a wonderful one.

I would also like to add that we did invite Chris Miller of Faulkner Chevrolet and his wife. Unfortunately, they were not able to attend, but he did send along his Best Holiday Wishes and affirmed that he will continue to support our club in the coming year.

I wish all of you a safe and Happy New Year 2012.

*Barb Parsons*



## Looking Back on Corvette's Past CorvetteOnline.com, Dec. 13, 2011

For whatever reason, rumors of a mid-engine Corvette have persisted for decades. Whether it is because of persistent wish lists from fan-boys like ourselves, or GM's constant toying with mid-engine Corvette concepts, the idea has even leaked into rumors for the next-gen C7 Corvette. We're pretty sure the next Corvette won't be mid-engine. But if you absolutely must see a Corvette with an engine mounted anywhere but under the hood, Hemmings Auto Blog reports that a rear-engine Corvette concept will head to the Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance in March (2012).



This one-off concept vehicle was the brainchild of Frank Winchell, who convinced father-of-the-Corvette Zora Arkus-Duntov to give a rear-end Corvette a try. Duntov eventually came around, giving birth to the XP-819. This concept used a marine version of the small-block Chevy to drive the rear wheels, and it was reportedly a very good handler on the track.

Unfortunately, an accident due to incorrectly-sized wheels and tires put an end to the XP-819 and the rear-engine Corvette scheme. The XP-819 changed hands multiple times over the years, finally ending up with Mike Yager of Mid America Motorworks in 2002. The fully restored XP-819 will be on display... but not for sale.

## Membership Milestones!

As we enter 2012, AACC wishes to recognize the following members on their years of service to the club:

- **Five Years** (joined 2007): *Rick & Carol Bachl, Dennis Guth, Patricia Purdy, Chuck & Loretta Sandy, George Wetherhold*
- **Ten Years** (joined 2002): *Elly Reynard, Rich & Nancy Ringhoffer*
- **Twenty Years** (joined 1992): *Duane & Marianne Mosher, Rich Piccirilli, Sam & Carol Tarreto*
- **Twenty-five Years** (joined 1987): *Marty Hacker, Phil & Chris Keiser, Tony Stanz, Lou & Bernie Toth*
- **Forty Years** (joined 1972): *Tom & Judy Himmelsbach*



## Tech Session / Insurance / BBQ *by Ken Beck ('99)*

**FREE tech session and barbeque lunch Sat., Feb. 11, 2012.** We will have a guest speaker, Pete Doriguzzi, National Sales Manager for Heacock Classic Insurance at K & T Vintage Sports Cars! Heacock is the major insurance and sponsor of Carlisle Events and the Eastern States Concours of the United States, as well as many of the events during the Scottsdale Auctions. Pete will be coming to us from Lakeland, FL to present the facts on collector car insurance, which also includes newer Corvettes. After the presentation, there will be a question and answer session followed by lunch. We will plan on starting our presentation at about 11:00 am. **BRING A FOLDING CHAIR.** Tours of the facility will take place both before and after the tech session.

This event will be open to Allentown Area Corvette Club members, friends, and members of British car clubs in the greater Lehigh Valley and Philadelphia areas.

Please RSVP by Feb. 4 to 610-865-3329 (home) or 484-664-2353 (shop) so we know how much food to prepare.

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**NEW 2012 Torch Red Coupe**, 1LT, Ebony int., 6-Speed, dual roofs, chrome wheels ..... \$49,417

**USED 2006 Machine Silver Convertible**, Ebony int., Black top. 6.0L, AT, Magnetic Ride Control, heated seats, power top, 19,819 miles (1 owner) ..... \$35,000

**USED 2003 Millenium Yellow Convertible**, Ebony int., Black top. 5.7L, AT, alloy wheels, HUD, chrome accessories, performance exhaust, 19,324 miles (1 owner) ..... \$31,000

**USED 1995 Torch Red Coupe**, Ebony int., 5.7L, AT, alloy wheels, leather seats, Targa roof, Traction Control, ABS, 83,004 miles..... \$12,000

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## NCM News & Events



### 2012 Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

On Dec. 8th, the National Corvette Museum announced the following inductees to be recognized at the Museum's 18th Anniversary event as part of the 15th Annual Corvette Hall of Fame Ceremony in 2012: Gary Claudio in the category of GM/Chevrolet; Patrick Dolan in the category of Corvette enthusiast/historian; Bob McDorman also in the category of Corvette enthusiast/historian; and Andy Pilgrim, a champion driver for Corvette Racing.

**Gary Claudio** spent over 27 years at GM, starting in the Pontiac Division but transferring to Chevrolet in 1998 as Manager of the Chevy Race Shop. He worked with Doug Fehan to develop the Corvette Race Program, securing original sponsors and obtaining funds for the program from Chevrolet management.

**Patrick Dolan** has been very active in NCCC, serving as VP of Competition, President and Director of Charity. He is a founding member of the NCM and was present at the first general meeting in Cypress Gardens, FL in January 1989.

**Bob McDorman** has been a premier Corvette collector for over 50 years and purchased his own Chevrolet dealership in 1965. In addition to being a Lifetime Member of the Museum and big supporter of the Museum's programs he was awarded the Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award in 1978 and 2007, 2010 Bloomington Gold "Great Hall" Inductee and numerous other humanitarian and achievement awards.

**Andy Pilgrim** joined Corvette Racing in 1999, earning his first victory with teammate Ron Fellows at Texas Motor Speedway in 2000 and in 2001 finished 2nd in GTS at Sebring and Le Mans, and was on the winning team for the Petit Le Mans in Atlanta. His support of the Museum included fundraising golf outings, and he continues to serve as an instructor at our HPDEs.

The induction ceremony will take place on Friday, August 31.

Find more NCM news online at [www.CorvetteMuseum.com](http://www.CorvetteMuseum.com) or call  
 1.800.53.VETTE(538.3883)  
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### 2012 NCM Events

*Mar 12-17: MiM Sebring Tour*  
*Apr 26-28: C5/C6 Bash*  
*May 17-19: c4/ZR-1 Gathering*  
*May 24-26: Barn Raising II*  
*May 30-Jun 2: Z06 Fest*  
*Jun 25-26: VIR HDPE*  
*Aug 13-18: MiM Woodward Cruise Tour*  
*Aug 30-Sep 1: Anniversary Celebration*  
*Sep 5-6: NCM Benefit at HOD Thunderhill*  
*Sep 26-29: Historic Motorama Reunion*  
*Oct 1: NCM Benefit @ HOD Autobahn*  
*Oct 4-6: R8C Reunion*  
*Oct 16-20: 1-Lap of Kentucky*  
*Nov 1-5: Vets 'n Vettes*

### Current NCM Raffles

*BYO 2012 ZR1/\$80,000 cash; 500 tix @ \$500 .....Jan. 5*  
*BYO 2012 GS/\$50,000 cash; 1994 tix @ \$100 .....Jan. 12*  
*BYO 2012 GS or Z06/\$60,000 cash; 1500 tix @ \$150 .....Jan. 26*  
*2012 Torch Red Coupe; Corvette Quilt; Unlim. Tix @ \$10 ..... Feb. 2*  
*2012 Centennial Edition ZR1; 1000 tix @ \$300 ..... Feb. 16*



## Corvette Classifieds

If you have something Corvette-related to sell, contact the newsletter editors to run a free ad. We will make all efforts to run your ad until the item sells. Contact Kevin & Michelle Minnich at [aaccnewsletter@verizon.net](mailto:aaccnewsletter@verizon.net) or call 610-530-0923.

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**1965 Convertible With Fire Damage** – Was going to part out but am now taking best offer AS-IS. Drivetrain, motor and front end are salvageable. Make Offer. (Bruce Nygard, 302-363-4980)

**1996 LT4 Coupe** — Torch Red with Light Beige Leather, A/C, Bose CD/Cassette, power sport seats, selective real-time damping, dual roof panels, TPMS, new Firestone Firehawk (not run-flats). Car is garaged from Nov-April. Includes set of 1996 chromed 5-spoke rims and other performance parts. \$24,000. (Lorenzo Queral, 610-865-9790, [lqcomputers@rcn.com](mailto:lqcomputers@rcn.com))

**2000 Convertible** — Triple Black, AT, 35,000 miles. 2nd owner. Call for more information and pricing. (Dan, 610-360-4085)

**2003 Z06** — Black/Black. Perfect. 1781 miles. In storage last two years. New inspection, battery & fluids. Never seen rain/always garaged & covered. Beautiful car which will provide many years of pleasure to new owner. \$30,000 OBO. (Al, 610-649-6059, [Alanesq47@aol.com](mailto:Alanesq47@aol.com))

**Corvette Collectibles** – Going out of business sale. Selling all my Carlisle items — sample items, die-cast cars, proms, clocks and Corvette 50th anniversary pins. \$3,500 worth of product, selling for \$2,000. (Joy, 610-433-1323, [jvstear@hotmail.com](mailto:jvstear@hotmail.com))

**Two (2) "Direct Lift" Car Lifts** – Garage liquidating in Corning, NY. Two (2) one-year old "Direct Lift" brand car lifts; hardly used. (Wayne McCullogh, [wmac46@gmail.com](mailto:wmac46@gmail.com)) — friend of Mike Duffy, DeSales Univ.

**Set of four OEM C5 silver alloy wheels**, for a 2002 Corvette. Brand new, driven on the car less than 10 miles (from the dealer to the tire store). Sizes: 17 x 8.5 (front) and 18 x 9.5 (rear), 5x4.75 lug design. Center caps included. Fits 1988 to 2004 Corvettes (tire sizes P245/45ZR17 and P275/40ZR18). [www.Originalwheels.com](http://www.Originalwheels.com) lists them for \$190 (17x8.5) and \$220 (18x9.5) each or \$820 total. Will sell set for \$500. (Marianne, 610-262-3597)

**Men's Black Leather Corvette Jacket.** Red accent piping, 100% super soft lambskin, size Large. Corvette lettering and C1/C2 crossed flags on back and left front chest, crossed flags on both sleeves. Like new, orig. \$399, asking \$250. (Marty, 610-694-8205, [martin.hegyi@boschrexroth-us.com](mailto:martin.hegyi@boschrexroth-us.com))

**Secure Heated Winter Storage Space** for rent near Airport Rd. and Union Blvd. Allentown, PA. \$175 / mo. (Ken Beck, 484-664-2353)



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