



# 'Vetter's Letter'

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AACC member Rob Bloch poses  
with his new '25 Corvette "E-Ray"  
(read more on pg. 7)

Photo by Bob Beckowski

A Proud



NCM Lifetime Club



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Hello Fellow Club Members,

As we experienced some nice weather in March, a number of us decided to take off the car covers and remove the battery tenders to take a long-awaited ride. It felt great to again be in America's greatest sport car.

March activities were in force with members taking in a Hampton Winds dinner, a Phantoms hockey game, and displaying their Corvettes at the Greater Lehigh Valley Car Show.

April is the official start of the car show and cruise activity. Information will come to you via emails from Laura Hegyi, and John Kostick will continue to announce at club meetings a one month look-ahead for upcoming cruises and shows.

Several major car events are also happening this month. First is *Spring Carlisle* in Carlisle, PA from April 23-27. Details can be found at [www.carlisleevents.com](http://www.carlisleevents.com). The National Corvette Museum is hosting their annual *Michelin Bash* in Bowling Green, KY from April 24-26. Several AACC members are making the trip to participate in this 3-day event. For more information go to [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org).

Volunteer your time and muscles on April 25 & 26, and bring your gloves, shovels, and rakes to help Gold Star parents prepare their memorial gar-



den for the spring. A signup sheet will be at our April 9th meeting or contact Valerie Ferguson at 516-330-6088 for more information on this annual tradition.

The '25 *Springfest Car Show* registration has started... check-out our [website](#) to download a flyer or see the form in this [newsletter](#). Please think about becoming a premium parking member, a trophy sponsor, as well as a raffle or booklet contributor. We look forward to another record-setting car show this June 7th, so let's not disappoint in raising funds for our worthy charities. The show will be held at our new location—**Northampton Community College, 3835 Green Pond Rd., Bethlehem, PA.**

We want to thank John Kostick and Dave Hornung for stepping up to be co-chairs for our '25 *Fiberglass and Steel Show* on September 7th. I know they will get plenty of help from our club members.

Stay Healthy and Have Fun!

Jerry Reitano,  
President- AACC



## Membership Corner Chair: Laura Hegyi ('69 Cpe, '07 Cpe, '17 Z06)

As of the March 26th club meeting, there are **291 active club members**.

**4 new members** were approved by the Board of Directors in March:

- *Jack & Kathy Minnich* ..... *Whitehall, PA* ..... '25 Cpe
- *Mike & Julie O'Rourke* ..... *Coplay, PA* ..... '07 Cnv

There are currently **4 potential members**:

- *Keith & Lisa Gahman* ..... *Center Valley, PA* ..... '09 Cpe
- *Patrick Petrillo & Diane Spironello* .. *Bethlehem, PA* ..... '21 Cnv

**Thank you for your interest in our club and we look forward to seeing you at upcoming AACC meetings and events.**



### CHOCOLATE

*Comes from cocoa which is a tree.  
That makes it a plant.  
Chocolate is a salad!*

## AACC's Charities



### Upcoming Club Meetings:

Apr. 9	Apr. 23	May 14	May 28	Jun. 11	Jun. 25
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	<u>Members</u>	<u>Potential Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
<i>Attendance</i>			
Jan. 8	61	3	2
Feb. 26	87	1	0
Mar. 12	81	3	0
Mar. 26	71	2	0

The Allentown Area Corvette Club meets at **7:30pm** at **Se-Wy-Co Banquet Hall, 3621 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA**. DO NOT PARK along the side or directly in front of the buildings or the BBQ smoker. You may park on the grass if spots are unavailable in the lot.



*Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley*



Submission deadline for the May newsletter is



**Apr. 27, 2025**

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If you know of a member who is hospitalized, had surgery, or lost a loved one, please notify club VP Dave Ricciardi, [dricci427@aol.com](mailto:dricci427@aol.com), 718-873-6298, or any board member.

## From the Board *Chair Marty Hegyi ('69 Cpe, '07 Cpe, '17 Z06)*

**Wed., Mar. 12** | The following is a summary of our March board meeting:

- Laura Hegyi presented 4 new potential members: Mike & Julie O'Rourke and Jack & Kathy Minnich. The board unanimously approved them for full AACC membership.
- The board discussed the disbursement of the club sponsor check from Faulkner Chevrolet. The board unanimously agreed to disperse the funds equally between our club, the *Springfest* car show, and the *Fiberglass & Steel* car show.
- The board discussed and reviewed the proposed 2025 AACC annual financial statement from club treasurer Bernie Toth. The final draft of the 2025 Financial Statement will be emailed to the board for approval.
- President Jerry Reitano informed the board that Frank Shovelin is stepping down as AACC NCM Ambassador. We will need a club member to step-up to fill this important position.
- The board discussed the status of the 2025 Fiberglass & Steel show.

*Marty*

Marty Hegyi  
Chairman—AACC

## How To Support SPRINGFEST 2025

Show Registration forms are available this month at the club meetings, on our [website](#), and at the end of this newsletter ([click here](#)). Sponsorship forms are available upon request and at club meetings. Contact the following committee members for assistance:

Show Registration— \$20.00, **Jerry Reitano**, [jerryreitanosr@gmail.com](mailto:jerryreitanosr@gmail.com)  
Premium Parking— \$100.00 (includes show registration),  
**Frank Shovelin**, [nasman2007@aol.com](mailto:nasman2007@aol.com)  
Trophy Sponsor— \$100.00 (includes show registration),  
**Ed Kordeck**, [ekordeck51@yahoo.com](mailto:ekordeck51@yahoo.com)  
Booklet Sponsor— Levels from \$100 to \$1,000+,  
**Scott Smith**, [scott@techdatapcs.com](mailto:scott@techdatapcs.com)  
Raffle Basket Sponsor— **Barbara Fredericks**, [mimifred@verizon.net](mailto:mimifred@verizon.net),  
and **Bobbie Paul**, [gaiasci1206@gmail.com](mailto:gaiasci1206@gmail.com)

**Make checks payable to: AACC**



## Duane Mosher (1939—2025)

Sadly, you should all know that we've lost another club member. Lifetime member Duane Mosher passed away on Wednesday, February 26th. Duane and his wife, Marianne, joined AACC in 1992. They've owned a custom '02 Electron Blue Corvette convertible (with white top and red interior) since 2001 and were active club members until health issues limited their participation. They enjoyed going to the *Ocean City, MD Weekend* and on other club trips, planned and ran the AACC picnic for several years, and coordinated club Corvette displays at the Naval Reserve Center.



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Duane was a 1959 graduate of Bethlehem Vocational High School. He retired from Ingersoll-Rand/Ingersoll-Dresser Pumps, Phillipsburg, NJ with 36 years of service. Duane served 20 years in the U.S. Navy Reserves. While on active duty, he was stationed at Johnsville Naval Air Research and Development Activities Center in Warminster, PA, where he met the *Project Mercury* astronauts during their training in what was the largest human centrifuge in the U.S. at that time. He was very proud of and felt very lucky to be part of the development of the early space program.

A calling hour was held on Tuesday, March 4th at St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church (206 East Main St., Bath, PA 18014), followed by funeral services and interment at Forks Cemetery, Sullivan Trail, Easton, PA.



Duane's obituary was published in *The Morning Call* and can be found online at <https://www.mcall.com>. Contributions in Duane's memory may be made to St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church or to the Alzheimer's Association, Delaware Valley Chapter, 399 Market St., Suite 250, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

If you would like to mail Marianne a card, her address is 5542 Shawnee Dr., Bethlehem, PA



## Breakfast Club Chairs: Barbara Fredericks ('23 Cpe), Harry Newman ('14 Cnv)

**Fri., Apr. 11** | Members are invited to our monthly breakfast, which is happening on April 11th. Held at 9:00am on the second Friday of each month, this month's breakfast will be at:



**The Coopersburg Diner, 336 N. 3rd St., Coopersburg, PA**

Note: 16 members were in attendance at our March 14th breakfast.

To ensure adequate seating, please contact Barbara Fredericks  
[mimifred@verizon.net](mailto:mimifred@verizon.net) or  
Harry Newman [hjnewman63@gmail.com](mailto:hjnewman63@gmail.com).

*Is it possible AACC lifetime member Dave Hornung has found a unique way to "electrify" his '95 Corvette Pace Car?*



**Recently spotted at the Lehigh Valley Auto Show**



*Photo by Bob Beckowski*

## National Corvette Museum Ambassador

Due to Frank Shovelin's resignation, an opening for the club's NCM Ambassador became available. **THANKS TO JOE GREENE** for stepping-up to fill this role. Please feel free to contact Joe with any NCM questions or suggestions at **610-730-2382** or [z51@arawn.net](mailto:z51@arawn.net).





## Featured Members

by: Rob Bloch ('25 Corvette E-ray)

### This month's featured AACC member is

Rob Bloch of Allentown, PA

('25 Corvette Hysteria Purple Metallic E-Ray)

I placed my E-Ray deposit on 5/31/2023 with *MacMulkin Corvette* in Nashua, NH. After a long wait, my car was produced in Bowling Green, KY on 1/17/2025 and shipped to *MacMulkin* a few weeks later. From there, it was transported on 2/24/2025 directly to *Immaculate Paint Protection* in Allentown, which is owned by Bill Fetter. Bill thoroughly cleaned and polished it, applied ceramic coating and paint protection film. When he was



Photo by Bill Fetter

finished, I picked it up with my father Bob. While there we ran into Bob Beckowski (AACC newsletter editor) who took some great photos and suggested doing a writeup for the 'Vetter's Letter.

My E-Ray is a 2025 hard-top convertible in hysteria purple metallic paint with sterling silver dual racing stripes. It has the 2LZ package, GT2 seats in two-tone black & sky cool gray, front end hydraulic lift, interior stealth trim package, carbon fiber ground effects and rear spoiler, clear rear spoiler bridge w/Jake logo, bright polished forged aluminum wheels, bright red painted brake calipers, and scrape armor front grill guards.

As of this writing, I have only put about 120 miles on it

(full break-in is 500 miles and rpms are limited until then). Off the line, the acceleration already feels much quicker than my 2020 Stingray. The feel of the front-end is different due to the AWD. I can't wait to "let her rip" once I achieve the 500 mile break in. I think the Corvette designers and engineers did a phenomenal job with this American Supercar!

### Corvette E-Ray description from Chevy

*With an electrically powered front axle, E-Ray is a first-of-its-kind Corvette. Designed for all-season performance, this supercar and its eAWD capability is prepared to take on the conditions – rain, snow and everything in between.*

*The E-Ray is the first all-wheel drive Corvette. It is a hybrid (not a plug in), and the quickest accelerating Corvette made to date (0 to 60 rated at 2.5 seconds, which is the same as the upcoming ZR1). The rear wheels are powered by an internal combustion gas engine which is a 6.2-liter naturally aspirated V-8 producing 495 horsepower (same engine as the Stingray).*

*The front wheels are powered by a 160-horsepower permanent-magnet synchronous electric motor. It recharges its 1.1-kWh battery primarily through regenerative braking. Stealth Mode allows you to only use the front electric motor for 3-4 miles if you choose (when you hit 45 mph the combustion engine will automatically start).*

*Combined total horsepower is 655 with 592-foot pounds of torque. Top speed is 183 mph, and the 1/4-Mile is 10.6 sec @ 128 mph. The transmission is an eight-speed dual clutch that shifts in 100 - 300 milliseconds.*

*Tires are Michelin Pilot Sport 275/30R20 fronts & 345/25R21 rears. Brakes are Performance Brembo carbon ceramic.*



## "Meanwhile..." by Dave Myers ('96 Cpe)

Spring has sprung and there is so much going on in our club this year! Several big trips are planned along with *Springfest*, *Fiberglass & Steel*, cruises, and so much more.

I decided a few days ago to get my Corvette out after winter storage, pull the battery tender, and check her out. VRooooom... after a few cranks she jumps to life and demands a run down the road to loosen up a bit. The Vette did not disappoint--such a great feeling. No



matter what year or model Corvette you drive, the feel of the wheels on the road is great, isn't it? As I rounded the bend into home ground and up the driveway, I noticed an oil spot on the garage floor where she had wintered and realized a service call was needed.

Enter Dan Reph, owner and chief tech at *Reph's Complete Auto Care*. Not only is he the shop owner/operator, he is also a fellow "Vette Head" with a C8, so he knows his way around a Corvette and is very careful as well. That's sure important. Not only did he find and repair my minor leak issue, but he addressed several other issues that I didn't even know about. These would have been catastrophic on a road trip. In addition, he is the only tech I've ever met who provided a step-by-step video for me to view of all that was done to my car. So to those of you who might need a guy to work on your car, *Reph's* is a good place to go and is very cost effective. *Reph's Complete Auto Care* - 102 S. 2nd Street, Coplay, PA, **610-261-0777**.



### Corvette Trivia for you

1. Power seats were available in 1989 Corvettes? True or False
2. A removable hardtop was available in 1966? True or False
3. Due to new safety regulations, the knock off wheel option was no longer available in 1967? True or False
4. In 1993, the 32-valve engine was exclusive to the ZR1? True or False
5. The 1982 Collectors Edition Corvette had a hatchback? True or False
6. The Callaway Twin-Turbo engine package was a factory installed option in 1987? True or False

[\(CLICK here for the answers\)](#)



## VINTAGE CORVETTE ADVERTISING

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Indeed. Italy's formidable ability to produce sensuous automotive shapes is more widely recognized than Ashtabula's. But then few people realize that Ashtabula is where we build the body for this country's only production sports car, Corvette.

Like its Italian counterparts, Corvette is more than just an automobile. Its an experience: to look at, to ride in, to drive.

Ah, to drive.

Just starting the engine makes your pulse pound. And once under way, you have such exotic seasonings as independent front and rear suspension, four-wheel disc brakes — and up to 425 horsepower on order — to heighten the effect.

But there ends the similarity. The Pride of Ashtabula is sold and serviced in Keokuk, Duluth, Ada, Traverse City, Billings — anywhere there's a Chevrolet dealer.

And it costs several million lire less.



Italy doesn't have a thing on Ashtabula, Ohio.

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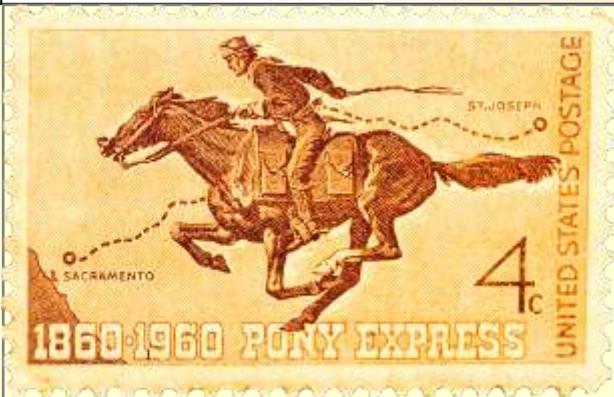
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**'66 CORVETTE**

BY CHEVROLET

Divison: Division of General Motors Division, Detroit, Michigan

## “Who Knew” - The Pony Express

source – [National Pony Express Assoc.](http://www.ponyexpress.org)

### 1,966 miles in 10 days!

Young men once rode horses to carry mail from Missouri to California in the unprecedented time of only 10 days! This relay system crossing eight states was the most direct and practical means of east-west communications in 1860. From Missouri to California the *Pony Express* riders could deliver a letter faster than ever before.

The completion of a coast-to-coast railroad was years away. At that time, the railroads extended only as far west as the Mississippi River. The completion of a telegraph linking both coasts was close to becoming a reality, but it would still be more than a year before it could be completed.

The *Pony Express* was in operation for only 18 months between April 1860 and October 1861. Nevertheless, the *Pony Express* has become synonymous with the Old West. In the era before easy mass communication, the *Pony Express* was the thread that tied East to West.



## Mark Your Calendar

<b>Apr. 25-26</b>	Spring Clean Up Fallen Soldier's Home	<i>Valerie Fergusen</i>	516-330-6088
<b>Apr. 23-26</b>	<b><u>Michelin NCM Bash</u></b> , Bowling Green, KY		
<b>May 3</b>	10:00am Rinse "Less" Car Wash Clinic, Allentown, PA	<i>John Fontaine</i>	610-220-4430
<b>May 4-10</b>	AACC Mystery Trip, <b><i>Wait-listed</i></b>	<i>Laura Hegyi</i>	610-730-2695
<b>May 10</b>	9:00am Leo's Pediatric Cancer Fest, Schnecksville, PA	<i>John Kostick</i>	610-703-1753
<b>May 23</b>	LV Iron Pigs Game Night, Allentown, PA	<i>Laura Hegyi</i>	610-730-2695
	<b><i>Wait-listed, \$37/pp, cash or check payable by Apr. 9th to Laura Hegyi</i></b>		
<b>May 24</b>	2:00pm "Springfest" Judging Seminar, Bethlehem, PA	<i>Marty Hegyi</i>	610-730-2846
	<b><i>recommended for all show judges, all club members welcome</i></b>		
<b>May 26</b>	Parade/Drive- Fallen Soldiers' Homes	<i>Valerie Fergusen</i>	516-330-6088
<b>May 31</b>	Barry's Car Barn/ Kitchen Kettle, Lancaster, PA	<i>Laura Hegyi</i>	610-730-2695
<b>Jun. 7</b>	"Springfest" AACC Car Show, Bethlehem, PA	<i>Jerry Reitano</i>	610-291-7041
<b>Jun. 14</b>	Faulkner Car Show, Bethlehem, PA	<i>Marty Hegyi</i>	610-730-2846
	<b><i>help with parking &amp; registration</i></b>		
<b>Jun. 21</b>	<b><u>AACA Bill Smith Memorial Cruise</u></b> , Hershey, PA	<i>Laura Hegyi</i>	610-730-2695
<b>Jun. 21</b>	<b><u>Corvettes for Chip</u></b> , Carlisle, PA	<i>Marty Hegyi</i>	610-730-2846
<b>Jun. 19-22</b>	Salen's Six Hours of The Glen, Watkins Glen, NY	<i>J. Dean &amp; B. Paul</i>	610-764-1206
<b>Jun. 28</b>	8:00am Immaculate Paint Protection, Allentown, PA	<i>Lisa Magill</i>	570-350-3777
<b>Jun. 30</b>	9:00am AACC Golf Outing, Twin Lakes GC	<i>Bob Beckowski</i>	610-837-0384
<b>Jul. 13</b>	EACC Breakfast & Car Display, Stroudsburg, PA	<i>Jeff Mohring</i>	610-392-6898
<b>Jul. 20</b>	AACC Summer Picnic, Macungie, PA	<i>Paulette Godfroy</i>	610-442-2933
<b>Jul. 26</b>	Heisler's Ice Cream Fun Run, Tamaqua, PA	<i>Cynthia Frank</i>	484-894-2788
<b>Aug. 1-3</b>	Das Awkscht Fescht, Macungie, PA	<i>Marty Hegyi</i>	610-730-2846
<b>Aug. 10</b>	Classics & Cruisers on Hamilton, Allentown, PA	<i>Jim Gress</i>	610-442-1637
<b>Aug. 16</b>	Chicken Run, Bethel, PA	<i>Jeff Mohring</i>	610-392-6898
<b>Aug. 21-23</b>	Corvettes at Carlisle	<i>Laura Hegyi</i>	610-730-2695
<b>Sep. 3</b>	Putt-U, Center Valley, PA	<i>Jim Fagan</i>	484-714-9952
<b>Sep. 7</b>	Fiberglass & Steel, Macungie, PA	<i>John Kostick</i>	610-703-1753
<b>Sep. 18-21</b>	Mystic Seaport Trip	<i>Dave Hausman</i>	610-217-7208
	<b><i>24 car maximum- 3 spots open, \$1,600-\$1,800/couple</i></b>		
<b>Oct. 23-25</b>	Corvette Racing Weekend, Hershey, PA	<i>Marty Hegyi</i>	610-730-2846
<b>Nov. 1</b>	Halloween Party, Hellertown, PA	<i>Lisa Gontarek</i>	610-733-0800
<b>Dec. 6</b>	Holiday Party, Fogelsville, PA	<i>Laura Hegyi</i>	610-730-2695



## Hampton Winds Dinner

**Thu., Mar. 6** | Early in March, 38 club members met at the Northampton Community College *Hampton Winds* culinary school for a 3-course dinner. The food and comradery were very good and everyone had a fun time.



## Parade of Shamrocks

by Jim Gress ('70 Chevelle)

**Sat., Mar. 15** | Several members of the AACC as well as a few classic cars from *Classics & Cruisers on Hamilton* took part in the annual "Parade of Shamrocks" in Bethlehem to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. The Corvettes and classic cars drew a huge applause during the parade, but Ev Garriga stole the show when he activated his convertible top for all to see!



Photo by Jim Gress

## LV Phantoms Hockey

Chair Jerry Reitano ('19 GS Cpe)

**Sun., Mar. 16** | The AACC sponsored a night at the Lehigh Valley Phantoms. There were 35 members who signed up and they were treated to an excellent game against the visiting Wilkes-Barre Scranton Penguins. The Phantoms came up on the wrong side of the final 5-3 score, however a good time was had by all.



Photo by Jerry Reitano



Photo by John Popowycz



## Lehigh Valley Auto Show

Chair Marty Hegyi ('69 Cpe, '07 Cpe, '17 Z06)

**Sat., Mar. 22** | Although the temperature was a little bit chilly, the sun was out for most of the day as 12 of our AACC Corvettes were prominently displayed at this year's Lehigh Valley Auto Show. Our cars were strategically placed on the plaza near the main entrance to Stabler Arena for all attendees to see.



Photo by Bob Beckowski

This year's display covered C4 - C8 Corvettes which ranged from Henry Nibbe's 1986 bright red convertible to Rob Bloch & Jaccii Farris's one week old 2025 hysteria purple hardtop convertible E-Ray.

AACC was also featured on the Saturday evening edition of WFMZ 69 News. Don't miss out next year as we have been invited to display our cars again at the 2026 Lehigh Valley Auto Show.



Photo by Jim Gress



## Local Car Cruises in April '25

*Below are cruises conducted on a monthly basis. See Laura Hegyi's March 13th email for a detailed list of ALL shows & cruises.*

DATE	SPONSOR	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY
Apr-4	East Penn Modifiers	5:00 PM	Dairy Queen	261 Harleysville Pk.	Harleysville
Apr-12	Mopar Madness	4:00 PM	Emmaus Borough.	1375 Shimerville Rd	Emmaus
Apr-12	N/A	4:00 PM	Dairy Queen	701 S. 25th St.	Easton
Apr-12	Wheels of Time	2:00 PM	Macungie Mem. Park	50 N. Poplar St	Macungie
Apr-13	LV Cars & Coffee	9:00 AM	Steel Stacks	101 Founders Way	Bethlehem
Apr-26	LV AACA	4:00 PM	Palmer Park Mall	123 Palmer Park Mall	Easton
Apr-26	Mopar Madness	4:00 PM	Emmaus Borough.	1375 Shimerville Rd	Emmaus
Apr-27	Blue Mtn Classics	3:00 PM	Blue Mtn Drive-In	1439 Blue Mtn Dr.	Danielsville
Apr-27	Ritz Barbeque	4:00 PM	Allentown Fairgrnd.	302 N. 17th St	Allentown
Apr-30	Airport Diner	4:00 PM	Airport Diner	15110 Kutztown Rd	Kutztown



## Ambassador's Corner by Frank Shovelin ('17Cpe)



Join us on **April 24–26** at the National Corvette Museum for the highly anticipated **28th Annual Michelin National Corvette Museum Bash**. Whether you're a longtime enthusiast or new to America's Sports Car, this event has something for everyone. From exclusive exhibits and behind-the-scenes tours to thrilling activities, it's a weekend you don't want to miss.



[Click here for more info and to register](#)

### Current NCM Raffles

2025 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Convertible	
1500 tix @ \$200	Apr. 17
2025 Red Mist Corvette Z06 Convertible	
1500 tix @ \$300	Apr. 25
2025 Arctic White Corvette Coupe	
Unlimited tix @ \$20	Apr. 26
2025 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe	
1500 tix @ \$150	May 22

Visit [raffle.corvettemuseum.org](http://raffle.corvettemuseum.org) for tickets.

### 2025 Events:

- Apr. 24– 26.....28th Annual Michelin Bash
- Apr. 27– 30 .....MiM Dragon Run
- Jun. 7– 17 .....MiM Le Mans Tour
- Jun. 24– 28.....MiM Branson Experience
- Jul. 13– 17 .....MiM Colorado Springs
- Aug. 28– 30 .....NCM 31st Anniversary
- Sep. 21– 27 .....MiM National Parks Tour

Visit [www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/](http://www.corvettemuseum.org/explore/events/)



## Corvette Racing at QATAR: Another Corvette GT3 Win!

[www.corvetteblogger.com](http://www.corvetteblogger.com)

Managed by Bob Berkowitz ('04 Cpe)

**LUSAIL, Qatar (March 1, 2025)** – TF Sport delivered the first FIA World Endurance Championship victory for the Chevrolet Corvette Z06 GT3.R as Daniel Juncadella, Jonny Edgar and Ben Keating won the *Qatar 1812Km* on Friday to open the season.



Photo by TF Sport

The trio drove the No. 33 Corvette Z06 GT3.R to a remarkable victory as they came from 13th in class at the start to win by less than a half-second. It's the second win in as many 2025 races

for the Corvette GT3 racecar as it also won the GTD class of the *Rolex 24 At Daytona* in the hands of customer team AWA. The victory was the first in the FIA WEC and in a Corvette for both Juncadella and Edgar, and it was the eighth in the championship for Keating – including four in a Corvette. TF Sport won its eighth race in FIA WEC competition and for the first time since the 2022 *Six Hours of Fuji*.

The three drivers and the No. 33 TF Sport team worked their magic in the race's opening half. Keating drove from 13th at the start to sixth in a little more than three hours in his first WEC race since winning the 2023 GTE Am title in a Corvette. Keating completed his required driving time and handed off to Edgar for his first laps in FIA WEC competition. The progression up the order continued through a double-stint as the race went into darkness and the Corvette up into third place.

Juncadella drove a double-stint of his own and moved the Corvette into the class lead for the first

time just past the halfway point. Another stellar run by Edgar kept the No. 33 Z06 GT3.R in the thick of it heading into a climactic final hour.

Juncadella got back in the Corvette with a little under 90 minutes to go and made his last pit stop for fuel and left-side tires to counter a full-service stop with four fresh tires for the second-place No. 59 McLaren. The two cars ran nose-to-tail for the final 30 minutes as Juncadella withstood the immense pressure holding off his pursuer and navigating the faster traffic.



Photo by TF Sport

Things didn't work out as well for the No. 81 entry. Tom Van Rompuy began the race ninth in class and steadily moved toward the front and inside the top-five in his opening stint. Disaster struck with a mechanical issue shortly after Van Rompuy's first pit stop in the form of a broken alternator pulley shaft that forced the retirement of the No. 81 less than an hour into the race.

**TF Sport and the rest of the FIA WEC field moves on to its next race at the Imola Circuit in Italy on Sunday, April 20.**



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## "Muscle vs. High Tech... Apples vs. Oranges"

Reprinted from 'Vetter's Letter  
April, 1985

THE USUAL COMMENT I HEAR FROM "OLD TIMERS"....THE HOT ROD, MUSCLE CAR SET OF THE FIFTIES AND SIXTIES.....AS THEY WALK AROUND THE SHOWROOM IS.... "THAT IROC-Z CAMARO MAY LOOK GOOD, BUT IT DOESN'T COMPARE TO THE GOOD OLD DAYS....THOSE '69 Z CARS WERE REAL CARS....PURE UNADULTERATED POWER!" MOST LIKELY A LOT OF YOU READING THIS ARE THINKING THE SAME THING, THE NEW CARS JUST DON'T COMPARE. WELL,....HAVE I GOT NEWS FOR YOU! COMPARING QUARTER-MILE PERFORMANCES OF THE 1960'S QUICKEST VERSUS THE QUICKEST OF TODAY IS LIKE COMPARING APPLES TO ORANGES. BOTH ARE FRUIT, BUT ARE TOTALLY DIFFERENT. CHEVY'S OF THE '60'S REALLY DIDN'T HAVE THE GOOD TRANSMISSION RATIOS COMPARED TO TODAY FOR "LAUNCH" OFF THE LINE. THEY ALSO DIDN'T HAVE 25% OF THE TRACTION THAT TODAYS TIRES HAVE. TODAY'S TIRES ARE AT LEAST A FULL SECOND QUICKER CAR-FOR-CAR, POSSIBLY MORE.

LET'S DO SOME COMPARISONS OF OLD VERSUS NEW. IF YOU TAKE A NEW CAMARO Z-28 WITH A STOCK 305 - 4 BBL. AND A T-5 FIVE SPEED MANUAL TRANSMISSION, IT SHOULD RUN A STANDING QUARTER-MILE IN ABOUT 16.0 SEC. AT 83 MPH. COMPARE IT WITH AN OLD '55 CHEVY. WHEN NEW, IT WAS A 265 CID V-8 WITH 4 BBL. AND DUAL EXHAUST - PUTTING OUT 180 HORSEPOWER THRU A THREE-SPEED MANUAL TRANSMISSION TO A 3.55 OPEN REAR END (NO POSI TILL '57). THE '55 IN STOCK FORM RAN 16.0 SECONDS AT 85 MPH. SO DID MOST 300 HP./ 327 CID CHEVYS IN THE '60'S. NOT TOO MANY WENT QUICKER THAN 15.50 SECONDS STOCK. TODAYS '85 CORVETTE WITH MANUAL TRANS. IS QUICK! IT WILL RUN A QUARTER-MILE IN 14.30 SEC. AT ALMOST 98 MPH. AN AVERAGE



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'66 BIG BLOCK 'VETTE WITH 7.75 X 15 TIRES DID ABOUT THE SAME TIME, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, AS DID MOST OF THE 327/350 HP. 'VETTES OF THE LATE '60'S.

IN SO FAR AS BRAKING AND HANDLING GO, ANY OF TODAY'S CHEVYS ARE AT LEAST 50% BETTER. SOME ARE AS MUCH AS 1000% BETTER!! "HORSEPOWER" WAS THE KEY BACK IN THE '60'S. TODAY, IT'S "TORQUE". HORSEPOWER IS A MERE BY-PRODUCT OF TORQUE. TORQUE IS THE PULLING POWER FROM OFF-IDLE TO MID-RANGE ENGINE SPEED, SAY 3000-3500 RPM.

DID YOU KNOW THAT A BONE-STOCK 1985 IROC-Z-28 CAMARO CAN RUN QUICKER LAP TIMES AT MOST ROAD COURSES COMPARED TO A '67-'69 CAMARO Z-28, OR TRANS-AM, ALL OUT RACE CAR OF OLD? THE IROC-Z SHOULD ALSO CUT ELAPSED QUARTER-MILE TIMES EQUAL TO OR FASTER THAN A 1965 FUEL-INJECTED (375 HP) CORVETTE! WHY AND HOW? IT'S CALLED THROTTLE RESPONSE, TRANSMISSION GEARING, AND TRACTION. WE'RE TALKING MID 14 SEC ET'S, POSSIBLY EVEN LOWER!! YET THE IROC-Z-28 CAN STOP ON A DIME, OUT HANDLE ANYTHING FROM THE '60'S, AND RUN FENDER-TO-FENDER DOWN THE BACKSTRETCH!! ....BUT, THEN AGAIN,.....IT'S APPLES VS. ORANGES,..... "MUSCLE" VS. "HIGH TECH".

.....BOB WETHERHOLD



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1. Power seats were available in 1989 Corvettes... True
2. A removable hardtop was available in 1966... True
3. Due to new safety regulations, the knock off wheel option was no longer available in 1967... True
4. In 1993, the 32-valve engine was exclusive to the ZR1... True
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