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first be young and stupid.***

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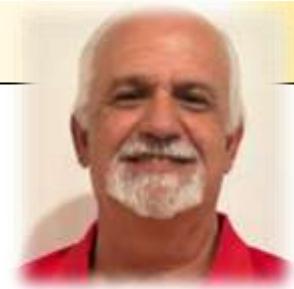
Hello Fellow Club Members,

We have had some great sunny, steamy days to take out our Corvettes. Unfortunately we have had much more rain than we wanted, especially on the days of car shows, cruises, and events. We will hope for better days ahead for the next few months of the car season.

Here we are now in August, the final month before our club leadership positions take on a new look. I will have completed my second year as club president — and of course where has the time gone? What a great time I have had interacting with the existing club members and those new members who joined us this year. This club is the best!

Officers and board members will be voted in at our August 13th meeting, so please plan to attend the meeting in person. Good luck to everyone who has accepted their nomination. They will take on their permanent positions starting with our Sep. 10th meeting.

August 31st is our deadline to renew your annual AACC membership. Renewal forms are available in this newsletter and on our website. In addition, please support our upcoming *Fiberglass & Steel Show* in September. Registration forms are available in this [newsletter](#), our [website](#), and at our club meetings. Sign up to be a trophy or premium parking sponsor.



There will be plenty of club events in August including:

- Our support for *Das Awkscht Fescht* (Aug. 1-3). AACC will be parking show Corvettes on Aug. 3rd;
- Support for Upper Macungie Township's *National Night Out 2025* car show on Aug. 5th;
- On Sunday, Aug. 10th, club member Jim Gress is running the annual *Classics & Cruisers on Hamilton* show. There is no signup sheet for this event, but flyers are available at club meetings. Get more info about the event in this newsletter;
- Jeff Mohring will again lead the annual run to *Kauffman's Chicken Farm* on Aug. 16th;
- And of course, Marty Hegyi's favorite place on earth, *Corvettes at Carlise* from August 21st through the 23rd.

Have Fun and Be Safe!

Jerry Reitano,
President- AACC

Jerry

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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 or any board member.

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

Wed., July 9 | The following is a summary of our July board meeting:

- ◆ There were no new club members voted in at this month's board meeting;
- ◆ The Board received an update on our *Fiberglass & Steel* show from Co-chairs Dave Hornung, John Kostick, and Brenda McGuire. They presented a revised show budget to the board for review. After some discussion, the board unanimously approved the revised show budget;
- ◆ Last fall the board had addressed and approved the cost of new tires and tow chains for our club trailer. It was decided to hold-off on this expense until this spring. Thanks to club member Jim Flader for taking the initiative on this task and getting new tires, tow chains, and a new jack. Our trailer is road ready again!

Marty

Marty Hegyi
Chairman- AACC

Nominees for officers and 2 board positions are presented on pages 6 & 7.

ELECTION NIGHT- AUGUST 13

All positions remain open for nomination on election night, however anyone not previously nominated will be considered a "write-in" candidate on the ballot.



Membership Corner

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

As of the July 23rd club meeting, there are **294 active club members**.

There are currently **5 potential members**:

- *Paula Ewaniuk (spouse of Dave) Quakertown, PA '76 Cpe, '23 Cpe*
- *George Marcin Lehighton, PA '07 Cpe*
- *Patrick Petrillo & Diane Spironello .. Bethlehem, PA '21 Cnv*
- *Rosemary Trezza (spouse of Mike) .. Center Valley, PA '03 Cnv*

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



Amy Cook, our club **Merchandise & Clothing Coordinator**, is available to assist you in navigating our clothing website (www.sanmar.com) and answer any questions you may have.

Upcoming Club Meetings:

Aug. 13 Aug. 27 Sep. 10 Sep. 24 Oct. 8 Oct. 22

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Potential Members</u>	<u>Guests</u>
<i>Attendance</i>			
Feb. 26	87	1	0
Mar. 12	81	3	0
Mar. 26	71	2	0
Apr. 9	81	2	1
Apr. 23	77	2	0
May 14	94	2	0
May 28	74	0	0
Jun. 11	cancelled due to Se-Wy-Co construction		
Jun. 25	78	0	1
Jul. 9	68	0	0
Jul. 23	63	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.

AACC's Charities



Miracle League of
the Lehigh Valley



Breakfast Club Chairs: Barbara Fredericks ('23 Cpe),

Harry Newman ('14 Cnv)

Fri., August 8 | Members are invited to our monthly breakfast, which is happening on **Friday, Aug. 8th**. Held at **9:00am** on the second Friday of each month, this month's breakfast will be at:

Borderline Restaurant, 2100 Union Blvd., Bethlehem, PA

Note: 12 members were in attendance at our July 11th breakfast.

To ensure adequate seating, please contact Barbara Fredericks
mimifred@verizon.net or Harry Newman
hjnewman63@gmail.com.



Trophy Shelf Additions reported by Laura Hegyi

Skyline Drive Corette Club 45th In-Vette-Tational
July 19, 2025

CONGRATULATIONS!

- C4 - Jeff & Lisa Gontarek - 1st place
- C5 - Ed Kordeck - 1st place
- C6 - Jim Peters - 1st place
- C8 - John Kostick - 3rd place
- C8 - Aydan Mummolo - 1st place



“Meanwhile...” by Dave Myers ('96 Cpe)

You know summer goes by so quickly nowadays. Summer in PA is more like a holiday instead of an entire season. To reflect just how brief it seems, I propose we re-name it "Jun-uly-gust" (pronounced Joon-uh-lye-gust). It doesn't feel like it's a fiscal quarter, it feels like a long weekend! But it's 3 months that goes-by every year just a little quicker than the last. I'm guessing it seems that way because every day and every weekend is a celebration and we are all so blessed to have full schedules with family and friends. We just want more time.



I hear there is a motion in DC to eliminate Daylight Savings Time and just go to a year-round time that stays the same. This would help with that hour we lose and then gain back again. I'm okay with that but there are pros and cons to it — farmers/pro, school bus drivers/con. If this change happens, what would you like to see? Winter hours where it's dark earlier or summer hours that provide a longer day? This fall, we'll see where it lands.



Nominations Remain Open

It's that time of year again, when your friends solicit you to nominate them for an open club officer or board position. Following are the eligibility requirements (and more) for each position:

- All officers shall be an active member in good standing (Bylaws- Article III, Section B);
- a member of the club for at least twelve (12) months;
- over twenty-one (21) years of age;
- legally competent to act as an officer of the club;
- no member may hold two (2) elected or appointed positions.



All officer terms are one (1) year. The President and Vice President may only succeed themselves once. There are no term limits for Secretary or Treasurer. All officers shall be directly responsible to the Board of Directors for their actions.

President: The membership shall elect a President of the Club. It shall be the duty of the President to chair the general meetings, appoint his/her representatives, and generally carry out those club duties normally assigned to the President of an organization. He/she shall appoint a committee to audit the books of the Treasurer at the last regular meeting in December. At the conclusion of his/her elected term as President, he/she shall serve as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors and will be entitled to vote at Board meetings.

Outgoing Incumbent = Jerry Reitano

Nominees: Brenda McGuire, Frank Shovelin

Vice-President: The membership shall elect a Vice President of the club. It shall be the Vice President's duty to assist the President in the presidential duties, serve as Parliamentarian at all meetings of the general membership, interpret the By-Laws, though not arbitrarily enforce them, and generally carry out those duties normally assigned to the Vice President of an organization. The Vice President shall also be responsible for the club's attendance records.

Outgoing Incumbent = Dave Ricciardi

Nominee: Lisa Magill

Secretary: The membership shall elect a Secretary of the club. It shall be the Secretary's duty to record the proceedings of all regularly scheduled general membership meetings, special meetings and Board meetings. In addition, the Secretary shall be responsible for correspondence between outsiders and the club when official business is being conducted. He/she shall also carry out those additional duties normally assigned to the Secretary of an organization.

Outgoing Incumbent= Dee Cuva

Nominee: Collette Gerstenberg



Nominations Remain Open

(Continued from page 6)

Treasurer: The membership shall elect a Treasurer of the club. It shall be the Treasurer's duty to have custody of all monies, debts, obligations and assets belonging to the club. He/she shall receive all monies of the club and shall deposit them to the club account in a bank insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. He/she shall have direct control over the supervision of all club assets and of all payments of club debts and obligations, subject to Board approval.

He/she shall also maintain a proper set of accounting books to guarantee compliance with local, state, and federal laws. All checks shall be signed by the Treasurer and/or countersigned by either the President or the Vice President. A report shall also be made to the general membership at all regularly scheduled meetings, and to the Board. A report shall be printed and made available to the general membership at the first business meeting immediately following an audit.

Incumbent = Bernie Toth

Nominee: Bernie Toth

Board of Directors Member:

The Board of Directors is and shall function as a corporate Board of Directors, with the same authority and responsibilities. It shall be the purpose of the Board to determine policy, regulate the official activities of the club, and authorize all expenditures in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). The membership at large shall elect four (4) active members to serve as a member of the Board of Directors; they shall serve two (2) years, with two (2) members being elected every year. Members of the Board of Directors may only succeed themselves once.

Outgoing Board members = Denise Iervolino and Lou Toth

Nominees: Joel Dean, Denise Iervolino



Get involved and make a difference in YOUR Allentown Area Corvette Club for the 2025-2026 year. Nominations started at the June 25th club meeting, continued during both July meetings, and conclude with voting by the club members at the August 13th meeting. Incoming officers and board members will assume their positions at the beginning of the club year, September 1st.



2025-2026 Membership Renewal Form

Lifetime Members: **MUST** complete/return this form in order to show sustained interest and for your membership to continue.



Name: _____

Spouse/SO & Dependents under age 18 (if any): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Tel#: _____ Cell Tel #: _____ Spouse /SO Cell Tel #: _____

e-Mail: _____ Spouse/SO e-Mail: _____

Corvette Year(s)/Style(s) Currently Owned: _____

Are you a Member of National Corvette Museum? NO YES, IF YES Lifetime Annual

All dues levels are due by 8/31/2025. Anyone renewing after 09/30/2025 will be required to reapply as a new member and pay another initiation fee.

Make checks payable to "AACC".
Renewal form must accompany payment. Present to Membership Chair, Laura Hegyi, or mail to Laura Hegyi, PO Box 16, Hellertown, PA 18055

Status	Fee	Qty.	Total
Primary Member	\$35	_____	\$ 0.00
Spouse / Significant Other	\$25	_____	\$ 0.00
Dependent	\$5	_____	\$ 0.00
LIFETIME	\$0	_____	\$ 0.00

ENCLOSED: \$ 0.00

Click the following link for the "fill-able" renewal form:

[Membership Renewal- Fillable Form](#)

Annual membership dues for the club calendar year 2025-2026 are payable by **August 31, 2025**.

If your information has not changed, please fill in your name(s) only and then write in bold letters **NO CHANGE** across the form section.

Lifetime Members ONLY may submit their form via e-mail to Laura Hegyi.

If you wish to renew, make all checks payable to "AACC" and mail your payment and form to:

Laura Hegyi
P.O. Box 16
Hellertown, PA 18055

or hand deliver your payment and form to Laura at the next club meeting or event.

Please note: the Board has decided to NOT print/hand out AACC membership cards since there is no longer a need for them.

A 30-day late payment grace period will be allowed on all renewals until September 30th. Any member renewing after September 30th will be required to reapply as a new member and pay another application fee.



Celebrating New Members

This month we're celebrating

Ethan Knode of Hellertown, PA

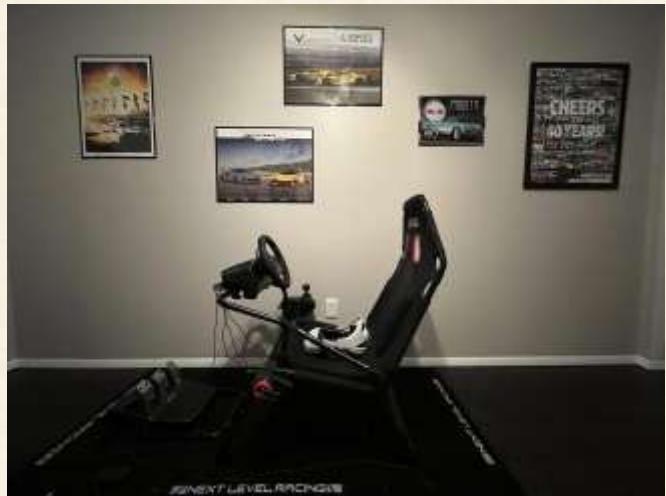
Unlike many car enthusiasts, it wasn't seeing a sports car on the road or at a show that pulled me in. My interest in cars sparked around 15 years old, when *YouTube* randomly recommended drag racing videos to me. I was almost immediately hooked on watching cars going incredibly fast, and took an interest in the engineering behind pushing the absolute maximum performance out of an engine and drivetrain.

As I continued to watch racing content, I saw many Corvette racecar builds. The Corvette quickly caught my attention for its looks, sounds, and of course its power. While I primarily saw C4, C5, and C6 Corvettes in this setting, I gained an appreciation for all generations of the car. It wasn't long before the Corvette stood-out as my favorite car on the road.

In 2019, I watched the livestream revealing the 2020 C8 Corvette. This was the moment that I said "I want one of those!" That desire to own a Corvette has never gone away. Throughout college, I loved to look to see what used Corvettes were available for sale, even if it was mostly jokingly. There was the small problem that I went to school in Rochester, NY where it snowed about half the time I was there. If it hadn't been for my mom being the voice of reason, I probably would have put on a good show getting stuck in the school parking lot.

I graduated from *Rochester Institute of Technology* with a BS in Computer Science in December 2022 and took a job as a software engineer at *Lutron Electronics*. Two and a half years later, I still love the job, so it's safe to say that I won't be going anywhere anytime soon. Now that I've graduated from college and have my all-year daily driver (2023 Honda Civic), I know I won't be able to resist the perfect Corvette offer when I find it. I am

confident that the next car I purchase is going to be a Corvette. I'm pretty sure that my first will be a C5 or C6, but there is simply no generation of the Chevy Corvette that I would be unhappy owning.



In the meantime, I recently splurged on a racing simulator setup at home. Even though I don't own a Corvette yet, I get to drive a virtual one around a racetrack as much as I want. And while the experience isn't the same as driving for real, it does have the advantage that there are no consequences when I brake too late and go off the track. Please note that I'm getting much better at not doing that by the way... practice makes perfect.

I am so glad to have discovered the AACC. I appreciate how welcoming the group has been and have already met so many great people. I also have to shout-out Marty Hegyi's auction at the end of May where I got a bunch of Corvette posters to decorate my wall. It is awesome being able to hang-out with people who share an interest in the Corvette. I am so excited for when I have my own and start joining on cruises and similar events!

Ethan



Local Car Cruises in August '25

Below are cruises conducted on a recurring basis. See [Laura Hegyi's April 2nd email](#) for a detailed list of ALL shows & cruises.

DATE	SPONSOR	TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS	CITY
Aug-1	East Penn Modifiers	5:00 PM	Dairy Queen	261 Harleysville Pk.	Harleysville
Aug-2	Red Horse Motoring	5:00 PM	Pottstown Nights	Downtown	Pottstown
Aug-2	Sam's Club	4:00 PM	Northampton Crossings	3796 Nazareth Hwy.	Easton
Aug-3	Blue Mtn Classics	4:00 PM	Blue Mtn Drive-In	1439 Blue Mtn Dr.	Danielsville
Aug-9	Mopar Madness	4:00 PM	Emmaus Borough. Park	1375 Shimerville Rd	Emmaus
Aug-9	LV AACA	4:00 PM	Dairy Queen	701 S. 25th St.	Easton
Aug-10	Good Time Motorvators	3:00 PM	Dairy Queen	206 S. West End Blvd.	Quakertown
Aug-10	Ritz Barbeque	4:00 PM	Allentown Fairground	302 N. 17th St	Allentown
Aug-16	Wheels of Time	2:00 PM	Macungie Mem. Park	50 N. Poplar St	Macungie
Aug-17	Blue Mtn Classics	4:00 PM	Blue Mtn Drive-In	1439 Blue Mtn Dr.	Danielsville
Aug-24	LV Cars & Coffee	9:00 AM	Steel Stacks	101 Founders Way	Bethlehem
Aug-29	Airport Diner	5:00 PM	Airport Diner	15110 Kutztown Rd	Kutztown
Aug-30	LV AACA	4:00 PM	Palmer Park Mall	123 Palmer Park Mall	Easton
Aug-30	Mopar Madness	4:00 PM	Emmaus Borough. Park	1375 Shimerville Rd	Emmaus

“Who Knew” - First Transatlantic Balloon Flight

[Source: Smithsonian.com](#)

August 17, 1978 - The first transatlantic balloon trip was completed by three Americans, Max Anderson, Ben Abruzzo, and Larry Newman, all from Albuquerque, New Mexico. Starting from Maine on August 11th, they traveled in *Double Eagle II* over 3,000 miles in 137 hours. The flight came to a safe and successful end in a wheat field near Miserey, France, about sixty miles northwest of Paris, on August 17, 1978.

The event closed a chapter in the history of flight that had begun when the first human beings ventured aloft in 1783. The success of the *Double Eagle II*, after so many others had failed, was not simply a matter of luck. It can be attributed to a combination of 20th-century technology, better understanding of weather patterns, and the skill and experience of a crew who achieved one of the oldest goals in flying.





Mark Your Calendar



August 2025

FRI-SUN 1—3	7:30am Macungie Memorial Park , 50 North Poplar St., Macungie, PA	Das Awkscht Fescht	<i>Marty Hegyi, (610) 730-2846</i>
TUE 5	4:30pm—8:00pm Upper Macungie Grange Park , 360 Grange Road, Allentown, PA	National Night Out	<i>Laura Hegyi, (610) 730-2695</i>
SUN 10	8:00am—4:30pm Downtown Allentown , 7th & Hamilton St., Allentown, PA	Classics & Cruisers on Hamilton	<i>Jim Gress, (610) 442-1637</i>
SAT 16	10:30am Kauffman's Bar-B-QUE Restaurant , 254 Gravel Pit Rd., Bethel, PA	Chicken Run	<i>Jeff Mohring, (610) 392-6898</i>
THR—SAT 21—23	Corvettes at Carlisle Carlisle Fairgrounds , 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd., Carlisle, PA		<i>Laura Hegyi, (610) 730-2695</i>

September 2025

WED 3	7:00pm Putt-U , 5201 Rte. 309, Center Valley, PA	Miniature Golf	<i>Jim Fagan, (484) 714-9952</i>
SUN 7	8:30am—3:00pm Macungie Memorial Park , 50 North Poplar St., Macungie, PA	Fiberglass & Steel Car Show	<i>John Kostick, (610) 703-1753</i> (click here for form and more details)
THR—SUN 18—21	Mystic Seaport Trip Mystic Seaport and Newport, Rhode Island		<i>David Hausman, (610) 217-7208</i>
SAT 27	8:00am Faulkner Chevrolet , 298 Stoke Park Rd., Bethlehem, PA	Faulkner Car Show	<i>Marty Hegyi, (610) 730-2846</i> (re-scheduled from June 14)

October 2025

THR—SAT 2—4	Corvette Racing Weekend ACAA Museum , 161 Museum Dr., Hershey, PA		<i>Laura Hegyi, (610) 730-2695</i>
SUN 26	Mascaro Car Museum & Ridgewood Winery 325 East Main St., Birdsboro, PA		<i>Harry Newman, (610) 428-1727</i>

November 2025

SAT 1	Halloween Party Grist Mill , Walnut St., Hellertown, PA		<i>Lisa Gontarek, (610) 733-0800</i>
FRI—SAT 7—8	Free State Corvette Weekend Ocean City, MD		<i>Laura Hegyi, (610) 730-2695</i>

December 2025

SAT 6	Holiday Party Madeline's Restaurant , 7801 Glenlivet West Dr., # 1, Fogelsville, PA		<i>Laura Hegyi, (610) 730-2695</i>
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AACC Golf Outing

Chair Bob Beckowski ('05 Cpe)

"Remember these are not Corvettes... their top speed is 12 mph."



Mon., Jun. 30 - ...and with that warning 24 eager golfers were off in the 3rd edition of the club's annual golf outing conducted at *The Club at Twin Lakes* in Allentown, PA. AACC members along with a few family and friends survived a hot and humid, but thankfully rain-free day on the golf course before recovering with food and refreshments in the cool and comfortable *Wild Turkey Grill*.

Photos- Scott Jones & John Popowycz

Thanks to the generosity of the club's golf pro, gift certificates were awarded to two skilled (lucky) golfers, Scott Jones and Bob Snyder, for being closest to the pin on two par-3 holes.

Excellent door prizes, donated by Ken Margraff, Frank Shovelin, Ron Laudenslager, and Scott Jones, were distributed to every participant... so no one went away empty-handed. The most frequent comment of the day -- "**We had a great time... where are we playing next year?"**



Scott Jones' "almost" hole-in-one



(L to R) Bob Beckowski, Cindy Beck, Sue Edwards, Denise Iervolino

Vette Detailing Seminar

Co-chairs: Lisa & Greg Magill ('14 Cpe, '23 Z06 Cpe)

Sat., Jul. 12 - 15 members from the AACC attended a car washing and detailing seminar at *Immaculate Paint Protection* presented by owner Bill Fetter. We started the day outside learning the proper way to wash a vehicle. Did you know he recommends starting with the wheels and tires! This method requires a dedicated wash bucket used exclusively for the wheels and tires, which prevents splashes from reaching the paint after the body

has been cleaned, as the wheels are tackled first. We used two different Subarus for the washing demo since all the Vettes in attendance were already looking pretty spiffy.

Photos- Greg Magill



We learned about many different products available to help cars look their best. Here you can see the iron practically melting off the wheel after a spray down with *Gyeon Iron Remover*. After the cars were cleaned and dried, we moved inside to learn about proper paint correction techniques. Members were given the opportunity to try using the buffer to clean up some imperfections in the paint on the Subaru caused by bird droppings and tree sap. There was a noticeable difference after the treatment, and seeing the damage was a great reminder to get dirt, sap, bird droppings, and bugs off the paint as soon as possible, even if it's your daily driver.



We wrapped-up the event with a Q&A time where Bill answered any and all questions. Topics ranged from paint protection film and ceramic coating to tools and chemicals used to wash vehicles and keep them looking their best. *Immaculate Paint Protection's* website can be found at www.immaculatelpaintprotection.com and for specific car wash tips and techniques click on www.immaculatelpaintprotection.com/car-wash.



EAA Breakfast & Car Show

Chair Jeff Mohring ('04 Cpe, '16 Z06 Cpe)



Sun., Jul. 13 - We met at 7:30am in the *Park & Ride* on William Penn Ave. for our annual trek up Rt. 33 to Pegasus Airpark, just north of Saylorburg, PA. Driving 13 corvettes and 2 daily drivers, our group of 28 members and 2 grandchildren traveled north to enjoy a sumptuous Sunday breakfast. This is the 5th year we have done this event and it gets better every year.

Chapter EAA839 (*Experimental Aircraft Association 839*), which is based at Pegasus Airpark, has a monthly breakfast featuring pancakes (plain, blueberry, and chocolate chip), sausages, danish, coffee, and orange juice. The breakfasts are served each month May—September, along with featuring a different car. The AACCC has usually participated during the month of July.



(L to R) Jeff & Janet Mohring, Laura Jane & Dave Myers, Bob Beckowski

The Chapter offers free airplane rides to children under the age of 18. This year they also offered free helicopter rides, a first for this event. Fortunately, the forecasted bad weather held off and the airplanes, helicopter, and paragliders were able to keep us entertained during the morning.



This club event is a great way to enjoy breakfast outside under a big tent, while visiting with fellow club members, driving our Corvettes in the countryside, and being entertained with our own air show.

You may want to keep this event on your back burner for next year.



(L to R) Phil Weber, Paulette Godfroy & Ron Laudenslager, Paul Wolf, Jerry Reitano

Photos—Deb & Bob Beckowski



AACC Summer Picnic

Co-chairs Ron Laudenslager & Paulette Godfrey
('81 Cpe, '21 Cnv, '16 Cnv)

WHO: 126 AACC Members

WHEN: Sun., Jul. 20, noon – 4:00pm

WHERE: Macungie Memorial Park

WHAT: broasted chicken, pulled pork, sausage sandwiches, hot baked beans, macaroni salad, potato salad, ring bologna, cubed cheese, pickles & olives, chips & pretzels, desserts, water, soda & beer



"Field of Dreams"



A Jane Hornung Masterpiece



Photos—Bob Beckowski



Joel Dean & Bobbie Paul

Ice Cream Fun Run

Co-chairs: Cynthia & Bill Frank ('04 Cpe, '19 GS Cpe)

Sat., Jul. 26 - Our annual ice cream run to *Heisler's Cloverleaf Dairy* in Tamaqua, PA is always a club favorite. We met at the Health Center of Fogelsville with the driver's meeting at 1:00pm. There were 3 caravans totaling 23 Corvettes and 2 daily drivers. Another 6 Corvettes met us at *Heisler's*. A total of 58 members and 6 non-members had ice cream, food, and a good time. The weather was warm and sunny until being treated to a light sprinkle upon leaving. Thank you to everyone that helped navigate the caravans to *Heisler's*.



(L to R) Rick & Carol Bachl, "dog" Newman, Jerry Reitano, Athena Newman



Amy Cook is happy about her choice...



... and Harry Newman is ready to enjoy!

Photos—Bob Beckowski



Ambassador's Corner

by Joe Greene ('14 Cpe)



Last month we talked about the National Corvette Museum's value and also the point system. This month Part 1 (of 2) on the opening of the NCM in 1994 is being excerpted from Chapter 51 of the book "All Corvettes Are Red" by James Scheftner (1996).

It was supposed to be a joyride, just a few thousand miles across the country with a few thousand other Corvettes.

It was supposed to be an adventure, a high-speed rock n'roll danced to the music of the Cult of Corvette.

It was supposed to be a gathering of the clan, Corvette Builders, Corvette owners, and Corvette wanna-bes converging on Bowling Green, Kentucky, for the opening of the privately funded National Corvette Museum.

It was all that and much more.



The museum had been in the works for more than five years. The \$15 million it took to design and build it came from donations and a local bond issue that would be repaid from museum revenues. It was built in a large field across the road from the Corvette plant and when it was completed, its eye-catching roofline and spire won architectural acclaim. Chevrolet and General Motors provided exhibits, advice, and moral support.

Corvettes began making their way to their Kentucky home for a Labor Day weekend grand opening and celebration. The Beach Boys would be there for open-air concerts. The television networks covered it on their morning shows and on the evening news. The

Corvette legends would be there too. Zora Arkus-Duntov and Dave McLellan, the first two chief engineers, would be there to walk through the exhibits and to talk with the people who loved their cars. Dave Hill [C5 chief engineer], not yet a legend, would be there with them. Russ McLean [C5 administrator] was there, too. He stood back and enjoyed it all.

On the morning that the ribbon would be cut, nine Corvette caravans from distant starting places in the United States would roll onto the museum site and fill it with cars of every Corvette generation. There were eighty Corvettes in the original Los Angeles pack, some of them more than thirty years old, driven by their owners.

Los Angeles was caravan number nine. Others started from Seattle, San Francisco, Minneapolis, San Antonio, Detroit, and points on the East Coast. But the L.A. crowd had the plum – driving east on Route 66. It took only ninety minutes before a Chevy public relations guy shoved drivers in front of a TV camera at the first stop in Barstow, California.

In 100-degree heat, as a two-mile long chain of Corvettes rolled by, they talked about a car that inspires thousands of people to join Corvette clubs, that has at least half a dozen magazines dedicated to it, that draws people every weekend of the year to a Corvette rally somewhere, and that had all of them heading for a party two thousand miles away.

They repeated the interviews in Kingman, Arizona, where the chief of police escorted them through town in a perfectly restored 1953 Chevy cop car, and in Albuquerque, where the guy from the ABC affiliate couldn't believe what he was seeing as the caravan,

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Ambassador's Corner by Joe Greene ('14 Cpe)

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grown to more than 120 cars, poured into the parking lot of the *Route 66 Diner*.

Along the way, they saw America. Old Route 66, replaced by interstate 40, was forlorn. Corvettes in a long line raced past boarded-up motels and closed gas stations straight out of the fifties. Somebody's hopes had lived there, and died there.

Now and then, a row of road-dusted cabins still courted travelers with an "Open" sign, and people ran outdoors to wave at the caravan commemorating America's legendary sports car.

In the overnight towns of Flagstaff, Tucumcari, and Fort Smith, Chevy dealers set up their showrooms with tables full of soft drinks and food. While some drivers had their cars tended in the service bays, which stayed open all hours of the night for the once-in-a-lifetime visitors, the rest talked with crowds of locals who flooded in to see Corvette history stopping momentarily in their towns.

Car owners put wide-eyed kids into driver's seats and left them chattering about the day they'd own a Corvette.

They shook hands and shared Cokes with working parents who knew they'd never have one themselves, but came anyway because Corvette isn't a car, it's a dream.

They talked to old guys who remembered when the first Corvette came out in 1953 and whispered about wishing they'd just bought one and tucked it away.

They got their lines down with each succeeding interview. "It's just a car," the Channel 7 guy said in Albuquerque. "Why are all these people here?"

"It's not a car," they said. "It's a Superman suit. You don't drive it, you wear it. And when you're wearing a Corvette, you feel invincible."

Thursday was a blur of preliminaries for a few drivers running ahead of the pack. More than a thousand guests showed up for the museum preview and party, complete with a private George Jones concert. *Good Morning America* was filming. So were CNN and all the other networks. One documentary team had even brought its own satellite uplink.

(to be continued)

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Corvette Racing Stands Tall On Podium At São Paulo 2025

Managed by Bob Berkowitz ('04 Cpe)



June 15, 2025 Success came in pairs for Corvette Racing this weekend. Pratt Miller Motorsports notched a second-place class finish at *Canadian Tire Motorsport Park* in IMSA action, while TF Sport's No. 81 Corvette Z06 GT3.R mirrored that performance with an LMGT3 runner-up spot in *São Paulo* on July 13th, 2025.

Charlie Eastwood, Rui Andrade, and Tom Van Rompu shared the seat of that blisteringly fast Corvette Racing machine. The second-place finish was the best so far for the trio in the FIA World Endurance Championship (WEC) this year. It also marked the team's second consecutive podium result, hot on the heels of their third-place showing at the *24 Hours of Le Mans*. They also leapfrogged from sixth place to fifth in the LMGT3 Drivers and Teams standings after five races with three left to decide champions in both.

"Another great result today with P2," Eastwood said. "As we've seen many times this year, TF Sport executed a really solid race – great strategy, no mis-

takes, no penalties, which I feel today there were more penalties than most WEC races, and we just were able to capitalize on that to get a great P2. I definitely feel like some momentum is behind me now. I had a tough sort of 18-month start to this journey but with now three podiums in a row with TF between Le Mans, Imola in ELMS and here, I've no doubt that we can continue to get podiums at every event to close out the year."

Its sister entry, the No. 33 Corvette Racing team, didn't have nearly as good of a race as the No. 81 Vette. Early race contact resulted in penalties, dropping Daniel Juncadella, Jonny Edgar, and Ben Keating in the standings. The engineering team had to adjust and implemented an alternate driver rotation. The trio rallied back to a seventh-place finish once the six-hour sprint wrapped up. "It was a disappointing day,"



Juncadella said. "Three penalties that lost us around 55 seconds. So yeah, it's a big deal. But I did enjoy the alternate strategy... we live and learn and hopefully get better for the next one."

By Alexandra Purcell



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