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April 2025

Next Meeting: April 10, 2025

Meeting

7 pm

Monaca Turners

The President's Message



Greetings!

Well, Spring has arrived with flowers popping up in the yards, Corvettes are coming out from their winter hibernations, and I think everyone is ready for the season to start.

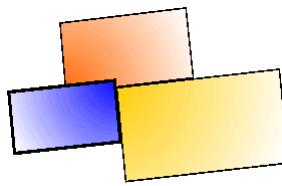
Congratulations are in order for Trish Zinkhann for the huge trophy she won with her horse for winning her Senior class. The trophy is not like the Stanley Cup which you could share a number of drinks out of.

Jim Kinest has been hard at work planning a number of great events coming up soon. At the last meeting he made a few suggestions of things we can do but we need someone to take the lead so let's hear from you.

I would like to thank all the officers and members that make the Club what it is today. Thanks everyone!

See you at the meeting!
Paul

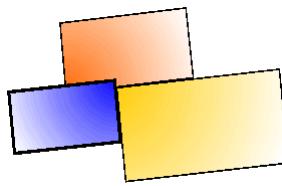




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Celebrations

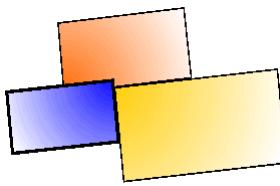


April		May	
Jean Safreed	Apr 1	Joe Span	May 1
Chris Ring	Apr 2	Kirk Anderson	May 5
Tim Brown	Apr 7	Mindy Massie	May 5
Joe Romano	Apr 7	Don Tarquinio	May 6
Gayle Knight	Apr 13	Marie Tuma	May 6
Mike Steele	Apr 15	Sandy Redden	May 7
Beth Michel	Apr 19	Jack Mendenhall	May 12
		Kathy Quigley	May 23
		Kirsti Walent	May 26
		Randy Tuma	May 31



April		May	
Jamie & Bill Laughlin	Apr 6	Karen & Richard Grimes	May 11
Pat & Paul John	Apr 21	Barbara & Carl Stiefel	May 14
		Mary Jo & Marty Gimbus	May 25

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Activities

(items in red are club activities, underlined links are "clickable")

April:

April 10

Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7:00pm

April 16

Men's Breakfast – Freedom Square Diner, Monaca, 9 am

April 16

Ladies' Lunch - Lance's Port and Pub, 3407 Constitution Blvd, Darlington, PA, 12 noon.

April 22

Happy Hour at The Standard (1462 Riverside Drive, Bridgewater, PA 15009 878-313-3653) Happy Hour is 4 - 6 pm. If it's nice we will target a large table on the deck by the river. Lynn Syrek is the contact person.

April 24

Bowling at Sheffield Lanes, 11AM, 818 Raccoon St, Aliquippa, PA 15001. \$20 for 3 games, shoes, and lunch. Want only lunch – just \$10

May:

May 3-4

SCCA Majors at the [Pittsburgh International Race Complex](#)

May 4

Corvette Show at the Sharon Quaker Steak & Lube, \$10 per car

May 8

One Lap of America - Pitt Race

May 13

Club Meeting – ShuBrew, 205 S Main St, Zelienople, PA, back room opens at 6 pm, meeting at 7:00pm. We have the room until 9 pm.

May 19 – May 22

Trip to Lancaster

May 26

Hookstown Grange Memorial Day Cruise

May 30 - June 1

Formula Race Promotions Pitt Race

June:

June 7

New Castle School of Trades Cruise

June 8

“Anything on Wheels” Event at Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, Washington, PA

June 14

Beaver Falls Car Cruise

June 22

JR Redden Memorial Car Cruise, [Rex Fox Winery](#), Hickory, PA. Details to follow.

June 28

COPa Picnic, [Adams Township Community Park](#), Rotary Pavilion, 12 pm to 4 pm.

Name the Baby Contest.

June 30

Happy Birthday Corvette

July:

July 6

PVGP Kick Off Rallye - Dual Devils, Houston PA.

July 10

Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7:00pm

July 12-13

PVGP Historic Races Pitt Race

July 15

PVGP Waterfront Car Cruise

July 16

PVGP Downtown Show

July 19 - 20

PVGP Schenley Park

August:

Aug 2

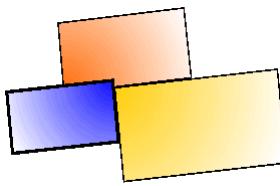
Beaver Car Cruise

Aug 14

Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7:00pm

Aug 21 - 23

Corvettes at Carlisle



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Activities continued...

September:

Sept 11 Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7:00pm
Sept 26 *Happy Birthday COPA*
Sept 27 [Titusville Railroad/Murder Mystery Show](#)

October:

Oct 5 [Franklin Applefest](#)
Oct 9 Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7:00pm

November:

Nov 13 Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7:00pm

December:

Dec 6 [Holiday Celebration, Hilton Garden Inn, Monaca](#)

Name the Baby Contest at the June Picnic

To participate: Bring your baby pictures with your name in a sealed envelope, to Kirsti Walent at the April meeting or Lynn Syrek at the May meeting. Don't forget to include your name in the envelope.

Recurring Activities

Men's Breakfast – Freedom Square Diner, Monaca – 9:00AM

Confirm your attendance to Carl Stiefel (724-375-1873 or stief121@comcast.net)

Ladies Breakfast – TBD Monthly

Confirm your attendance to Terry Mauck (724-650-0845 or tamauck@msn.com)

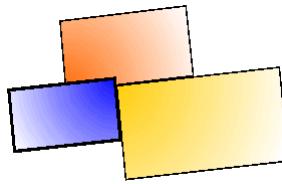
Monthly Meetings - TBD



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Welcome

New Members!

New Members

March was a good month for us for adding new members, and just in time for the 2025 Corvette Season. This month we welcome:

[Denny & Kathy Quigley](#), along with their red 2007 coupe.

[Ken & Debra Ruckert](#), proud owners of a 2015 Velocity Yellow Z51 LT2

And we welcome back [Brian Finnegan](#) with his unique Carlisle Blue 2012 coupe.

We would like to thank Denny and Brian for their service in the US Air Force.

Every member is asked to reach out to area Corvette owners and encourage their membership into Corvettes of Pa. They are welcome as a guest to a monthly meeting so they can see the activities we have scheduled. Please help in keeping COPa a thriving and constantly growing social organization.

Currently we have 60 memberships with 110 members.

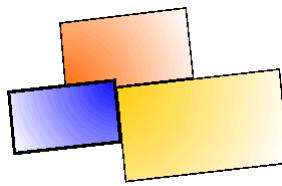
We have a good number of people who are attending our monthly meetings. The count has been 27 for the last 3 meetings.

Share the COPa Membership Application with other Corvette owners.

<https://corvettesofpa.com/join/>



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On the Horizon - Upcoming Events

By Jim Kinest, Activities Coordinator



Good Reference for Pennsylvania Day Trips. Eddie Coberly sent me this web page that has a lot of good ideas that you could easily use to plan a Corvettes of Pa day trip. PA Bucket List by Rusty Glessner, <https://pabucketlist.com/>, is easy to navigate through and has a group of 23 interesting topics. Topics like PA Abandoned Places, Museums, Road Trips, Covered Bridges, Roadside Attractions, Waterfalls, and Scenic Overlooks are just a few. Searching for a particular place (like Butler County), yields several good results. His blog postings also will discuss the places he visited and includes many photos as he is a professional photographer. He did his homework for us! I for one will certainly keep this website bookmarked for future planning of COPa and personal trips. Thanks Eddie!

Lancaster PA Overnight Trip Update – May 19 – 22. As expected, tickets for Noah at the Sight & Sound Theater for Wed May 21 are sold out. If you didn't get yours, there is plenty to see in the immediate area of Strasburg, and you could easily meet up with us for dinner afterwards. I still have 2 rooms remaining at the Sleep Inn & Suites (2869 Lincoln Highway, Ronks, PA 17572, 717-5226). I will be dropping any unused rooms on Monday April 14 so you will have to make your decision to join us by then. Details regarding the trip can be found in the March newsletter or contact me with your questions.

Weekend Trip to Titusville PA - Joe Romano is planning a weekend getaway on Sept 27-28 to the [Titusville Railroad/Murder Mystery Show](#). The Titusville Rail trip show theme is Momma Mia Mayhem, and the cost for dinner show and train is \$80 per person. The schedule for this Saturday event is:

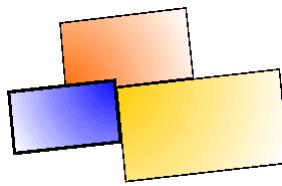
3:30 PM check-in. 4:45 PM meal 6:00 - 8:45 PM Train ride Over by 9:30 PM

An overnight stay at one of the caboose hotel rooms on location are available for about \$100 for one night. Ticket purchases for the dinner and caboose hotel can be made at 814-676-1733. Be sure to mention you are with Corvettes of Pa when purchasing tickets since they will assign seats at dinner and train together for all those that identify themselves as with COPa.

The dinner train and caboose rooms are expected to sell out so don't delay with your reservations. A Quality Inn & Suites (511 W Central Ave, Titusville, PA 16354 (814-827-0041) is located close to the Titusville Railroad as an alternate location.

Joe is also making plans for Sunday for us to enjoy an additional day in the area, and ideas are attend a theater show in Franklin, take a walk on the Appalachian Trail along the river, stop for dinner at the Log Cabin Inn or Springfield Grille. More to come. Thanks Joe!

Wed April 16 - Men's Breakfast – Freedom Square Diner by Cinemark Theater – Carl Stiefel contact – 9AM.



On the Horizon - Upcoming Events, *continued...*

Wed April 16 – Ladies’ Lunch, 12 noon, at Lance’s Port and Pub (3407 Constitution Blvd., Darlington PA 16115. (724) 827-2655. Contact Terry Mauck by text at 724-650-0845 if you can come.

Tues April 22 (Rain date Tues April 29) - Happy Hour at The Standard (1462 Riverside Drive, Bridgewater, PA 15009 878-313-3653) Happy Hour is 4 - 6 pm. If it’s nice we will target a large table on the deck by the river. Lynn Syrek is the contact person.

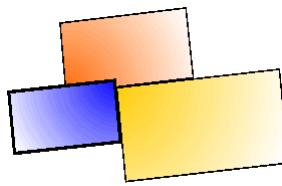
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Sat-Sun, May 3-4 - SCCA Majors at the Pittsburgh International Race Complex.

Sun May 4 - Quaker Steak and Lube – Sharon, Pa. Corvette Show. \$10/car. We need a club member to lead this event.

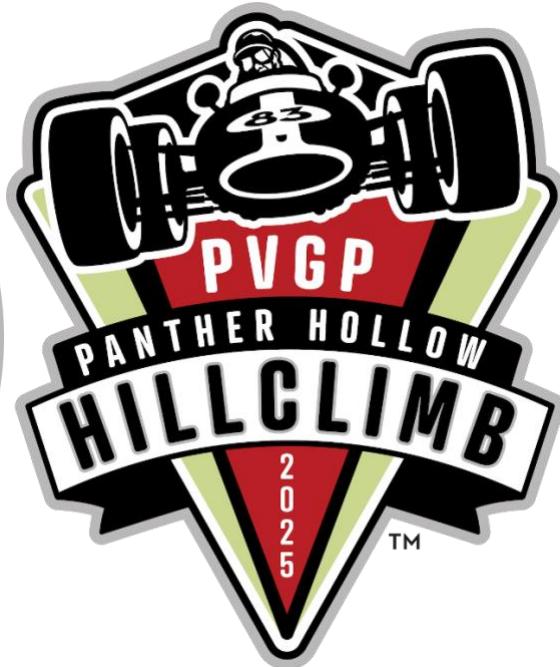
Thurs May 8 - One Lap of America at Pittsburgh International Race Complex, 8:30 – 3:30

Tues May 13 – Monthly meeting, 7PM at ShuBrew in Zelienople (205 S Main St, Zelienople, PA 16063 724-766-4426). **Note the meeting location and date change.** Come early for dinner. Happy Hour specials are only until 6 so you might want to get your order in early to get in on the specials. Also, the rooftop bar should be open. So, check it out, especially if it is a nice day.



Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix 2025

By Jim Kinest



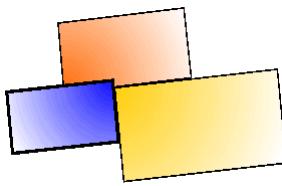
The unexpected closure of the Panther Hollow Bridge in October, which is on the racing circuit in Schenley Park, resulted in a disruption in the plans for the 43rd PVGP. With the status of the bridge being unknown, many people in the PVGP worked very hard to come with alternate plans so an event in Schenley can be held for the benefit of the charities.

The result, two new events were created, the Schenley Oval, and the Panther Hollow Hillclimb. The Schenley Oval is a new 2.1-mile circuit packed with technical turns and racing challenges on a smoother racing surface. The paddock for the race cars remains the same.

The Hillclimb is 1 mile long, starting at Phipps Conservatory and ending at the Neill Log House (just prior to the serpentine). These cars will be paddocked at Phipps and sent up individually on the timed course. This arrangement will allow for a wide variety of cars not normally raced in Schenley. Ground-pounding muscle cars, Historic Stock Cars, and specially built Hillclimb cars are expected. Brian Dolan will bring his 1967 GT40 MK IV and Scott Dolfi from Pitt Race will race his x-NASCAR 2016 Chevy Silverado.

The Schenley Car Shows (July 19-20) are not affected by these changes. Lotus is the Marque of the Year, and the Mazda Miata is the Spotlight car so expect a large Miata racing field. Also, the first-ever Panoz Reunion and Panoz Reunion Vintage Race will be held July 11-13 at the Pittsburgh International Race Complex. Dan Panoz will serve as Grand Marshal of the 2025 PVGP Historics.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Additional details regarding Schenley can be read at: [PVGP](#).



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2025 PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX
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SCHENLEY PARK VINTAGE RACE WEEKEND
JULY 19-20, 2025

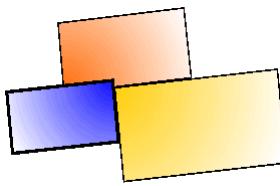
PANTHER HOLLOW HILLCLIMB

Kicking off near Phipps Conservatory, this intense 1-mile hillclimb charges up the historic, stone-walled Circuit Drive, winding through the park to the Bob O'Connor Golf Course. Fans will have a chance to get up close with muscle cars, historic one-offs, stock cars, and vintage racers, all paddocked in front of Phipps and the Visitors Center and along Schenley Drive for an interactive experience.

SCHENLEY OVAL

This exciting new 2-mile racecourse follows our legendary route along the Boulevard of the Allies, tackling the iconic hay bale chicane, veering left just before the Panther Hollow Bridge. From there, racers snake up Overlook Drive, glide past the ice rink and Schenley Oval, and descend onto Greenfield Road. Two quick lefts send them back onto the Boulevard for another high-speed lap. Packed with technical turns, this dynamic circuit stays true to our tradition of vintage road racing through the heart of a city park.

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National Corvette Museum

Membership Levels

Individual Member

\$65 Per Year

- ONE Free General Admission Pass
- ONE Digital Membership Card
- Discounts on Museum Events
- Receive a FREE subscription to *America's Sports Car Magazine*
- 10% Discount on Corvette Store Merchandise
- 10% off Initiation Fee for the NCM Motorsports Park Driving Club
- Discount on Your Insurance Plan from National Corvette Museum Insurance
- Discounts on Car Rentals & Hotels
- 20% off CARFAX Reports
- \$10 off Air Evac Membership
- NARM Access
- Museum Members-Only Website Access



Family Membership

\$100 Per Year

- Includes All Member Benefits Shown Above, Plus:
- Digital Membership Cards (Multiple)
- Free Admission to the Museum for Member and Immediate Family**

Senior Individual Member

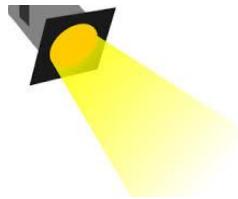
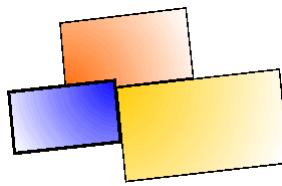
\$750 every twenty years

- Includes All Member Benefits Shown Above, Plus:
- Special Offering for Ages 65+ (Birthdate Confirmation Required)

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In the Spotlight!

By Kirsti Walent, COPa Editor in Chief



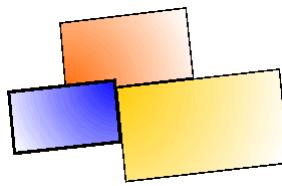
Introducing Ron and Jen Hegner!

Ron was born in Sewickley, PA and Jen was born in Shaler, PA and they have lived in the area their entire lives. Ron and Jen are new members who joined last fall with their 2020 Silver Stingray Z51. They previously owned a 2005 Yellow Convertible but upgraded to the 2020 model last year. Their advice to new members is to come to the meetings to get to know other club members and participate in the activities. Ron and Jen love to get to know people who share the same passion about cars and enjoy group events. So far, their favorite (and maybe only) trip with the club is the trip to the winery last Fall.

Ron enjoys working outside, loves music and collects vintage stereo equipment while Jen enjoys walking their Golden Doodle (Bella) and spending time by the pool in the summer. They both like going on vacation to Mexico at the all-inclusive resorts. They are looking forward to traveling to Aruba as that is next on their bucket list (they were just there).

A fun fact that people probably don't know about Ron - Ron Massie was his best man for his 1st marriage before Jen.

Ron shared with us that his favorite memory was asking Jen to marry him while they were in Mexico.



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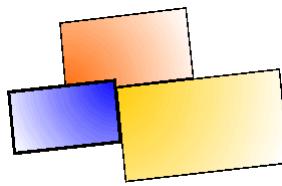


We are glad that Ron and Jen joined our club! Jen makes awesome brownies!!

Up Next?

Want to be in the spotlight for the next newsletter? Please contact me at JKWalent@gmail.com if you are interested in being interviewed. We want to get to know you better.

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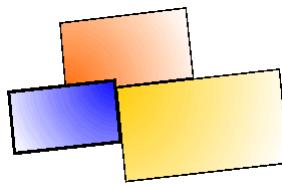
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On the Road Again...



[Amish Country Byway](#)

National Scenic Byway • Ohio



Length: 160 mi / 257.5 km

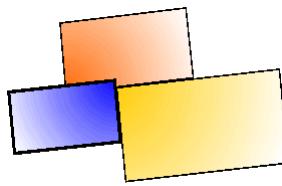
Time to Allow: Allow 1-2 days to enjoy the byway, or 3-4 hours to drive it.

Fees: Several attractions charge fees.

Discover the cultural and historic treasures of the Amish and northern Appalachian people as you wind through curves and over the hills of the pastoral countryside. Experience simple living and sustainability along charming country roads, taking you to a bygone era still present, manifest in the people and their lifestyle.

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Public Service Announcement

By Kirsti Walent



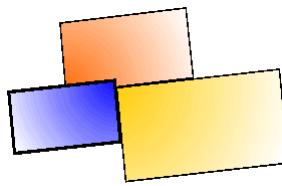
Have you changed the batteries in your Smoke Detectors lately?



Smoke detectors save lives! Just ask Frank and Cathy Snyder.

Unfortunately, they recently lost their home to a fire, but the Smoke Detectors saved their lives. They were woken up at 1 in the morning and made it out before the entire home was engulfed. We are very glad that they are here to talk about it.

Frank tells us that he checks and changes the batteries twice a year when we move the clocks forward and back. So please create events in your calendars and check and change the batteries in all of your smoke detectors. If you do not remember when you last changed the batteries, it may be time to do it now. If your smoke detectors are very old it's time for new ones to be installed.



In Memoriam – Karen Coberly (Baker)

By Jim Kinest

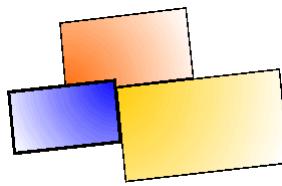


Christmas Party, 2013

It was with shock and deep sadness when we learned of Karen's passing on March 13. Long time members Karen and Bill joined Corvettes of Pa in May of 1991. When I joined the following year, it was obvious they were very active, and with them living just a few miles from me, we became instant friends and attended so many activities together over the next 32 years. I can't guess the number of times I followed them home from a meeting, Midway Cruise, a day trip, or the many other drives we took together. At the end, there always was a wave as they turned toward Biskup Lane, in a way saying we enjoyed our time together and we will see you at the next one.

If there was an overnight trip, Karen & Bill were there. On most trips, at some time in the evening, there was a circle of chairs outside at the hotel (or in our "Party Room" at the 1994 & 1999 Bowling Green trips). When the silliness ensued, Karen's infectious laughter would be heard the entire time. The 2011 trip to Watkins Glen trip was the most memorable for me in this manner, with the Carr's, Mendenhall's, and Coberly's leading the way with their antics.

For me, the legacy Karen leaves with the club is her many hours getting involved and helping out in so many ways. From 1990 to 2004, we attended the Back to the 50's in Cascade Park, New Castle. Some of us needed to be at the gates opening at 6 AM on the Saturday & Sunday for us to secure our location. For many years, Karen would get up at 4 AM to prepare a breakfast casserole that we would enjoy during the early morning hours. In 2002, we hosted the 3rd Western Pennsylvania Corvette Club Council picnic in Brady's run, where we had 285 Corvettes and 400 people attend. She was instrumental in arranging J&J Catering and managing the food lines, and even somehow convinced Hank's to donate 15 gallons of custard!



They rarely missed a meeting, so when help was solicited for a party, picnic, or other function, her hand was always raised to volunteer. She served our club as President (2005-2008), Vice President (2005), and Treasurer (1992-1996, 1998-2002). Karen was the one who secured the American Cancer Society's \$100 raffle tickets for us starting in 1993, and eventually the similar St. Anthony's tickets up to the end of the drawing in 2024.

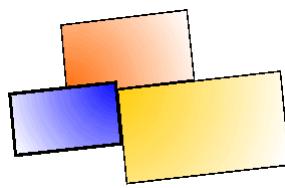
The entire club, for the past 17 years, is grateful for another contribution from Bill & Karen. While sitting in the soon-to-be sold McElwain's parking lot at the 2006 Beaver Falls Cruise, they noticed the empty lot at the adjacent Spratt Funeral Home. They approached Bill Spratt, and received his permission for the exclusive use of his parking lot for Corvettes of Pa. This year's cruise will certainly have a bit of sadness, but we know they will be watching us having another great time.

Karen's gift of her time went beyond Corvettes of Pa. During our 2002 trip to Mid America's Fun Fest in Effingham, Illinois, she walked up to a volunteer and asked what she could do and then began to enthusiastically sell 50/50 tickets. Similarly in 2012, she asked at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix where she could help, and spent the next few years in the Shop N Save tent helping with the complimentary lunch. We would tease her that she just wanted to fondle the buns! She was a big help to me in handling the PVGP registrations for over 300 Corvettes when we were the Marque of the Year in 2021, and for the subsequent years when I had the Chevrolet registrations. I am certain she would have been helping me again this year when I asked her.

In the later years, Karen & Bill would winter in Leesburg, Florida, spending around 6 months in the Corvette. They would load the car on the Auto-train in Baltimore, arriving in Florida the next morning ready to hit the road. They were an integral part of COPS, Corvettes of Pa South - getting together frequently with other COPa members in the Sunshine State. Yes, this club is more about the people than the car.

Karen's training and experience as a nurse was very beneficial as Bill's health began to decline, eventually leading to his passing in late 2016. Karen remained involved with the club and purchased a 2014 white convertible (Bill would have been proud as he always had white convertibles!) and continued taking it on the Auto-train each year. She and Charlie Baker were card playing neighbors, and she was happy spending her final years with him.

Many of us will miss our dear friend as we continue our journey. Her willingness to help, her friendship, and the many memories will always be treasured. Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Charlie, and to Eddie and Donna.



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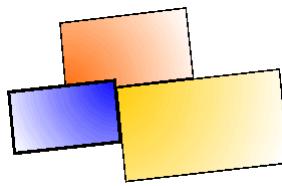
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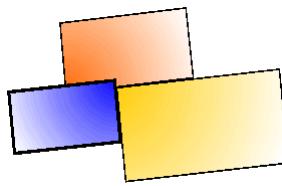
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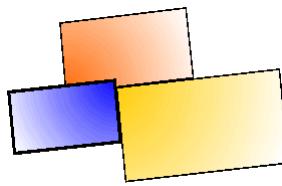
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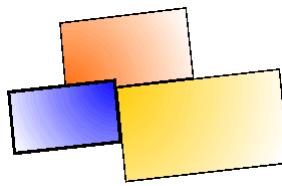
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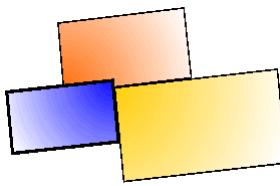


Karen's 2014 Convertible. Thank you for the many miles together!

Farewell, our friend. We've been beyond lucky to know you. Your presence has been a blessing, and your absence will be deeply felt. You will be greatly missed by everyone in the club whose life you touched. Thank you for the time we had together.

Kirsti Walent

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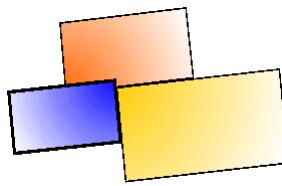
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One Final Thought

As the Club's Historian, I have the privilege of maintaining our paper and digital records, as well as physical property of the club dating back to its inception in 1971. One item in particular, a hard drive donated by Mark Cunningham, contains over 46,000 files (mostly photographs), and I have dozens of binders and photo albums, all containing precious memories of our club members and dear friends.

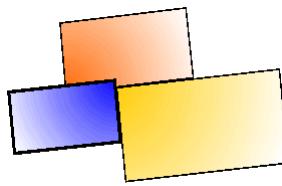
When a current or former member passes, I go through many of these items looking for photographs to remember and honor them. Quite often, I pause on certain pictures of the faces of other members, or places and situations I may have forgotten. Each one brings back a special memory, most times a smile, and often a tear for those who I miss very much. Joining Corvettes of Pa in 1992 was one of the best decisions I've ever made, and the 33 years of enjoyable miles, overnight trips, and easily thousands of club events, are by far the best times of my life. We all should feel fortunate to be a part of Corvettes of Pa, not just for the car, but mainly for the people.

I had the chance to take another trip down this memory lane as I went through our digital files and binders following the passing of Karen. There were many places we went together with numerous pictures to choose from, several which were included in the previous article. Rest in peace Karen. You were certainly welcomed into the arms of the many friends that we miss.

Karen, we can hear the laughter and silliness from you, Bill, Norm & Mary Ann Fisher, Cindy Molokach, Jim & Kaye Carr, Frank Casico, Lois Snyder, Tom Gimbus, Mary Ann Knorr, Mary Kinest, Mark Cunningham, Bob Doughty, Jim Hohbach, Barb Lang, Don Leslie, Judy O'Rourke, Madeline Morris, Amy Finnegan, George Hysong, and so many more.

I love them all and miss them dearly.

Jim Kinest



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