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## February 2025

**Next Meeting: Feb 13, 2025**

**Social and Meeting**

**6:00 PM – 9 PM**

**ShuBrew, 205 So Main St, Zelienople, PA**

## From the Desk of the Vice President:



### Greetings

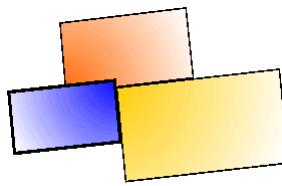
It has been a crazy week for me, my cell phone crashed as well as my laptop. My rental car had to be towed back due to a fender-bender, now try to call AAA, what a fun filled week.

We are still looking for someone to fill the position of President of the club.

Hopefully soon the weather will break in our favor. It's been cold for some time and snow staying on the ground for most of the month of January. In this cold weather and snow, I did see a C7 one day and the following day a C8, either diehards or had no other ride. I know someone had a picture on Facebook of his C8 sitting in a parking spot with snow in the background. There are those who drive their Corvette year-round.

Hopefully we will have a great turnout for the February meeting, remember there will be food for purchase and craft beers will be cold and flowing. Come early and enjoy the friendship and food.

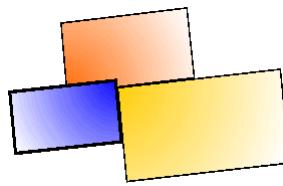
See you there, Paul



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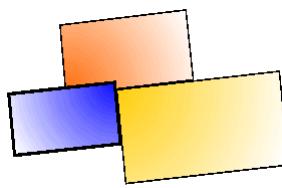
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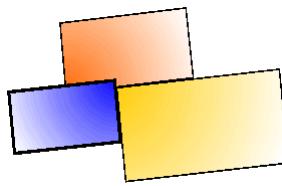
## Celebrations



February			March	
Carl Stiefel	Feb 1		Kim Smolka Ferrara	Mar 3
Frank Policaro	Feb 2		Dave Teams	Mar 3
Jodi Wilson	Feb 7		Tim Prell	Mar 4
Lisa Kowalski	Feb 10		Donna Coberly	Mar 9
Tricia Zinkhann	Feb 11		Karin Vecchi	Mar 13
David Smilek	Feb 14		JoAnn Smilek	Mar 22
Paul Schulze	Feb 20		Judy Tharp	Mar 23
Rodney Dwyer	Feb 21		Rob Golletti	Mar 27
Dan Varna	Feb 21			
Gary Zinkhann	Feb 23			
Jim Kinest	Feb 24			



February			March	
Flo & Tom Moran	Feb 16		Kirsti & Joe Walent	Mar 3
Carol & Fritz Retsch	Feb 23		Lisa & Tom Kowalski	Mar 10
			Jayme & Kirk Anderson	Mar 25
			Tricia & Gary Zinkhann	Mar 29



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## Activities

(items in red are club activities)

### February:

**Feb 13**

**Club Meeting & Social – Bring your valentine and enjoy drinks and dinner at ShuBrew, 205 So Main St, Zelienople, PA, back room opens at 6 pm for dinner, meeting at 7 pm, and we have the room until 9 pm.**

Feb 14 - 17

Auto Show D. L. Lawrence Convention Center

**Feb 19**

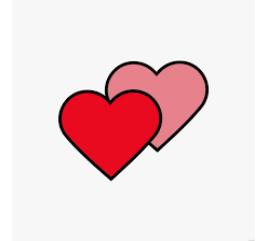
**Men's Breakfast, Freedom Square Diner by Cinemark Theater, Monaca, 9 am**

**Feb 19**

**Ladies' Lunch, Grand Valley Inn, 452 Constitution Blvd, New Brighton, PA, 12 noon**

**Feb 23**

**Sunday Brunch at Shakespeare's, \$26.95 per person, 12 noon**



### March:

**March 13**

**Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7:00pm**

### April:

**April 10**

**Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7:00pm**

### May:

May 2

4 SCCA Majors Pitt Race

May 4

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

**May 8**

**Club Meeting – Location is TBD – 7:00pm**

May 8

One Lap of America - Pitt Race

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**

**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

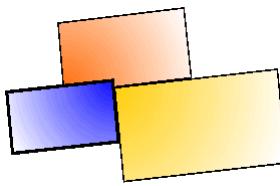
PVGP Waterfront Car Cruise

July 16

PVGP Downtown Show

July 19 - 20

PVGP Schenley Park



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## August:

Aug 2 Beaver Car Cruise  
**Aug 14 Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7:00pm**  
Aug 21 - 23 Corvettes at Carlisle

## September:

**Sept 11 Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7:00pm**  
**Sept 26 Happy Birthday COPa**

## 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**

## Recurring Activities

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

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

Ladies Breakfast – TBD Monthly

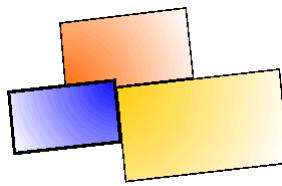
Confirm your attendance to Terry Mauck (724-650-0845 or [tamauck@msn.com](mailto:tamauck@msn.com))

Monthly Meetings - TBD



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# Welcome

# New Members!

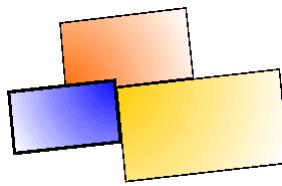
### New Members

No new members this past month, but every member is asked to reach out to area Corvette owners and encourage their membership into Corvettes of Pa. Feel free to invite them 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 56 memberships with 103 members.

Share the COPa Membership Application with other Corvette owners.

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





## On the Horizon - Upcoming Events

By Jim Kinest, Activities Coordinator

Winter Activities – An improvement we need to work on is having members plan some outings in the winter months to keep us active. I feel a reasonable goal of having only 2 members a month plan an outing is very achievable. Who can step up? It doesn't take a lot of effort to plan a dinner or brunch, and I have a few other ideas if you need a starting point.



Th Feb 13 - Club Meeting & Social – Bring your valentine and enjoy drinks and dinner at ShuBrew, 205 So Main St, Zelienople, PA, back room opens at 6 pm for dinner, meeting at 7 pm, and we have the room until 9 pm.

Fri – Mon, Feb 14 – 17 – Auto Show at the David Lawrence Convention Center. Let me know if you are interested in volunteering at the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix booth for a few hours.

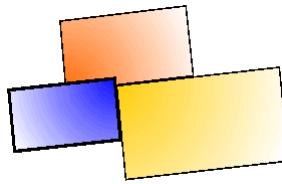
Wed Feb 19 - Men's Breakfast – Freedom Square Diner by Cinemark Theater – Carl Stiefel contact – 9AM.

Wed Feb 19 - Ladies Lunch, 12 noon, at Firebirds Wood Fired Grill (7300 Cranberry Springs Dr, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066, (724) 831-5450). Contact Terry Mauck by text at 724-650-0845 if you can come.

Sun Feb 23 – Brunch at Shakespeare's Restaurant & Pub at 12 noon. (1495 Mercer Rd, Ellwood City, PA 16117) Cost is \$26.95 per person. Contact Chris Ring at [christine.ring@comcast.net](mailto:christine.ring@comcast.net) by Wednesday February 19 so she can call in the number of seats that need to be reserved.

Thurs Feb 27 – Bowling at Sheffield Lanes, 11AM, 818 Raccoon St, Aliquippa, PA 15001. \$20 for 3 games, shoes, and lunch. Want only lunch - \$10.

Jim



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### National Corvette Museum

Source:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/about-the-museum/>



#### Our Mission

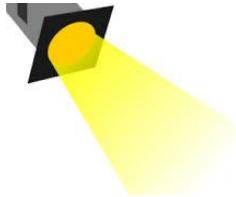
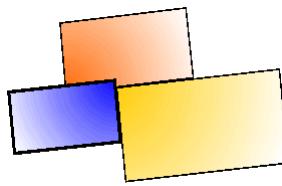
The mission of the National Corvette Museum is to educate worldwide audiences on the evolution of the Corvette—America's Sports Car—through collection, preservation, and celebration of its legacy.

#### Our Vision

The Museum will be recognized as the epicenter of the Corvette community's enduring spirit, serve as the preeminent repository for this American icon, and operate with uncompromising standards while remaining focused on strategic growth that ensures our financial future.

#### Our Brand Promise

We are committed to operating at the highest museum standards. Our goal is to create exceptional experiences that leave a lasting impact, resulting in cherished memories. We aspire to be the world's premier repository for all things Corvette, preserving and showcasing the rich heritage of this iconic automobile.



## In the Spotlight!

*By Kirsti Walent, COPa Editor in Chief*



### Introducing Al Syrek:

Most of you probably know Al pretty well but I wanted to put the Spotlight on him as he has been around the club for many years.

Al (Alvin) was born in Ambridge, PA and lived in this area all of his life. He was among the first Corvette owners to become members of COPa. He was away from the club while he developed his boat business in Cranberry Township but rejoined at the club's 40<sup>th</sup> reunion. In the meantime, he had met Lynn and married her in 2004. While Al has never served as an officer of the club, he has attended and participated in countless events. When asked if he had any tips or advice for new members, Al responded "participate in the events and enjoy making new friends". Al enjoys the camaraderie the most about being a member of COPa and feels he has gotten to know many of the members very well.

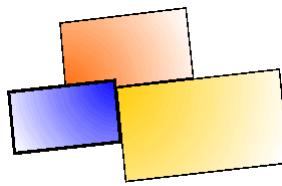
I asked Al what was his favorite COPa trip or outing. Al told me that his most favorite trip was our trip to Watkins Glen, NY in 2023. His second most favorite trip was Auburn, IN. Al also favors traveling to Gulf Shores, Alabama and Park City, Utah. You may not know this about Al, but he still skis like a 30-year-old (he is a little older). He enjoys skiing the Double Black Diamond runs and skiing the Modules (bumps). In addition to skiing, Al's other hobby is car collecting. He has a large garage full. In his younger days Al also enjoyed Jet Boat racing and water skiing. He won many of these Jet Boat races.

Al has had multiple Corvettes over the years. Today, he still has his first 1963 C2 Split Window Corvette, a 1998 (53 custom) Corvette, and a 2019 C7 Grand Sport.

Al also told me that his wife, Lynn inspires him, and Europe is on his bucket list for the next place to visit.

### Up Next?

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



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### COPa Receives a Sponsorship from Northstar Chevrolet

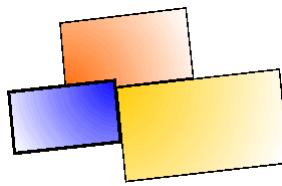
At the January meeting, Kirsti Walent, with check in hand, announced that COPa recently received a sponsorship of \$1,000 from Northstar Chevrolet in Moon Township. She is in the process of coordinating a meeting with some of our officers and Northstar Chevrolet to discuss how this new relationship will work.



### Did You Know?

This is the name of actual Bowling Lanes in Murray, Kentucky! It is in the southwestern part of the State.





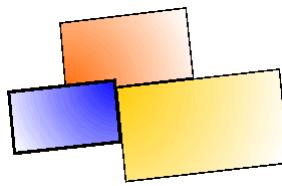
## On the Road Again...



### [Michigan State Highway 22](#)

Also known as “The Lake Drive,” this route is a tremendously fun 117-mile highway for the more relaxed type of top-down driving that those that enjoy the scenery will want to take. Starting in Onekama, 235 miles Northwest of Detroit and across Lake Michigan from Green Bay, WI, M-22 hugs the shore of the lake, with a lot of lazy sweepers and meandering corners that follow the natural shape of the shoreline.





## Breaking News from COPA Members

Fellow COPA Members as we embark upon a new month, two new newsletters in which I subscribe to are out. I thought I would share the links with you, and if you find each interesting, you can subscribe yourself. You may have heard me talk about these places before, and some of you are already familiar with the businesses. I by no means have any direct interest in each, and am not endorsing either, rather I'm just an enthusiast. So, while I recommend giving each a look, as always - let the buyer beware! But each does a good job going over their vehicles.



#1. Classic Auto Mall <https://www.classicautomall.com> is a world class consignment house conveniently located on the Pennsylvania Turnpike in Morgantown, Pennsylvania, just 1 hour west of Philadelphia, 1 hour east of Harrisburg. Over 900 cars are currently available for sale as well as over 400 barn finds are on display in this 336,000 square foot climate-controlled building on 40 acres.

#2 <https://www.hobbycarcorvettes.net>. Hobby Car Corvette is located in central PA - Martinsburg, PA that usually has about 70 used Corvettes for sale. While they specialize in C3's they have every classic model available for sale.

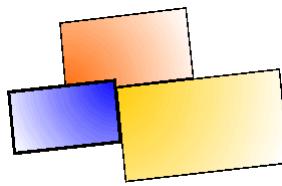
Each of the websites are informative and user friendly. Over the years, I've traveled to each of these facilities a few times a year to tire kick. I've even made a purchase or two.

Frank Snyder

## World of Wheels

At last month's meeting, Frank Snyder donated tickets to the World of Wheels show. Joe Walent won two tickets and took Al Syrek with him to the show. They ran into Frank and took a few pictures with this custom Corvette. The show happened to be on Joe's, birthday, January 25<sup>th</sup> so he got to spend some of it at the show enjoying all the car "stuff." Thanks Frank, for the tickets!





## Military Mission of Beaver County

By Susan Dietrich, COPa Member

At the January COPa meeting, Tammie Nicoletti provided a presentation introducing the Military Mission of Beaver County. When the Yellow Ribbon Girls retired in 2023, a few of their regular volunteers were determined to carry-on their efforts in supporting the troops. They believe it is important that our soldiers know we are thinking of them and appreciate their service in defending our country. The Military Mission is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt, non-profit organization based in Beaver, PA.

All year, they collect donated items to be packaged and shipped to our soldiers. Monetary donations help defray the cost of postage, which in 2024 amounted to \$6,300 for the shipping of 150 extra-large boxes to approximately eight different countries.

Please refer to the list of items that are in high demand by our deployed military men and women. Please keep in mind that if you know of a soldier who is currently serving, provide their information to be added to their mailing list.

They work closely with the AVVA (Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.) and the Veterans Breakfast Club at Seven Oaks, by supporting their events.

On behalf of the Military Mission, Tammie thanks you for the opportunity to speak with the members of the COPa.

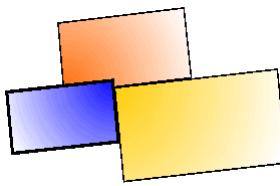
Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Tammie directly at 724-601-6908.

Thank you,  
Sue



**Sending Care Packages To Our Deployed Men & Women**

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[militarymissionofbeavercounty@yahoo.com](mailto:militarymissionofbeavercounty@yahoo.com)



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**Hello Everyone ! We want to introduce ourselves. We are the Military Mission of Beaver County.** The Military Mission of Beaver County, a 501(c)3 tax exempt non-profit organization, working out of Beaver, Pennsylvania, collects donations to create and ship large care packages to send to OUR deployed U.S. soldiers. We ensure that the soldiers know that we are thinking of them and appreciate their service to defend our country.

The **Military Mission of Beaver County** would be grateful for any donations to support filling and/or shipping these care packages. If you wish to donate any supplies for the soldiers, please refer to the posted list of items and the drop off locations. The Military Mission collects monetary donations to cover costly postage for care packages shipped overseas to places such as Europe, the Middle East, Africa etc. Additionally, we purchase items requested by the soldiers to put in the care packages.

If you wish to donate a monetary gift, please send it to the above address. Checks are to be made to Military Mission of Beaver County. If you wish to adopt a soldier's squad, see the posted form.

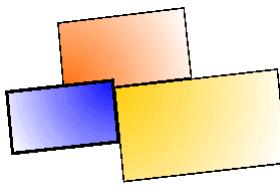
By working together, we can let the deployed troops know that they are NOT forgotten in our little part of the world, and we appreciate their service to defend our country. If you need any additional information or have questions, please contact us via email at [militarymissionofbeavercounty@yahoo.com](mailto:militarymissionofbeavercounty@yahoo.com). Thank you in advance for your consideration in supporting our mission.

**OUR MISSION ....To collect donations to send care packages to OUR deployed Military Men & Women**



P.O. Box 14, Beaver, PA 15009

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## "ADOPT A SOLDIER's SQUAD"

Can YOU, your church, business, or club, etc. "Adopt A Soldier's Squad"? A squad is made up of 7-14 soldiers. The **Military Mission of Beaver County**, a 501(c)3 tax exempt non-profit organization, working out of Beaver, Pennsylvania, collects donations to create and ship large care packages to send to **OUR** deployed U.S. soldiers. We ensure that the soldiers know that we are thinking of them and appreciate their service to defend our country.

If you choose to adopt a soldier squad, PLEASE consider writing a letter or signing a note. You may also choose to include your mailing address or e-mail address in the care package for your soldiers to reach out to you.

Any questions, please email us at [militarymissionofbeavercounty@yahoo.com](mailto:militarymissionofbeavercounty@yahoo.com). Complete the below information and return it with your check and any cards/notes to:

Military Mission of Beaver County  
P.O. Box 14  
Beaver, PA 15009

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I/We wish to adopt (Number of squads) \_\_\_\_\_ soldier squads @ \$50.00  
each

Name/Business/Club: \_\_\_\_\_

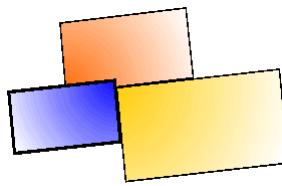
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Please check a box

- I do approve my name/business/group, etc. to be used for a public thank you for adopting a soldier's squad(s)
- I do **NOT** approve my name/business/group, etc. to be used for a public thank you for adopting a soldier's squad(s)

**OUR MISSION ....To collect donations to send care packages to OUR deployed Military Men & Women**



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## List of Items to be Collected for the Military Mission of Beaver County

**Our Mission....to collect donations to send care packages to OUR deployed Military Men & Women**

Pens	Slim Jims
Puzzle Books	Beef Jerky
Small Games	Granola Bars
Small Writing Pads	Protein Bars
Crew Socks (White or Black)	Small Trail Mix
Chapstick/Lip Balm	Small Nut Packs
Thin Throw Blankets	Small Cookie Packs
Lens Cleaning Wipes	Small Cracker Packs
Toothbrush	Flavored Drink Mix Sticks
Toothbrush Cover	Coffee/Tea Drink Mix Sticks
Travel Toothpaste	Instant Coffee Sticks/Packs
All Occasion Greeting Cards	Individual Wrapped Tea Bags
Pillowcases	Sugar Packets
Washcloths	Creamer Packets
Bars of Soap	Salad Dressing Packets
Body Wipes/Flushable Wipes	Mini Tabasco/Hot Sauces
Disposable Razors	Tuna/Chicken Packets
Pocket Kleenex	Ramen Noodle Cups/Packages
Travel Shampoo & Cream Rinse	Macaroni & Cheese Microwave Cups



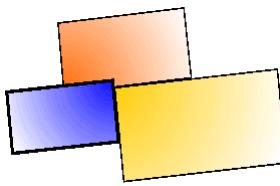
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Contact us via  Like us on Facebook

**Note: Food items must not expire before year end**

**Items can be dropped off at designated locations or email us for additional information or questions**



## In Memoriam – JR. Redden

April 30, 1940 - January 11, 2025

by Jim Kinest



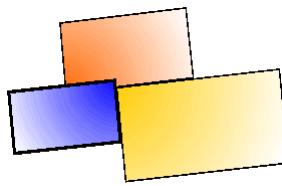
I met Junior and Sandy Redden under a canopy in front of our hotel on Woodward Avenue in August of 2015. This was my first trip to the Woodward Dream Cruise in Michigan, and the Reddens were invited by friends in the club. We made a quick connection as they were from McDonald, and I grew up in neighboring South Fayette. It did not take long to see that Jr had an interesting life with motorcross racing, Corvette restoration, and I likely saw him stock car racing at Heidelberg Raceway. I got to know him a bit later when they joined the club in 2016, and during my next trip to Woodward in 2017. We learned about Sandy's 550 hp '75 coupe with a C2 stinger with hood and side pipes, we were in awe of Jr's 1929 Rat Rod on a 4-wheel drive S-10 Blazer chassis with a turbocharged LS1 motor pushing "around" 900hp. Then, there is a 1984 Fiero, with what has to be a frightening 600 hp. Wait, one more, an 800 hp LS6 2003 Lingenfelter Corvette coupe.

Jr's Corvette restoration talent and knowledge was published in several national magazines - May 2016 and May 2017 in Vette Magazine, and April and September 2018 in Corvette Magazine. We have all 4 of the magazines in our Corvettes of Pa archives. His website, <https://reddenclassicrestorations.com/>, documents the many restorations and contains the magazine articles. A must read is the Green Hornet Project.

In addition to the memorable ride Ron Ring & I had in his rat rod going to dinner in Michigan, my other favorite story to tell about Jr started after a monthly meeting when I was President. Jr & Sandy were making a long trip from McDonald to Wright Chevrolet in Ambridge, where we were having our winter meetings in 2017 & 2018. I was always asking members for meeting ideas and input, and after one meeting, Jr said "Would you mind if I talked at next meeting about our World Record Bonneville Salt Flat car?" Wait?? What??? You have a World Record Bonneville Salt Flat car?

Jr was connected with Iron Dinosaur Racing in Etna, and their first year at Bonneville, set a world record in their class. So, now what do you do? Well, you build a completely new car, and Jr's knowledge of Chevrolet LS motors was utilized to power the car.

By constantly tinkering and working on repairs, Junior's mind looked for improvements and better ways of doing things. This is demonstrated by his invention, the J&J Safety hitch, which is a result of his many years as an over the road truck driver. <https://jjisafetyhitch.com/>



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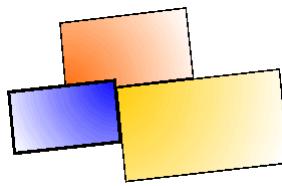
There were many stories involving racing motorcycles and stock cars, his Dad's land and involvement with the extension of Pittsburgh International Dragway to meet IHRA standards, and so many more. I often said, I wish I knew him earlier to hear more stories and the knowledge he had.

But I am grateful for the time I did spend with him, and they will always be remembered.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to his wife of 52 years, Sandy, and their families. There will be a memorial car cruise on June 22, 2025, at the Red Fox Winery in Hickory PA. Details of time and information will follow at a later date.

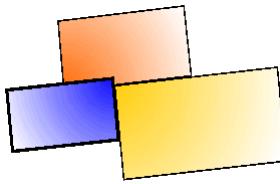
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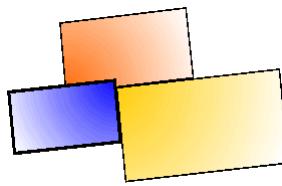
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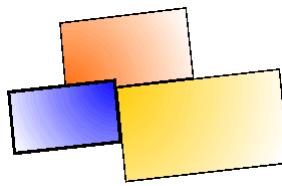
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