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July 2025

Next Meeting: July 10, 2025

7 pm

Monaca Turners

The President's Message



Greetings!

Again, this year's picnic was a huge success thanks to Kirsti and Joe! Thanks guys! We had a really great turn out with 40 people, and it was so nice to see everyone and all the cars there even though we had a couple rainstorms come through.

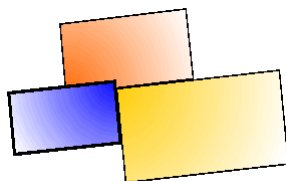
The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is upon us this month; hopefully we will see you there. Jim will be needing help at Shenley Park for members to help set up the parking area and with registration. Let's make this event a success again.

The Karen Coberly Memorial Poker Run in September is on track. The North Pittsburgh Corvette Club has been invited and with their help we will have a great time. This is for Karen so let's all get together for this event.

See you all at Turner's for our meeting this Thursday.

Paul

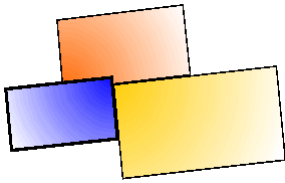




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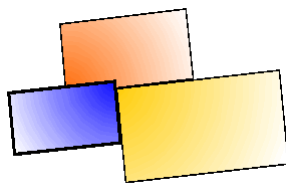
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Celebrations

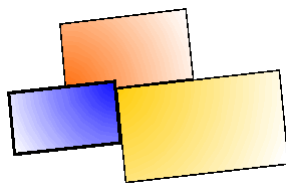


July		August	
Jennifer Hegner	July 2	Brenda Musta	Aug 3
Carol Retsch	July 5	Brian Finnegan	Aug 9
Joanne Pedaline	July 15	Dave Dreher	Aug 12
Barbara Stiefel	July 21	Al Syrek	Aug 19
Bob Nahrwold	July 22	Joette Miller	Aug 24
Susan Franczyk	July 27	Rocco Pedalline	Aug 25
Cheryl Cascio	July 29	Veronica Mendenhall	Aug 26
Antoinette Shipeck	July 29		
Lynn Syrek	July 30		



July		August	
Rosemary & Jim Prager	July 10	Brenda & Bob Nahrwold	Aug 2
Kim & Lauranne Smolka Ferrara	July 24	Veronica & Jack Mendenhall	Aug 5
		Brenda & Russell Musta	Aug 5
		Susan & Tom Franczyk	Aug 14
		Lorna & Don Tarquinio	Aug 20
		JoAnn & David Smilek	Aug 29

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Activities

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

July:

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

Men's Breakfast – Freedom Square Diner by Cinemark Theater – Carl Stiefel contact – 9am

Ladies Lunch – Marbull's Restaurant & Tavern (5000 Rochester Rd, New Brighton, PA 15066) at Noon. Confirm your attendance to Terry Mauck (724-650-0845 or tamauck@msn.com)

July 19 - 20

PVGP Schenley Park

August:

Aug 2

Beaver Car Cruise

Aug 11

Memorial Mass for Karen Coberly, 8:30 am Saint Francis Cabrini Catholic Church on Chapel Rd in Center Township (Monaca)

Aug 14

Club Meeting – TBD – 7:00pm

Aug 21 - 23

Corvettes at Carlisle

September:

Sept 11

Club Meeting – TBD – 7:00pm

Sept 13

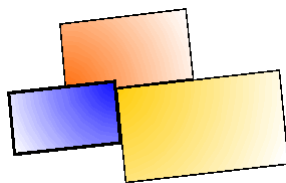
Memorial Poker Run, Karen Coberly, TBD

Sept 26

Happy Birthday COPa

Sept 27

[Titusville Railroad/Murder Mystery Show](#)



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Activities continued...

October:

Oct 5

[Franklin Applefest](#)

Oct 9

Club Meeting – TBD – 7:00pm

Oct 25-26

HOLD the DATES for Western PA Waterfall overnight trip, TBD

November:

Nov 13

Club Meeting – TBD – 7:00pm

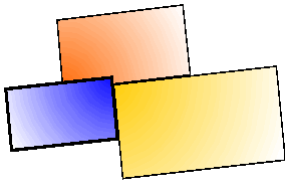
December:

Dec 6

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



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New Members!

New Members

Welcome

This month we welcome back **Camie** and her son, **Nick Hayduk**. Their 2 Corvettes are Yellow '75, and a silver 2009 with a Z06. Also, we are glad to have **Tom** and **Antoinette Shipeck** join our club along with their gorgeous '78 coupe with the two-tone 25th Anniversary paint scheme.

Clayton and her a Millennium

Every member is asked to reach out to area Corvette owners and encourage their membership into Corvettes of Pa. They are welcome 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 65 memberships with 118 members. We have added 9 new memberships with 16 members so far this year. Let's keep growing!

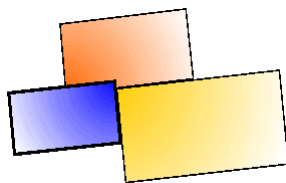
Our meeting attendance has been great so far this year. Let's keep it up. Unbelievably, the count was 27 for the first 4 meetings of 2025, 38 for the May meeting at ShuBrew and 40 at the picnic.

Share the COPa Membership Application with other Corvette owners. **Click** the link below and print out a few copies to keep in your Corvette or daily driver so that when you are out and about and see another Corvette, you can use it as a conversation starter or leave it on their windshield.



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

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On the Horizon - Upcoming Events

By Jim Kinest, Activities Coordinator

PVGP Help Needed. Once again, I will need assistance from the club for help at this year's Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix for the weekend in Schenley Park. I am responsible for the Chevrolet/Corvette parking area as it has been for the past few years. Starting on the morning of Friday July 18, a few members are requested to help layout the parking area on the golf course. This takes about 2 hours as I have notes from the previous years and the 2025 layout is expected to stay the same. Saturday & Sunday (July 19-20) is when I need the most help in directing the cars to the parking area, and handling registrations. The influx of cars becomes less around noon, so you will have the rest of the day to enjoy the car shows and vintage racing.



I will have a signup sheet at the next few meetings or simply send me a message at 72bigblock@comcast.net. Thank you for your assistance so others can have an enjoyable experience.

Thurs July 10 - Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7pm.

Sat/Sun July 12-13 - PVGP Historics Racing @ Pitt Race Complex

Tues July 15 - PVGP – Waterfront Car Cruise, 4-9 PM. \$10 charity donation per car.

Wed July 16 - PVGP – Downtown Car Display

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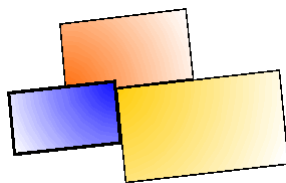
Sat/Sun July 19-20 - PVGP – Schenley Park Car Show and Vintage Racing

Sat July 26 - Dave Collette Picnic. Departing at 11:30 from Brown's Country Kitchen (1149 W Portersville Rd, Portersville, PA 16051 - on Rt 388, just off Rt 19 in Portersville).

Sat Aug 2 - Beaver Hot Summer Nights Car Cruise 11am – 8pm. Our normal parking place is under the trees between the Pavilion and the Post Office. Plan on meeting there early (before 8AM) as it fills up fast!

Sun Aug 3 - Sheffield Lanes Car Cruise, 1-5pm 818 Raccoon St, Aliquippa

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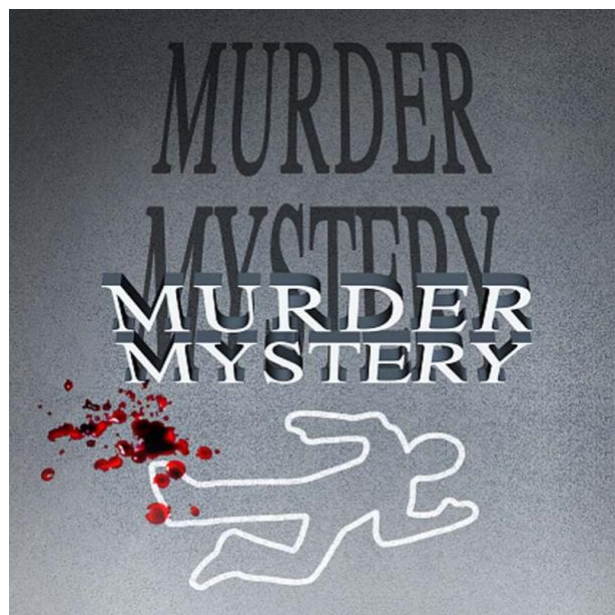
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[Titusville PA Weekend Trip](#) - Joe Romano is planning a weekend getaway on Sept 27-28 to the [Titusville Railroad/Murder Mystery Show](#). The Titusville Rail trip show theme is Momma Mia Mayhem, and the cost for dinner show and train is \$80 per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

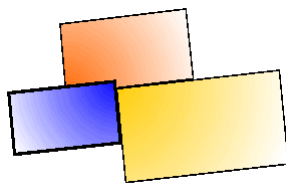
Joe is also making plans for Sunday for us to enjoy an additional day in the area, and ideas are to attend a theater show in Franklin, take a walk on the Appalachian Trail along the river, stop for dinner at Springfield Grille in Seven Fields. More to come. Thanks Joe!

July UPDATE:

- Tickets are still available for the murder mystery dinner on Sept 27.
- Hotel stay in the area is available to those wishing to stay the night in Titusville.
- Tickets are still available for "Singing in the Rain" at Franklin Theater at 2:00 PM for Sunday, Sept 28.
- If there is interest from the group, I will make reservations at Springfield Grille for 6:00 PM Sunday for those wishing to attend.
 - All are invited, whether returning from Titusville/Franklin area or just want to meet up for dinner.
 - Please let Joe Romano know if you are going to join him at the Springfield Grille in Seven Fields for dinner at 6 pm on Sunday, September 28th.

Thanks, Joe Romano

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Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix 2025

By Jim Kinest



[News Release from the PVGP](#)

Spectator Viewing Areas at Schenley Park for Both Tracks - July 19-20, 2025

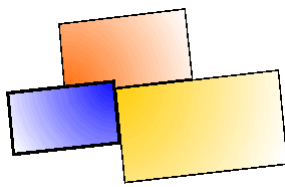
With one month to go until the July 19–20 Race Weekend, preparations in Schenley Park are accelerating despite a major new challenge. The closure of Panther Hollow Bridge, the traditional gateway to the circuit, has prompted a complete redesign of the event layout.

Organizers, working closely with the City of Pittsburgh's Special Events Committee and supported by more than 1,000 volunteers, are using the change as an opportunity to enhance the experience for fans and drivers.

This year's event will introduce a new hillclimb along a one-mile section of the original course through the golf course. A redesigned two-mile race circuit will also debut, climbing past the Schenley Skating Rink and looping around the Overlook and Oval for a more demanding and dynamic route.

Volunteers have been meeting on-site to revise track designs, plan logistics, and implement new safety measures. The scale and complexity of this year's adjustments rival those of the event's inaugural year in 1983.

Despite the disruption, anticipation is high. With 50,000 fans expected each day, the 2024 Schenley Park Race Weekend is set to be one of the most ambitious and exciting editions in PVGP history.



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JULY 19-20, 2025 (8AM-5PM)
SPECTATOR ACCESS

1. Park at Flagstaff Hill for \$30/per day - receive wristband.
2. Walk across the Panther Hollow Bridge. Wristband required.
3. Walk through the Anderson Playground and proceed under R.E. Anderson Bridge - tunnel.
4. Emerge from tunnel by swimming pool to cross track. Cross the track between races - directed by police.
5. Excellent views of hay bale chicane from Vietnam Veterans Pavilion.
6. Climb steps to Oval - running track.
7. View of Start/Finish line, half-mile of track, and Pittsburgh skyline. Includes food vendors/restrooms.
8. Spectator area at racer pit in/out.
9. Best Hillclimb viewing areas.

● SPECTATOR VIEWING AREA

— HILLCLIMB
 — SCHENLEY OVAL
 — PADDOCK (2 AREAS)



Spectator Access: MOTUL Panther Hollow Hillclimb

The 1-mile hillclimb course begins near Phipps Conservatory and ascends the historic West Circuit Drive, ending near the Neill Log House. The best hillclimb viewing areas include:

The golf course features five exciting turns.

Flagstaff Hill – view of the starting line and paddock.

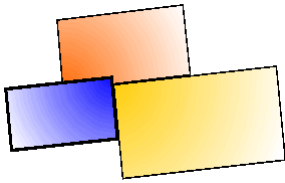
Westinghouse Pond – hairpin turn.

Spectator Access: UPMC Schenley Oval

A new track layout promises thrilling action and enhanced viewing. Spectators can access the interior of the track by walking:

Across the Panther Hollow Bridge (pedestrians only).

Through Anderson Playground, under the bridge tunnel.



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Alongside the Schenley Swimming Pool and crossing Overlook Drive (track crossings allowed only between race sessions).

Once inside the track, here are the best viewing areas:

Vietnam Veterans Pavilion, featuring an area where cars run in both directions and around the haybale chicane.

Overlook section of the course—watch racers charge a quarter mile up the hill to the finish line. Spectators can watch from beside the Schenley Ice Skating Rink, featuring a spectator tent with restrooms, seating, and refreshments.

Note: The walk from the Visitors Center to the Vietnam Veterans Pavilion is approximately 1/2 mile. No motor vehicles are allowed inside the track.

National Corvette Museum

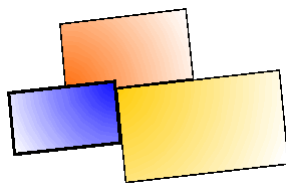
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Invitation from Steel Town Corvette Club

We have received an invite from Steel Town to join them on Sunday October 19 to see the movie "The Quest" at the Strand Theater in Zelienople.

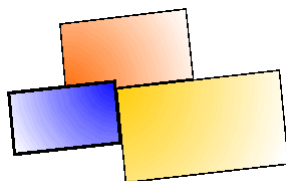
THE QUEST chronicles the beginnings of Corvette Racing at the famed Le Mans 24 Hour Endurance Race in France. Corvettes first appeared there in June of 1960. The film re-caps that historic race and what happened to both the Corvettes and their drivers.

Following the race, all the Corvettes were lost for decades. Collectors, restorers and enthusiasts came to recognize the historical significance of these cars, and an undercurrent of frantic searching for them was put into motion.

Corvettes at Carlisle co-founder Chip Miller set a personal goal of finding the 1960 class-winning #3 Corvette, acquiring it, and restoring it. Finally, he wanted to return it to Le Mans in 2010, with one of the original drivers, legendary racer John Fitch, to mark the 50th anniversary of the car's win. But a chain of heartbreaking events prevented Chip Miller from completing his vision.

THE QUEST reveals a series of sub-stories that all feed into the emotional tale of a son doing what he felt compelled to do in honoring his father's wish. Told by many of the people directly involved, THE QUEST uses archival materials to weave a story never told in its entirety...until now.

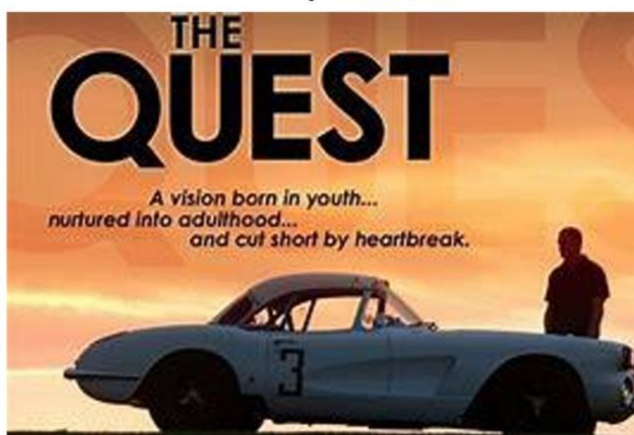
The \$10 per person tickets must be purchased COPa members before Sept 30 – no tickets will be sold at the door. See the details below:



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Steel Town Corvette Club Presents

Submitted By: [Dave Oreski](#)



Four Corvettes raced at the 1960 24 Hours of Le Mans Endurance Race but the whereabouts of only three were known. Many decades later, Lance and Chip Miller of "Corvettes at Carlisle" decided to find the class winning #3 1960 Corvette and restore it to as raced condition. Depending on their success at finding and restoring the #3 Corvette, their ultimate plan was to return to Le Mans for the 50th anniversary of the #3 Corvette's historic victory with the car and one of the original drivers of the car.

"*The Quest*" is a riveting story told by those who experienced it all firsthand.

7:00 pm – Sunday, October 19th, 2025

The Strand Theater, 119 North Main Street, Zelienople, PA 16063

Limited number of tickets: **\$10.00** in advance. **No** tickets sold at the theater.

Ticket order forms *must be* received by September 30th, 2025

Make checks payable to "Steel Town Corvette Club". Mail check and order form to:
Steel Town Corvette Club, c/o David Oreski, 235 Spang Road, Baden, PA 15005

Information: David Oreski (412) 427-3375 E-mail: oreski@zoominternet.net

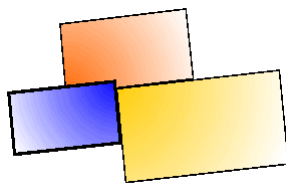
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Address: _____ @ \$10.00 ea.= _____

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CAR CRUISE FOR SPECIAL KIDS

Sunday August 17th, 2025

NOON-4pm

The Gazebo in Irvine Park, Beaver, PA

\$5 Suggested Donation
Rain Or Shine!



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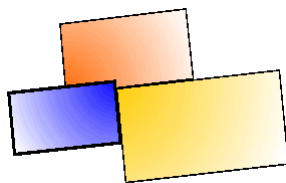


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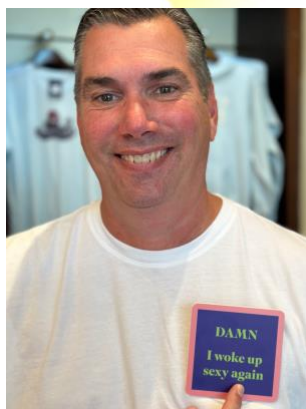
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In the Spotlight!

By Kirsti Walent, COPa Editor in Chief

Introducing Brian Krull



Brian Krull is a fairly new member of COPa. He just joined in the fall of 2024 and has not had a chance to hold any official position with COPa yet. Brian has a 2022 C8 3LT Stingray convertible Corvette in Hypersonic Grey. His advice to new members, is spend the extra money and upgrade. What he likes so far about the club is that the members are nice people to cruise with. He has been on one cruise so far, the one to the Red Fox Winery and Sarris Ice Cream. He also attended the picnic.

Brian was born and raised in South Florida but has lived in this area for 27 years. He now resides in the city of Pittsburgh, in Brighton Heights. His father and son inspire him; his dad can do anything and his son is a superman. Brian drove his first Chevelle 1970 during high school. He entered the Navy becoming a corpsman and was stationed in Virginia Beach where he drove his second Chevelle 1972. After the Navy, he attended paramedic school in Cleveland Ohio. Married and moved to Pittsburgh working as a medic in Hampton and then joining the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire in 1999.

Brian has 3 adult children, Josh, Megan, and Andrew, who all live in Pittsburgh. Brian always enjoyed the older Corvettes and was considering an older Corvette but his son, also a car enthusiast, talked him into buying a new mid-engine Corvette. He picked up his Vette in March of 2022 in the world's best color, hypersonic grey. Brian and his girlfriend, Beth, enjoy taking rides in the Vette and look forward to having fun with the club!

What you may not know about Brian is that he has spent much of his 24+ year Fire Fighting career at Engines 32 and 35. During the last 4 years he has been teaching at the Pittsburgh Bureau of Fire Training Academy. Captain Krull provides ongoing training for the 700+ city firefighters and provides EMT Training for the fire rescue classes. When he isn't busy with his job, he plays golf occasionally, he likes to bowl and loves sitting in the pool.

His favorite place to travel was Australia and next he would like to travel out west to see the state parks, Grand Tetons and Yellowstone. Hawaii is also on his bucket list.

Please welcome Brian to the Club!

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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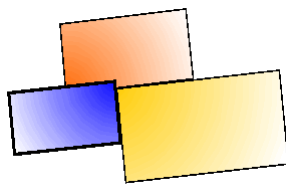
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On the Road Again...

[West Virginia - New River Gorge](#)

West Virginia's iconic New River Gorge is a must-see, and the trip organized around it makes it well worth it. Start at Fayetteville and marvel at the New River Gorge Bridge, one of the **world's longest steel arch bridges**. Take Route 19 north to Weston, then head east to Elkins, and finally south through the Monongahela National Forest towards Lewisburg.



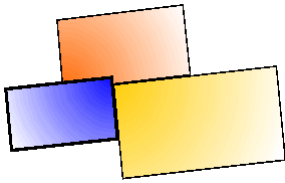
This one to two-day, approximate 236-mile journey opens up opportunities for exciting exercise; enjoy white-water rafting, hiking, and rock climbing!

The bridge is the third-tallest in the country and the tallest in the State of West Virginia, with a height of 876 feet. The single-span arch bridge is 3,030 feet in length, making it the nation's longest of its kind and the fourth longest in the world. The Michael Baker Company is credited with the designing of the tall bridge while its construction was done by the American Bridge Division of US Steel using COR-TEN steel. Construction of the bridge took place between 1974 and 1977 at the cost of about \$37 million. The bridge was opened on October 22nd, 1977. Daily traffic across the bridge is relatively high, with an estimated 16,200 vehicles crossing the New River Gorge Bridge each day.



The New River Gorge Bridge, seen from Fayette Station Road, at the New River Gorge National River, West Virginia.

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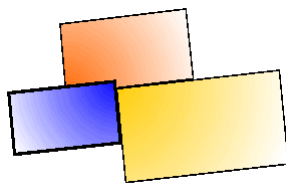




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Red Fox Winery – Junior Redden Memorial Car Cruise



Nine COPa Corvettes enjoyed a leisurely drive down Route 18 to the Red Fox Winery in Hickory, PA, for the Junior Redden Memorial Car Cruise. Junior certainly was enjoying seeing the turnout of cruise cars, and Sandy was grateful for the support by our members - many who never met Junior.

Our members did have the chance to marvel at Junior's cars on display, including Sandy's 550 hp '75 coupe with a C2 stinger hood and side pipes, Jr's 1929 Rat Rod on a 4-wheel drive S-10 Blazer chassis with a turbocharged LS1 motor pushing "around" 900hp, and a 1984 Fiero, with what has to be a frightening 600 hp. Also on display were four C3 Corvettes restored by Jr, including one that was completed two months before his passing. Rest in Peace Junior – there are many dirt tracks and drag strips above the clouds for you to enjoy. We concluded the hot day with ice cream at Sarris Candies in Canonsburg.



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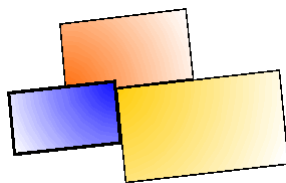




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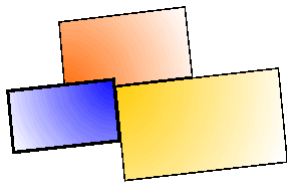
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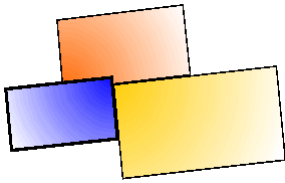


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Canton, Ohio Day Trip

Some of our COPa members took a cruise on Wednesday to Canton, Ohio area. The first stop was the Canton Classic Car Museum where in addition to cars, they have collections of everything you can think of. We stopped at Chloe's Diner for delicious lunch in a cool environment. Our next stop was at Northwest Auto Sales (Corvettes, Classics and Muscle Cars). All of the cars there are for sale and can be viewed on their website at <https://www.corvettesandmusclecars.com>. Then we drove to Taggarts Ice Cream for delicious ice cream sundaes. Our last stop was at Gervasi winery for a glass of wine.





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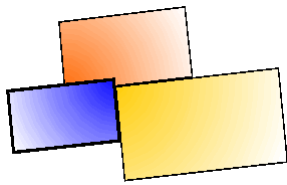
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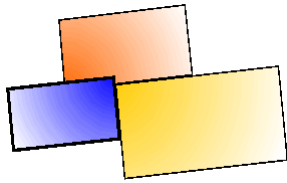
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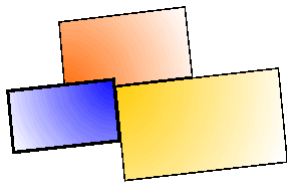




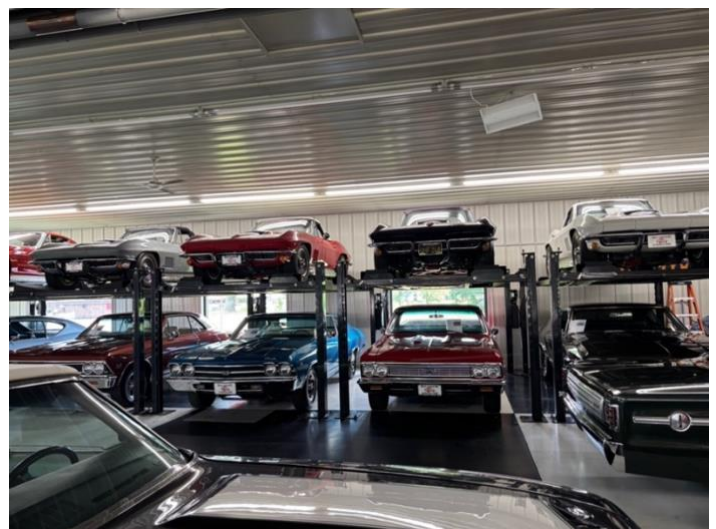
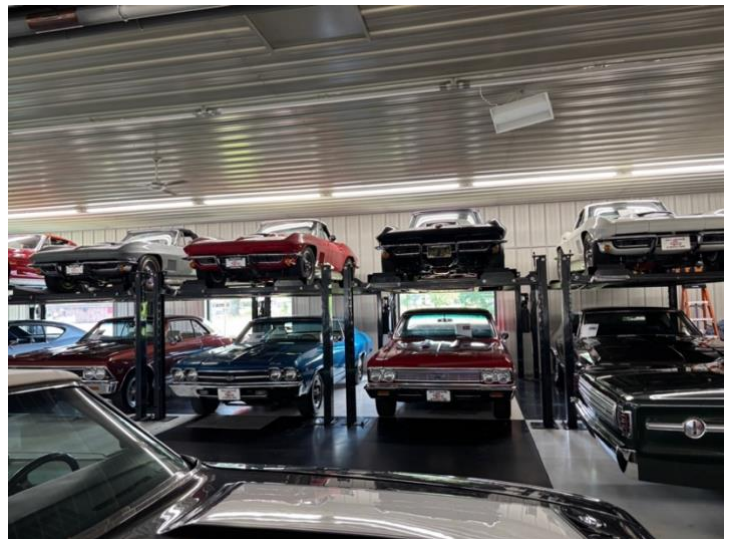
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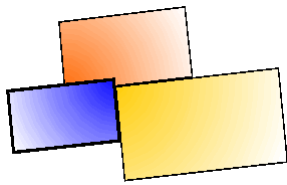
Northwest Auto Sales and Ohio Corvettes and Muscle Cars





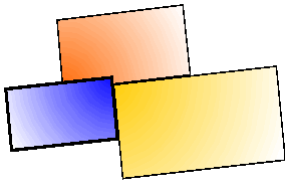
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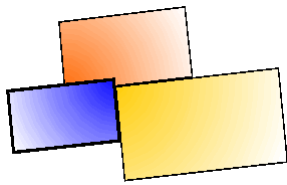




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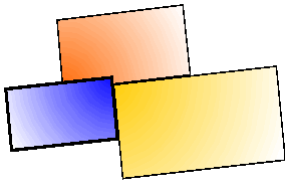
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Taggart's Ice Cream and Gervasi Winery





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COPa 2025 Picnic, Adams Township Community Park

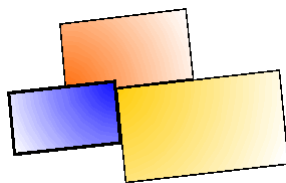
Good friends and Corvette COPa Family got together on Saturday June 28th at Adams Township Community Park for the annual summer picnic. Our President Paul walked us through a quick meeting. Jim shared the clubs' calendar of events. The monthly meeting came to a close and the picnic got underway!

What a great group of people and a wonderfully organized event. Kirsti and Joe arranged a delicious menu! We had burger sliders alongside chicken salad croissants and chicken skewers. A Caesar salad and fruit salad were perfect accompaniments. The sides were just the right choice for a hot summer day. We ended our lunch with cake and ice cream! A club favorite. Thank you for the cold drinks and Jell-O shots. They were so refreshing!

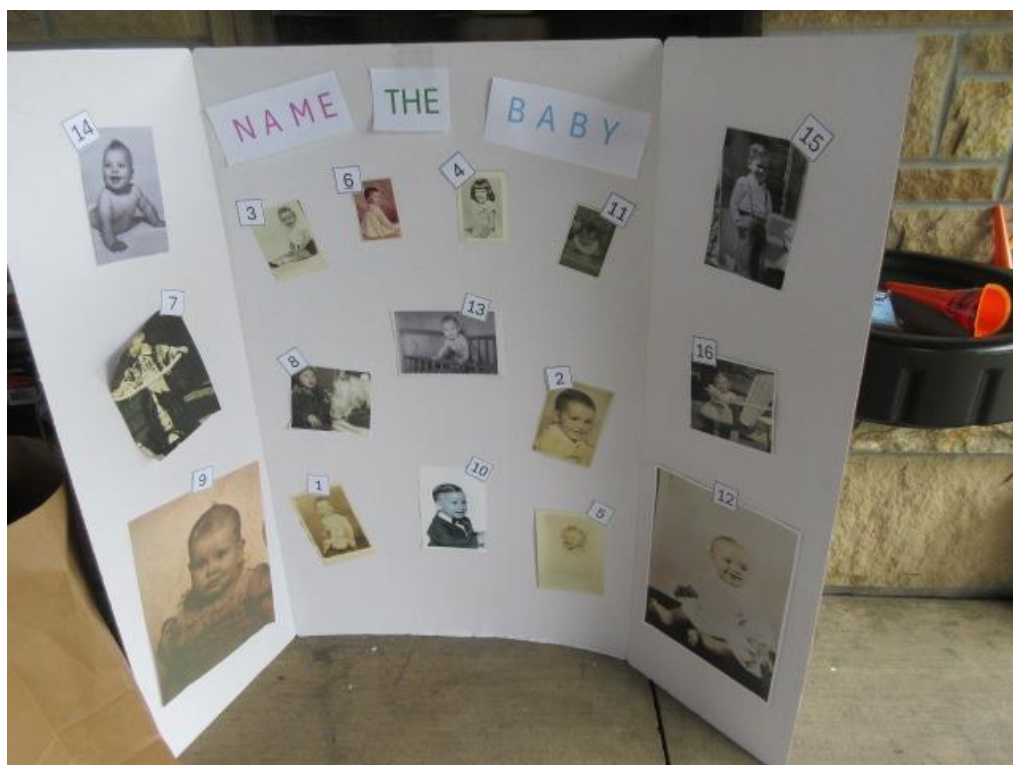
The group enjoyed games and prizes, including a baby picture naming contest. We had fun pulling tickets for the 50/50, scratch off tickets, and other great prizes. Spending the afternoon together, we shared stories of our cars, but also of our families, friends and life experiences. We have members who have done extraordinary things in their lives. What started off as a beautiful day turned into a torrential downpour as our picnic ended. We donned our water wings and umbrellas to swim out to our cars. Thank you to the many members who guided us down the hill, jockeying the mud and narrow driveway. May it be just as fun next year!

By Beth Michel

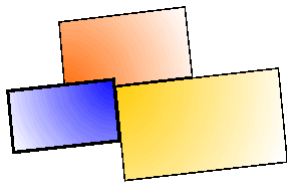




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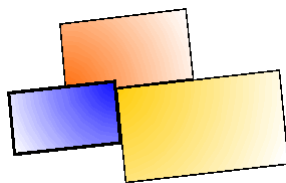


Kathy Varna took the top prize by naming 8 out of 16 babies correctly and Jim Mauck came in at the bottom with zero (0) correct.



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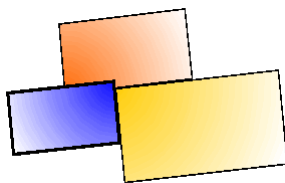
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Thank you to all those who attended; we had 40 people! You helped make this year's picnic a huge success. We are looking for someone else to plan the picnic next year.

Kirsti

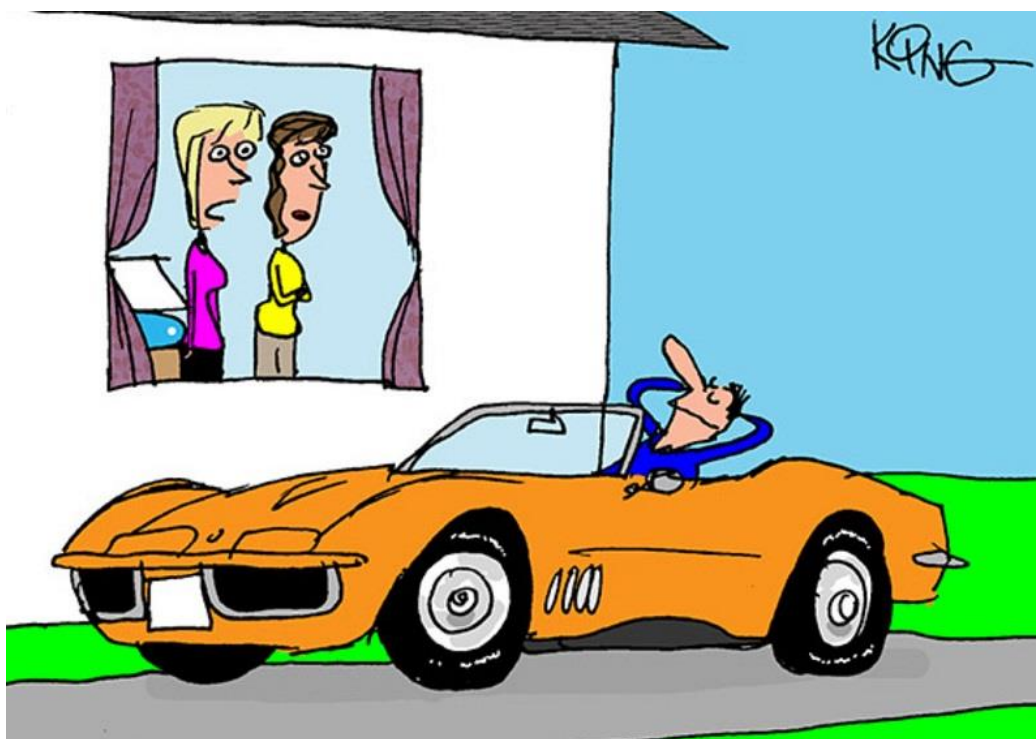
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Cartoon

Submitted by: Joe Molokach



"He needs to retreat to his safe space after watching the news."



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