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NO MEETING in JUNE

Picnic (click to see the info)

Adams Township Community Park

June 28, 12 noon to 4 PM

RAIN or SHINE

The President's Message



Greetings!

Joe Molokach and I are on track with planning the Poker Run that is scheduled for September. I reached out to the North Pittsburgh Corvette Club president Rob, and he told me that they would love to join us. There is still plenty of work to be done so I'll get in touch with the other volunteers.

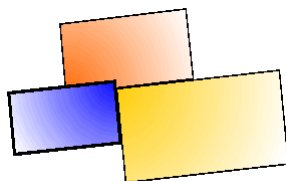
Looks like our Corvette family is continuing to grow; welcome Joyce and Kevin McClafferty, and Mary Lou and Gary Barone!

I missed one terrific trip to Lancaster area according to the pictures that were posted. I could tell by the pictures that everyone had a great time.

Do not forget our picnic on June 28th at Adams Township Community Park in Mars, rain or shine; I am certain it will be out of this world!! We will also have a short meeting during the picnic.

I can't thank Lynn Syrek enough for last month's meeting venue, wow what a crowd! See what Good Food will do. Perhaps we need to look for other venues that allow our members to break bread together prior to a meeting. I am open to suggestions.

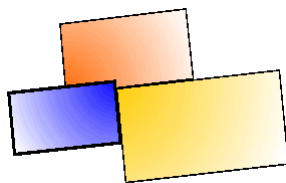
See you at the picnic
Paul



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Celebrations

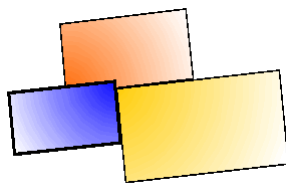


June		July	
Rosemary Prager	June 2	Jennifer Hegner	July 2
Eddie Coberly	June 17	Carol Retsch	July 5
Lori Saska	June 17	Joanne Pedaline	July 15
Jane MacCredie	June 20	Barbara Stiefel	July 21
Jamie Laughlin	June 22	Bob Nahrwold	July 22
Sue Dietrich	June 25	Susan Franczyk	July 27
Jim Prager	June 27	Cheryl Cascio	July 29
Diane Smith	June 28	Lynn Syrek	July 30



June		July	
Mary Lou & Gary Barone	June 3	Rosemary & Jim Prager	July 10
Sue & Ken Dietrich	June 7	Kim & Lauranne Smolka Ferrara	July 24
Diane & Dan Smith	June 10		
Kathryn & Dan Varna	June 12		
Mindy & Ron Massie	June 24		

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Activities

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

June:

- June 13 Corvette Night at Victory Church in Cranberry Township (21150 Route 19, Cranberry Township, PA 16066). Meet at church starting at 4 PM.
- June 14 Beaver Falls Car Cruise – All day until 7PM. We will have our usual place at Spratt Funeral Home, 1901 7th Ave, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. A few members will need to be there early to help secure our places.
- June 18 **Men's Breakfast** – Freedom Square Diner by Cinemark Theater, 9 AM– Confirm your attendance to Carl Stiefel (724-375-1873 or stief121@comcast.net)**
- Ladies Lunch**, 12 noon at the Hilltop Restaurant, 318 New York Ave, Rochester. Confirm your attendance to Terry Mauck (724-650-0845 or tamauck@msn.com)**
- June 22 [Memorial Car Cruise in memory of Junior Redden](#) at the [Red Fox Winery and Lounge](#) (80 Red Fox Rd, Hickory, PA 15340). We will leave from the Beaver Valley Mall Get Go at 12 noon.
- June 25 Day trip to [Canton, Ohio](#).
- June 26 Bowling at Sheffield Lanes, 11AM, 818 Raccoon St, Aliquippa, PA 15001. \$20 for 3 games, shoes, and lunch. Lunch only \$10.
- June 28 [COPa Picnic, Adams Township Community Park](#), Rotary Pavillion, 12 pm to 4 pm, RAIN or SHINE. Join us for a fun day with good food and fellowship; lunch, drinks and desserts will be provided. The cost is \$30 per person and must be paid prior to the picnic. If you want to join the [Name the Baby Contest](#), send your baby pictures to Kirsti Walent, 503 Rodney Lane, Cranberry Township, PA 16066. Must be received by 6/25.**

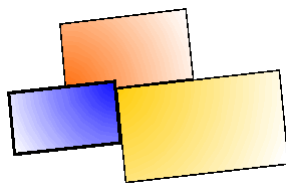
June 30

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

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Activities continued...

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

September:

Sept 11 Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7:00pm

Sept 13 Memorial Poker Run, Karen Baker (Coberly), TBD

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

Oct 25-26 HOLD the DATES for Western PA Waterfall overnight trip, TBD

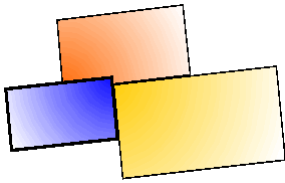
November:

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

December:

Dec 6 Holiday Celebration, Hilton Garden Inn, Monaca

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COPa Picnic, Saturday, June 28, 2025

- Adams Township Community Park, Rotary Pavillion, 12 noon to 4 pm.
 - 698 Valencia Rd, Mars, PA 16046
- **RAIN or SHINE**
- \$30.00 per person to be paid in advance.
 - Send payment to COPa to:

Corvettes of PA, Inc
P.O Box 224
Beaver, PA 15009

- **Payment must be received by COPa by 6/20/25.**
- COPa has paid for an alcohol license so feel free to bring your favorite beverages.
- Lunch, water, sodas and desserts will be provided.
- Parking is available near the pavilion. Please do not park on the grass per park regulations.
- So far we have 28 signed up and paid.
 - Let's get more of you to sign up and attend.
- Don't miss this fun time.

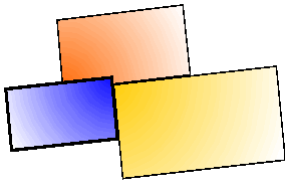


NAME the BABY CONTEST



- Don't forget the "**Name the Baby Contest**" at the picnic.
- Send your pictures to Kirsti Walent, 503 Rodney Lane, Cranberry Township, PA 16066 prior to the picnic or text to 805-815-6674. Must be received by 6/25.
 - Make sure you identify the baby in the picture.
 - Prizes for the one(s) who gets the most correct.

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Welcome

New Members!

New Members

This month we welcome first time Corvette owners **Kevin & Joyce McClafferty**. They have a 2025 purple Stingray with the Z51 package. They are ready to hit the road with us this summer, and we are looking forward to meeting them. Thanks to Jim Kinest for the referral!

We also welcome **Gary & Mary Lou Barone**, proud owners of a red 1985 coupe, in mint condition with a 4-speed!! It's good to get another C4 into the club. Thanks to Russ and Brenda Musta for referring Corvettes of Pa to Gary & Mary Lou.

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 63 memberships with 114 members. We have added 7 new memberships with 12 members so far this year. Let's keep growing!

We have a great number of members who are attending our monthly meetings. Unbelievably, the count was 27 for the first 4 meetings and 38 for the May meeting at ShuBrew.

Share the COPa Membership Application with other Corvette owners. Print a few out to keep in your Corvette so that when you are out and about and see another Corvette, use it as a conversation starter.



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

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On the Horizon - Upcoming Events

By Jim Kinest, Activities Coordinator



Sun June 22 – Memorial Car Cruise in memory of Junior Redden at the Red Fox Winery and Lounge (80 Red Fox Rd, Hickory, PA 15340). We will leave from the Beaver Valley Mall Get Go at 12 noon.



JR REDDEN MEMORIAL CAR CRUISE

DATE: JUNE 22, 2025
TIME: 1PM
LOCATION: RED FOX WINERY
80 Red Fox Road, Hickory, Pa. 15340

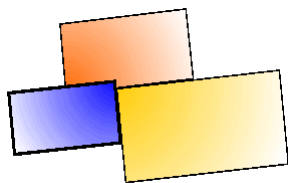
FOOD TRUCKS
RED FOX WINE AND LOCAL BREWS
ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED

PLEASE JOIN US TO REMEMBER AND CELEBRATE AN AMAZING LIFE

ALL CARS AND MOTORCYCLES WELCOME
PARKED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS (NO SPACE SAVING)
NO OUTSIDE ALCOHOL PERMITTED

The poster features a central image of a red and white race car with the number 2 and 'JUNIOR REDDEN' on the side. To the left is a checkered flag. To the right is a small image of a truck with an American flag. At the bottom left is a photo of a man standing next to a vintage car. The background is a mix of blue, red, and white.

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On the Horizon - Upcoming Events continued...

Wed June 25 – Day trip to Canton. Plan on a full day (and an overnight stay if you like) in the Canton Area. First stop is the Canton Classic Car Museum, followed by lunch at Chloe's Diner. Then it is more cars at Ohio Corvettes and Muscle Cars, topped off with ice cream at Taggart's. But wait, there's more! Final stop is at Gervasi Vineyard for their 5-8PM car cruise. No more rooms remain at Gervasi but there are several hotels nearby should you like spend an evening or 2 and return home later. As of the last meeting, we will have 8 cars attending.

Thurs June 26 – Bowling at Sheffield Lanes, 11AM, 818 Raccoon St, Aliquippa, PA 15001. \$20 for 3 games, shoes, and lunch. Want only lunch – just \$10.

Sat June 28 – [Annual Summer Picnic](#), Adams Township Community Park, 12-4 pm

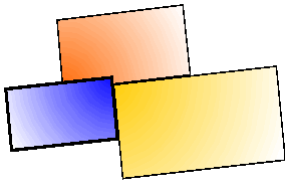
Sun June 29 - Sheffield Lanes Car Cruise, 1-5pm 818 Raccoon St, Aliquippa

Sun July 6 - PVGP Kick Off Rallye – Dual Devils Garage, Houston Pa.

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

[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.

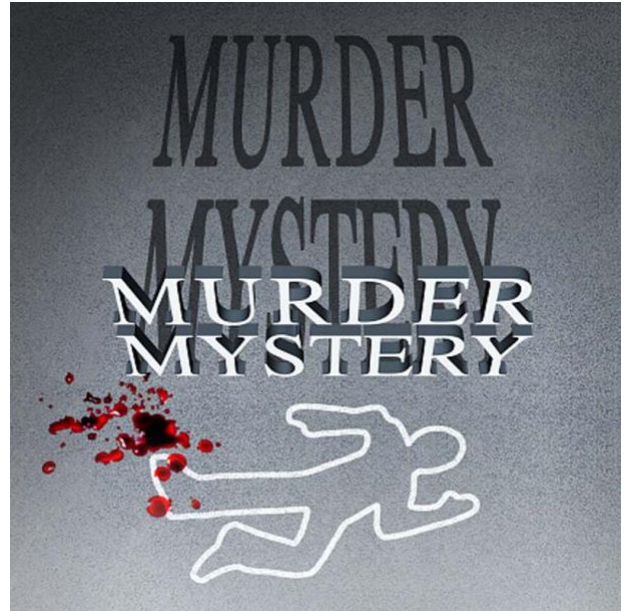


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On the Horizon - Upcoming Events continued...

[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.



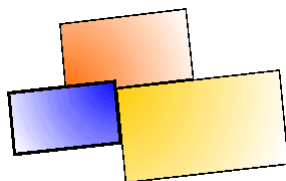
The dinner train and caboose rooms are expected to sell out so don't delay with your reservations. A Quality Inn & Suites (511 W Central Ave, Titusville, PA 16354 (814-827-0041) is located close to the Titusville Railroad as an alternate location.

Joe is also making plans for Sunday for us to enjoy an additional day in the area, and ideas are 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!

JUNE UPDATE:

- 30 tickets are still available for the murder mystery dinner on Sept 27.
- There is no caboose motels left for the night of Sept 27 following the dinner show.
- There are other hotels in the area.
- 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.

Thanks, Joe Romano



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Corvettes of Pa South (COPS) Lunch



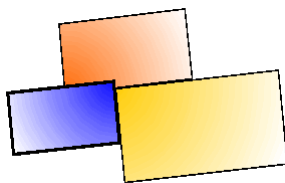
Seated L-R – Gloria Tagnosky, Sue & Rodney Dwyer, Kathie & Jack McCandless
Standing L-R – Karen Bavaro, Jim & Janice Klingelhofer, Steve Bavaro

Unfortunately, missing from the photo is Karen Baker (Coberly) as this was the first lunch after her recent passing. She was missed very much, but they could still hear her laughter throughout the lunch. We will miss Karen as well.

Thanks to Paul Schulze and Joe Molokach, with assistance from Al Syrek, there will be a Memorial Poker Run for Karen on **Saturday Sept 13** (rain date Sat Sept 20). This will be a wonderful way to pay tribute to Karen as she was a huge poker player, and the guys are recreating the drive from many years ago that Karen said it was the most fun she had on a Poker Run.

Mark the date in your calendar and stay tuned for more details as we get closer.

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Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix 2025

By Jim Kinest



Registration is open for all 2025 PVGP events. This year's 10-day Motorsports Festival includes the Historics at Pitt Race (July 11-13), and the Schenley Park Vintage Race Weekend (July 19-20). Lotus is the Marque of the Year, and COPa club member Russ Musta is leading the Marque of the Year activities.

Register in advance for these weekends for a discounted admission price.

- Pitt Race - Admission is \$25 per day online and \$30 at the gate; kids under 12 are free.
- Schenley - Cost: \$50 donation per car (**Increases to \$60 on July 1**). Includes weekend parking on the golf course. Complimentary PVGP Race Program and decal. Wristband for driver and one passenger, good for the weekend. On-line registration closes at midnight July 17 and you must pay at the gate after that.

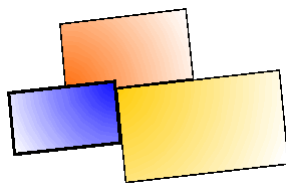
Registration for these weekends, as well as all other PVGP events, can be made at:

<https://pvgp.org/calendar/> I will receive frequent registration reports so if you like, let me know when you register and I'll ensure your information is correct.

Due to the reconstruction of Market Square in Pittsburgh, the Wednesday Downtown Car Display (7/16) will only be at PPG Plaza, and due to the popularity of this event, it has already been sold out.

Chevrolet / Corvette Parking – We will remain in the same large location as the previous few years, across Schenley Drive from the American Show. I will occasionally receive registration lists, and will communicate with those registered with additional information and updates as they become available. You can register under the International Car Show, then select "Corvette" or "Chevrolet except for Corvette"

Vintage Indy recently announced their 3rd return to Pittsburgh with their stunning authentic Indianapolis 500 race cars. Details will be forwarded as they are released by Vintage Indy, <https://vintageindyregistry.com/>



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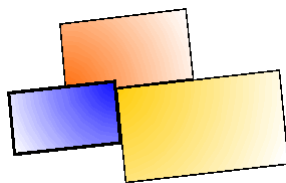
Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix 2025 continued...

GT40 Sweepstakes Car –This year a GT40 MKI from Superformance has been secured as our 3rd Sweepstakes car. Tickets are available through Sept 7, with the drawing being held on Sept 18. The car can be seen at Dual Devils Garage in Houston PA, or at many PVGP events throughout the summer. Me, PJ, and a few others from the PVGP will be transporting the car this summer. If you would like to lend a hand, contact me and we will let you know of our schedule as we get closer. Get your tickets here: <https://www.tapkat.org/pittsburgh-vintage-grand-prix-association/8548n5?promo=FACEBOOK25>

Future PVGP Race Week Dates. We have worked with Pitt Race and the City of Pittsburgh to secure the PVGP dates for the next 4 years. We are also looking out to identify future Marques of the Year as well as the Spotlight cars.

2026 July 10-19	Pitt Race July 10-12 and Schenley Park July 18-19
2027 July 9-18	Pitt Race July 9-11 and Schenley Park July 17-18
2028 July 7-16	Pitt Race July 7-9 and Schenley Park July 15-16
2029 July 13-22	Pitt Race July 13-15 and Schenley Park July 21-22

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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.

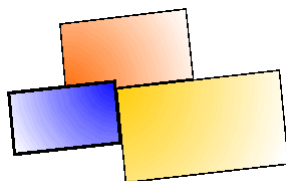
Following the race, all the Corvettes were lost for decades. Collectors, restorers and enthusiasts came to recognize the historical significance of these cars, and an undercurrent of frantic searching for them was put into motion.

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](#):

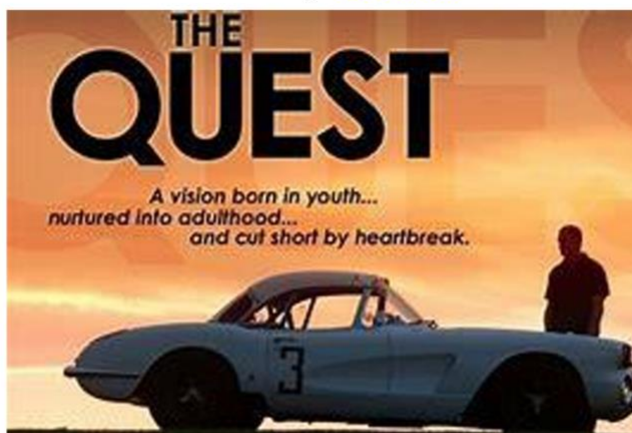




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Steel Town Corvette Club Presents

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

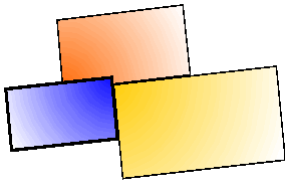
Name: _____ # of tickets ____

Address: _____ @ \$10.00 ea.= _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Corvette Club: _____

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National Corvette Museum

[Member Appreciation Day: June 27, 2025](#)

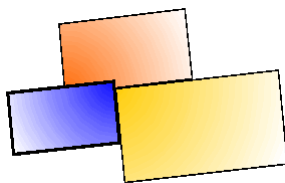
We're Putting Members in the Driver's Seat

In the run up to National Corvette Day on June 30th, the National Corvette Museum is hosting Member Appreciation Day on Friday, June 27. This full-day celebration is built for our Members who keep America's Sports Car moving forward. Whether you're joining us in person or tuning in from home, you're invited to experience a day of exclusive access, engaging activities, and Corvette community.



Source: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/member-appreciation-day/>

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In the Spotlight!

By Kirsti Walent, COPa Editor in Chief

Introducing Brenda and Russ Musta!

Brenda and Russ were both born in Sewickley Valley Hospital and have lived in Clinton, PA since 2016. Russ is a retired private jet pilot and Brenda worked at Heritage Valley Health System for 41 years, 13 years in Sterile Processing and 28 years in Purchasing.

They have been members for about 3 years and have a 2006 C6 Silver Corvette. Brenda and Russ are excited to be part of such a great group of people and love all the events and get-togethers. The last trip they went on with the club is the recent one to Lancaster, PA; they had a great time with lots to do.

Russ' hobbies include Lotus Cars and Guitars. Russ plays and has built a guitar. Brenda is an avid painter and she loves to garden. Their favorite places to travel to are Hawaii, the UK, and Italy and they have Portugal on their bucket list.

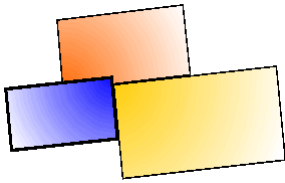
A fun fact that you may not know about them is that Russ does Aviation Sheet Metal work that coincides with him building a single seat sport airplane. He has been at this for most of his adult life and is still working on it. Brenda started painting in 2020 and has sold over 300 pieces and she also makes and sells nut-rolls with a secret recipe from Slovenia.



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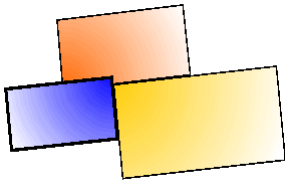
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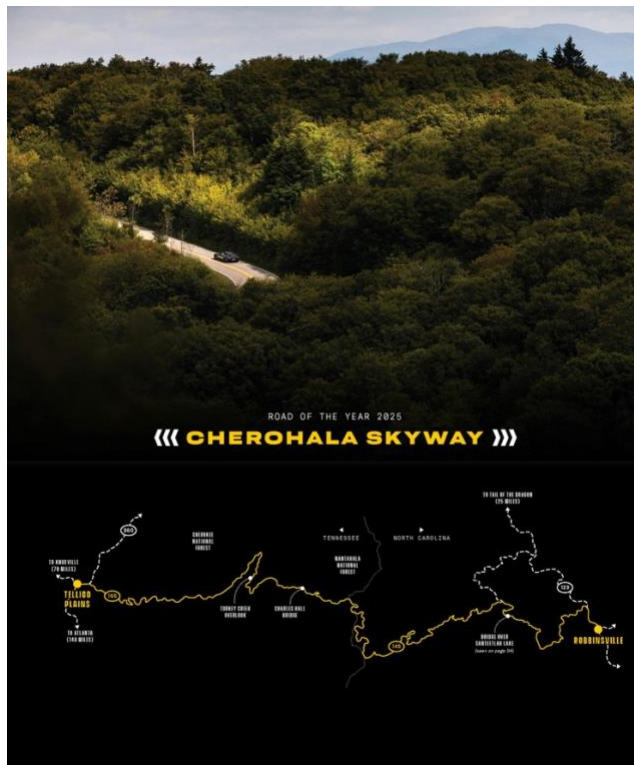
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On the Road Again...

Hagerty Road of the Year 2025: Cherohala Skyway

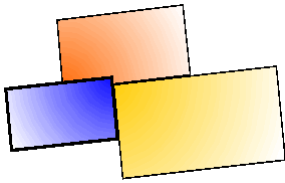
After carving 43 miles of smooth asphalt that rises through meadows and dense forest on its way to a mile-high peak, a driver might conclude that the Cherohala Skyway was made purely for the fun of it. The history of the 2025 Hagerty Road of the Year suggests that conclusion isn't too far from the truth.

Running between Tellico Plains, Tennessee, and Robbinsville, North Carolina, the Skyway streams through the Cherokee National Forest in Tennessee and the Nantahala National Forest in North Carolina, Cherohala being a combination of the two tribal names. This ribbon of uninterrupted bliss, which traverses the spine of the Unicoi Mountains, unwinds over thousands of uninhabited acres and few connecting roads.



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What Do You Get For Your COPa Dues?

- Long lasting friendships – ✓ Check
- Many opportunities to enjoy your Corvette – ✓ Check
- Knowledge and help from fellow members – ✓ Check

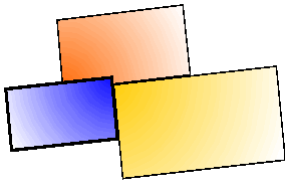
The last benefit was evident on the recent Lancaster trip when Jim & Rosemary Prager became victims of the dreaded C5/C6 shifter issue. On the drive out, the shifter in their automatic would only go into Drive & Neutral. They were able to shut down and start their car in Neutral, but they had to be mindful where to park during each stop due to the inability to go into Reverse. Their issue became the topic of discussion at lunch & dinner with several of us brainstorming possible causes and fixes. Brian Finnegan & Jim Mauck became the coolest looking Uber drivers for Jim & Rosemary for dinner with their Corvettes, and when Joe Romano arrived later in his daily driver, he took over Uber responsibilities for the remainder of our time in Lancaster. Several members came forth with tools, a battery jump box and pulled our knowledge together with help trying to determine the problem.



The condition degraded further when the car would not start for the return trip home. A temporary fix from a local Chevrolet dealership allowed them to return home a day after we departed. From this ordeal, Jim has become the resident expert on the faulty limit switch(s) in the shifter for his C6!

Many of you will also recall the issue Joe & Kirsti Walent had last year with their shifter cable bushing on the way to Bowling Green, and how many on the trip and back home came up with ideas and parts they had at home to help getting their C5 back on the trip with us.

All of this, and more, for just \$30. Truly a bargain.



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[Ringing \(?\) Endorsement of Shoo Fly Pie](#)



Shoo Fly Pie Comments Overheard at Breakfast in Lancaster:

"It's not what I thought it would be"

"It's not too bad"

"I thought it was stickier"

"No thanks"

"I guess it's OK"

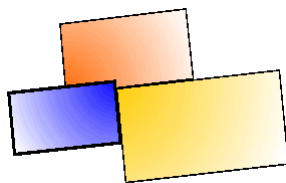
"Sure is different"

"That's unique"

"Not my favorite, but it's ok"

"Now that's different"

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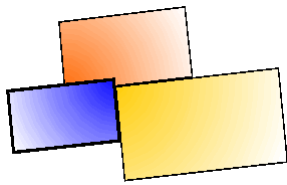
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Lancaster Road Trip Pictures



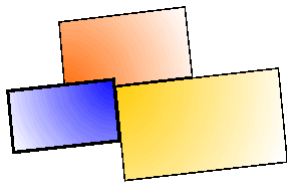
First stop – JoJo's Pizza for lunch





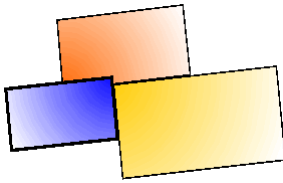
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NORTHROP P-61B "BLACK WIDOW"

The need for a true night fighter aircraft was well demonstrated during the Battle of Britain in 1940. Aircraft used to counter the German night attacks were operated by moonlight, searchlights, and, in some limited cases, ground-based radar, and were, as often as not, ineffective.

At the direction of AAF General Carl A. Spaatz, John Northrop submitted an innovative night fighter design which, designated as the XP-61, first flew on May 26, 1942.

The BLACK WIDOW was truly unique. Its innovative slatted flaps and spoiler ailerons allowed operation from short airfields and improved handling. The radar carried in its nose made it the dominant force in the night skies over Europe and the South Pacific.

Only four P-61 aircraft are known to exist. The Museum's P-61, AAF number 233427, is a 34 model, the 23rd BLACK WIDOW produced. It was the first P-61 assigned to the 550th FW in New Guinea.


Piloted by Lt. Logan Southfield, it crashed near Hollandia Airfield on January 10, 1945 during a proficiency flight.

It was the awareness of the existence of this rare and historically significant aircraft which led to the founding of the Mid Atlantic Museum by Russ and Gene Stone, in 1980. The recovery and restoration project has been a long and involved one.


Currently undergoing restoration, the Museum's P-61 will be the only flyable aircraft of its type in the world.

SPECIFICATIONS

ENGINE: Two Pratt & Whitney R-2800 (2,000 HP)
WING SPAN: 66 Feet
LENGTH: 49 Feet, 5 inches
HEIGHT: 14 Feet, 8 inches
MAXIMUM SPEED: 366 MPH
ARMAMENT: Four 20mm cannons and four .50 caliber machine guns in top gun turret



The aircraft had remained where it crashed, 4,700 feet up on Mt. Cyclops near Hollandia Airfield. The lack of roads and accessways required the removal of the P-61 by helicopter from the mountain.





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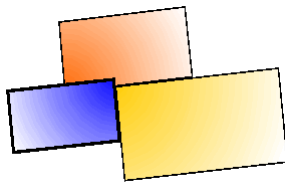
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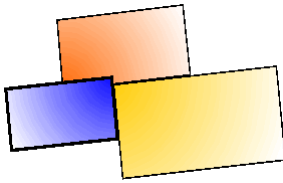




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Ice cream time!



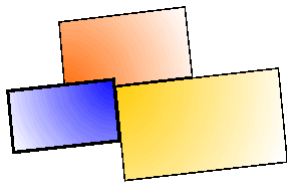
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Sight & Sound Theater - NOAH





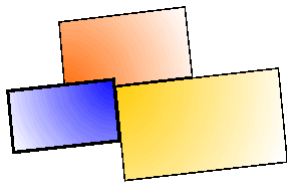
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Dinner after the show



Hello, Hello! How does this thing work?



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New Castle School of Trade Annual Car Cruise

Several COPa Corvettes were in attendance at this great annual car cruise.



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Cartoon



"I thought since he can restore a Corvette he could fix the kitchen sink. I was wrong."

Submitted by: Joe Molokach



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