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March 2025

Next Meeting: March 13, 2025

Meeting

7 pm

Monaca Turners

The President's Message



Greetings!

I would like to thank Joe Walent for stepping up and accepting the position of Vice President. Thanks Joe!

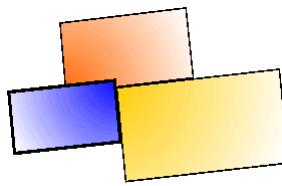
Those of you that missed the Auto Show last month missed an interesting time at the Vintage Gran Prix booth. There was an actual GT 40 that raced at La Mans, Jim and I spoke with one of the drivers about driving in such a grueling race, very interesting.

Jim has been working to see that we all have a great time this year with all the upcoming events, this will be a busy year.

Last month's meeting at ShuBrew was a huge success due to the efforts of Lynn and Kirsti, thanks ladies, great location and good cookies and cake.

See you at the meeting!
Paul

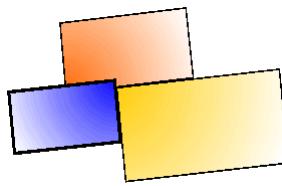




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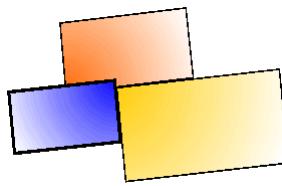
Celebrations



March			April	
Kim Smolka Ferrara	Mar 3		Jean Safreed	Apr 1
Dave Teams	Mar 3		Chris Ring	Apr 2
Tim Prell	Mar 4		Tim Brown	Apr 7
Donna Coberly	Mar 9		Joe Romano	Apr 7
Karin Vecchi	Mar 13		Gayle Knight	Apr 13
JoAnn Smilek	Mar 22		Mike Steele	Apr 15
Judy Tharp	Mar 23		Beth Michel	Apr 19
Rob Golletti	Mar 27			



March			April	
Kirsti & Joe Walent	Mar 3		Jamie & Bill Laughlin	Apr 6
Lisa & Tom Kowalski	Mar 10		Pat & Paul John	Apr 21
Jayme & Kirk Anderson	Mar 25			
Tricia & Gary Zinkhann	Mar 29			



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Activities

(items in red are club activities)

March:

March 13

Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7:00pm

March 19

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

March 19

Ladies' Lunch - Brady's Run Grille, 449 Constitution Boulevard, New Brighton, 12 noon.

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 19 – May 22

May 26

Trip to Lancaster

May 30 - June 1

Hookstown Grange Memorial Day Cruise

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

August:

Aug 2

Beaver Car Cruise

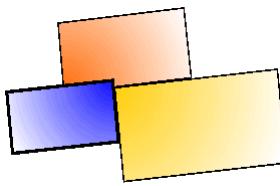
Aug 14

Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7:00pm

Aug 21 - 23

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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

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)

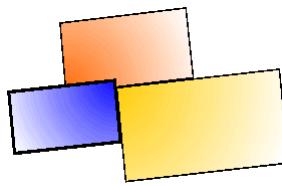
Monthly Meetings - TBD



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Welcome

New Members!

New Members

This month we welcome Brian Krull and Beth Michel, proud owners of a 2022 Hypersonic Gray Z51 convertible. We will have a lot of opportunities this upcoming Corvette Season to meet you and place many enjoyable miles on your C8. Thank You Brian for your service in the US Navy.

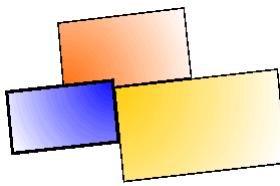
Every member is asked to reach out to area Corvette owners and encourage their membership into Corvettes of Pa. They are welcome to a monthly meeting so they can see the activities we have scheduled. Please help in keeping COPa a thriving and constantly growing social organization.

Currently we have 57 memberships with 105 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.

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

Wed March 19 - Ladies Lunch, 12 noon, at Brady's Run Grille (449 Constitution Blvd, New Brighton, PA 15066. (724)-843-9001). Contact Terry Mauck by text at 724-650-0845 if you can come.

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

Trip to Lancaster, PA

As of now, 16 members are going on the trip to Lancaster, Pa (May 19 – 22). All 16 have purchased tickets to see Noah at the Sight & Sound Theater for the Wed May 21, 3PM show.

If you are interested in the trip, I suggest you get Noah tickets if you would like to see the show, secure a hotel room, and let me know ASAP. Hotel room availability in the area is limited due to the shows per hotel manager, and our hotel is now sold out.

Itinerary for the "Trains, Planes, and Automobiles" Trip:

Mon 5/19 – AACA Museum in Hershey, and Choo Choo Barn in Strasburg if time permits.

Tues 5/20 – Mid Atlantic Air Museum, ride the Strasburg Railroad

Wed 5/21 – Barry's Car Barn, Noah

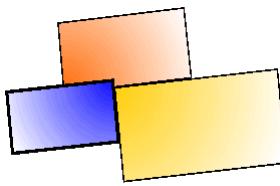
Thur 5/22 – Railroad Museum of Pa, depart for home.

Lots to see and do in the Amish area of Strasburg – unique restaurants and creameries, quite a few covered bridges, and many Amish attractions all in the immediate area.

On Thurs after the Railroad Museum, all are welcome to join Judy & I as we head east for about 45 minutes to tour Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square PA. She & I are spending a few extra days in the area.

Reach out to me if you have questions.

Jim Kinest



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On the Horizon - Upcoming Events continued...

[Titusville Railroad/Murder Mystery Show](#)

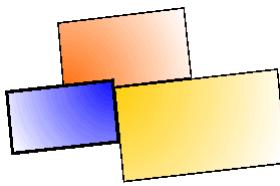
I am proposing the following event on Sept 27 with the Titusville Railroad/Murder Mystery show to see what interest there is in attending. The following is what I found out for the event:

- Sept 27, 2025
- Titusville Rail trip included
- Schedule for the event is
 - 3:30 PM check-in
 - 4:45 PM meal
 - 6:00 - 8:45 PM Train ride
- Over by 9:30 PM
- Show theme for that day is Momma Mia Mayhem.
- Total Cost for dinner show and train is \$80 per person.
- Caboose hotel rooms on location are still available for about \$100 for one night.
- Ticket purchases can be made at 814 676 1733.

Be sure to mention you are with CoPA when purchasing tickets since they will assign seats at dinner and train together for all those that identify themselves as with CoPA. Let me know of any questions. Tickets for dinner/show/train and caboose hotel rooms will sell out.

Last I heard about 28 event seats left and 8 caboose hotel cars remaining for that event day. Office hours for taking orders are 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM. Other hotels in the area for those who need one. Titusville Railroad is also telling me if you purchase tix for the planned Sept 27 event and end not being able to go that day you can redeem the tix for another similar event in the remainder of 2025 or all of 2026 if you notify them in advance.

Thanks, Joe Romano



National Corvette Museum

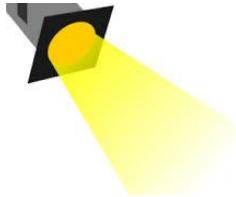
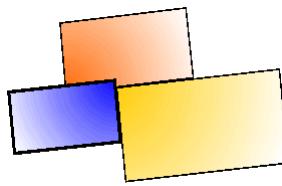
The Iconic Skydome

The Skydome is the National Corvette Museum's most iconic gallery and a Bowling Green landmark. Designed by Neumann/Smith Architecture, it was created to be futuristic and instantly recognizable. Its round shape resembles a Corvette speedometer when viewed from above, while its bright yellow paint and towering red spire make it a standout for travelers on Interstate 65. Despite its name, the Skydome is technically a frustum, with a conical base and a red spire reaching 128 feet high, topped with lights visible for miles. As part of the Museum's award-winning architecture, the Skydome embodies the speed and excitement of America's Sports Car.

Source:

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





In the Spotlight!

By Kirsti Walent, COPa Editor in Chief



(Rose is in the middle)

Introducing **Rosemarie Leslie (Rose)**. Rose was born in Rochester, PA and has lived in the area all her life. She joined COPa 25 years ago and has enjoyed many outings with the club. Rose owns a 1974 Mille Miglia Red Stingray and a 1980 Dark Claret Corvette. At one time, Rose served as the Officer at Large and loves the many wonderful people she has met in the club; they have become lifelong friends. She likes being with fun people doing fun things and her most memorable outing was at the Western PA Corvette Council Picnic that our club hosted at Brady's Run Park Lodge in 2002. We had at least 200 to 300 Corvettes show up. What a Beautiful sight!

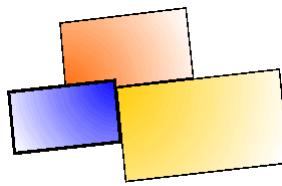
Rose's inspiration comes from God and her friends and family. She loves driving her Corvette, going to the gym, hanging out in her pool, karting, shooting her guns and getting ink (adding tattoos to her collection). Her favorite places to travel are Nashville and Key West. Something you might not know about Rose, is that she set a record in high school for doing 2000 sit-ups without stopping. Her very favorite memory is seeing her kids for the first time.

Where is Rose heading next? Nashville and Key West to get some ink from her second cousin.

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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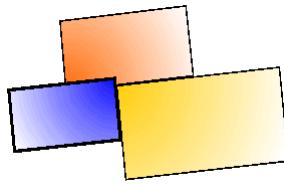
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Breaking News from COPa Members

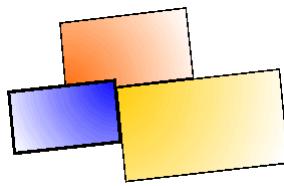


Shakespeare Brunch

Twenty COPa Members met at Shakespeare's for their Brunch on February 23rd. A variety of food from breakfast to lunch was consumed and all seemed to enjoy it. Hopefully we will do it again next year.

Thanks for joining us,
Chris Ring

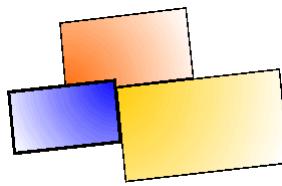




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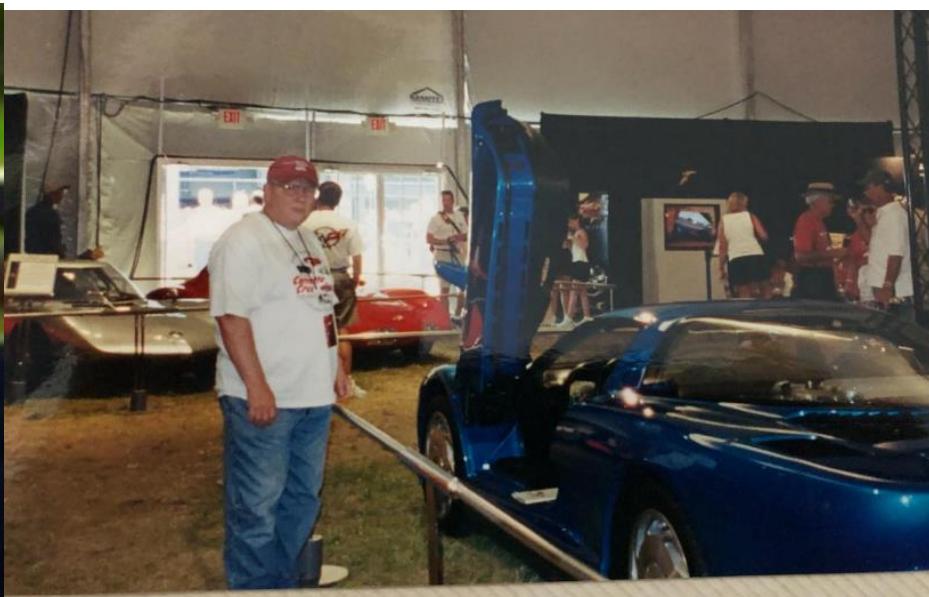


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In Memoriam – Bob Martin

By Jim Kinest

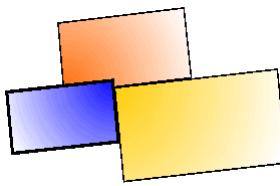


Bowling Green, 2003

Former member Bob Martin, age 80, passed away peacefully on February 13, 2025. Bob served in Air Force during the Vietnam War. Bob was a retired Ross Twp. Police Officer and was a life member of the VFW Westview and a life member and Treasurer of the Millvale Sportsman Club. He was also a member of the F.O.P. Lodge 91, the North Hills Boros and Townships Police Association, American Legion Post 778 Lyndora, and served as Councilman for Connoquenessing Boro.

Private burial with military honors will be held at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to his wife Kathi and their families.



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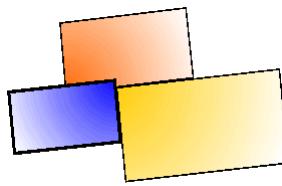
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Cartoon

Submitted by: Joe Molokach



"I'm sure your Corvette understands that the weather is too bad to take it out for a drive. I think you're being a little dramatic."



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