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February 2026

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Dinner at 5:30 pm, meeting at 7:00 pm

The Grand Valley Inn
452 Constitution Blvd,
New Brighton, PA 15061

The President's Message



Greetings!

Hopefully everyone made it through the brutal weather we experienced this last month with temperatures ranging anywhere from -18 to -25. We haven't seen temperatures like this in decades; must be global warming. Hopefully Phil will tell us some good news.

We are looking for a few members to fill positions in our club. We will be needing a Treasurer, Sargent of Arms, and someone to organize the Club Picnic in June and the Christmas party in December. We have a great club, so please step up to the plate and help out. Remember this is an election year for officers.

I know I've been itching to get the car out, but it is still too early for any thought of that. Cleaning and sitting there pretending that I'm driving, having the wind blowing through the cabin has been the only fantasy one can have this time of year.

Hope to see everyone at The Grand Valley Inn for our monthly meeting. The food will be good and the beer cold. They are offering us a limited menu since 35 people have signed up. Click [here](#) for the menu. There's plenty of parking and you will get individual checks.

See you soon!
Paul



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Celebrations



| February | | March | |
|-------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Carl Stiefel | Feb 1 | Kim Smolka | Mar 3 |
| Mary Atwood | Feb 2 | Nicholas Hayduk | Mar 6 |
| Jodi Wilson | Feb 7 | Debbie Ruckert | Mar 8 |
| Lisa Kowalski | Feb 10 | Donna Coberly | Mar 9 |
| Tricia Zinkhann | Feb 11 | JoAnn Smilek | Mar 22 |
| David Smilek | Feb 14 | Judy Tharp | Mar 23 |
| Barbara Stoehr | Feb 18 | Rob Golletti | Mar 27 |
| Paul Schulze | Feb 20 | | |
| Scott Walker | Feb 20 | | |
| Rodney Dwyer | Feb 21 | | |
| Dan Varna | Feb 21 | | |
| Gary Zinkhann | Feb 23 | | |
| Joyce McClafferty | Feb 23 | | |
| Jim Kinest | Feb 24 | | |



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



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New Members!

Welcome

New Members

We have no new members this month.

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 61 memberships with 114 members.

Our meeting attendance for 2026

January - 25

February -

March -

April -

May -

June Picnic -

July -

August -

September -

October -

November -

December Holiday Celebration -

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

In this new year, it is time to start building our event list. Winter activities are needed to keep us active, and a few ideas have been suggested so all that is needed is for members to select dates and make the final arrangements. Everyone is encouraged to plan an outing or two. Please do your part in keeping Corvettes of Pa and active and growing club.



WEDNESDAY, Feb 11 - Club Meeting at the Grand Valley Inn. (452 Constitution Blvd. New Brighton, PA 15066 (724) 843-9000). We have the room for dinner starting at 5:30, with the meeting starting at the regular 7PM.

Fri Feb 13 – Mon Feb 16 – Auto Show at the Pittsburgh Convention Center. Friday & Sat - 10AM – 10PM, Sun & Mon - 10AM – 5PM. Be sure to stop by and visit the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix booth on the top floor by the windows.

TUESDAY Feb 17 – Ladies Lunch at The Turn Club, 1298 Freedom Road, Cranberry, PA 16066. Time – 12 noon. Text Terry Mauck at 724-650-0845 to confirm your attendance.

Wed Feb 18 - Men's Breakfast – Freedom Square Diner by Cinemark Theater – Carl Stiefel contact – 9am

Thu Feb 26 - Senior bowling at Sheffield Lanes. Doors open 10:30. Bowling starts at 11am. \$20 includes shoes, 3 games of bowling and lunch/soft drinks. Want lunch only? \$10.

Sat March 7 – Visit Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum in Oakland. We will go on the 2 hour tour with a Museum professional at 10:30. \$20 per person. Museum opens at 10AM, and you can park in the garage below the Museum for \$5 (Garage located at 4141 Fifth Ave 3rd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15213). I am working on a special Corvettes of Pa connection to an archive that was donated to the facility. Lunch at 1:30 PM at Olive Garden Italian Restaurant Greentree (971 Greentree Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 (412) 922-7200).

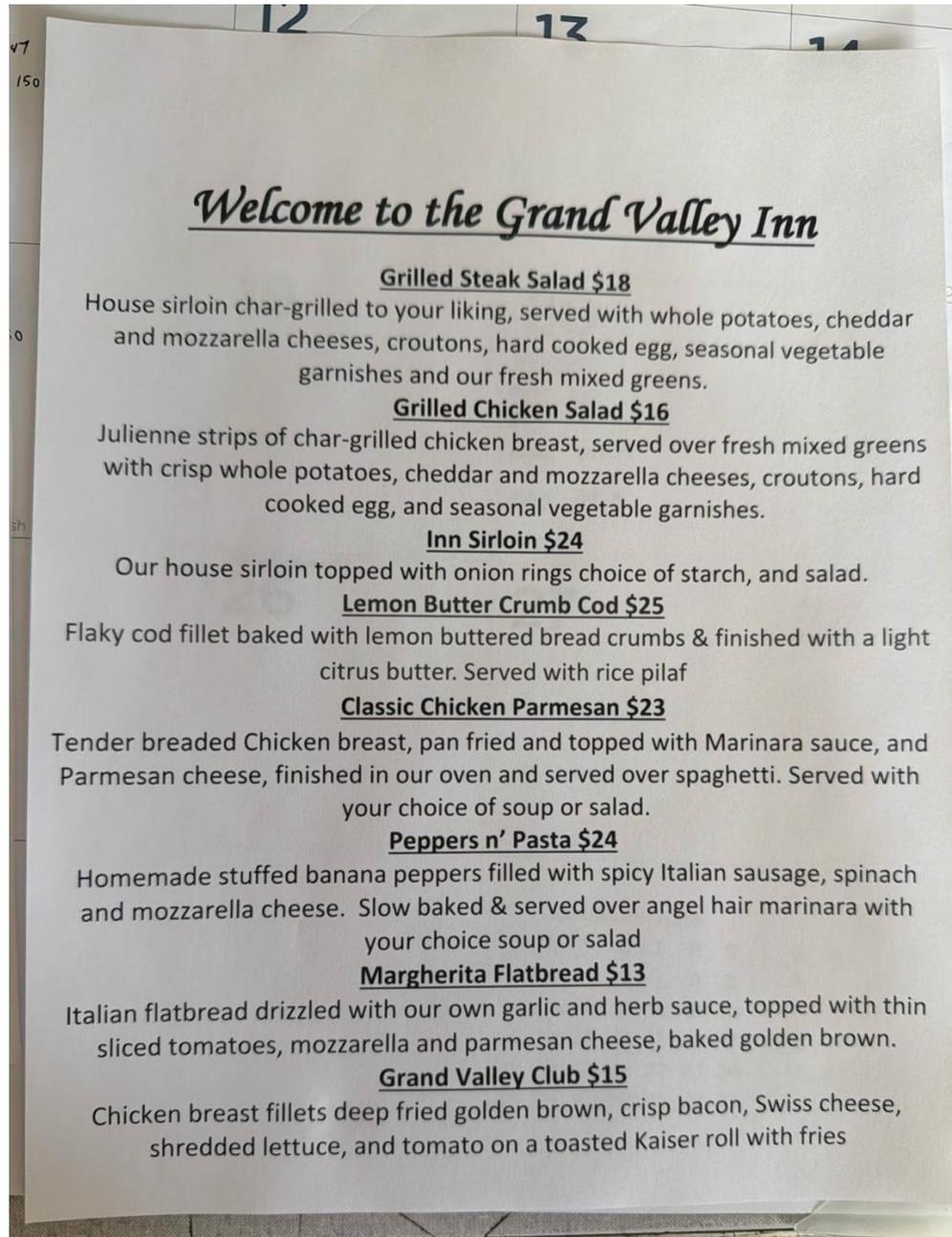
Visit <https://www.soldiersandsailorshall.org/> for more info. Signup sheet at the Feb Meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please send me an email and I'll add you to the list – 72bigblock@comcast.net



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Menu for the February Meeting at The Grand Valley Inn

Thirty-five people have signed up for this event.





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A Message from the COPa Webmaster

By Dan Steele

Hello Corvettes of PA

I have a few things to share with you.

First, my grandson Jake didn't fall to far from the tree. He couldn't wait to show me the Corvette he built from a Lego kit that he got for Christmas.

Well done Jake! Pop is proud of you. Your journey has begun.



Next, if you want to have a picture of your car on our website, send a picture of it to me with any pertinent info you'd like to see with the pic. If you want me in front of your car, I might be able to do that as well! Up to you.

Finally, a newsletter link has been added to the home page of our website. Newsletters for 2025 and Jan 2026 are currently there. I will add them as they are published. Don't ask me how I did it. Click [here](#) to see it.

Stay warm. See you at the February meeting. I have a source that guarantees 6 more weeks of winter.



Dan Steele
Webmaster
[COPa Website](#)



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Corvettes of Pa Archive of the Month

By Jim Kinest – COPa Historian

(Throughout 2026, we will highlight some of the gems we have in our Club Archives)

In May of 1993, we started ordering Corvettes of Pa watches. They were available in men's and ladies' versions and were \$23.40 each when purchased in bulk. Several orders were placed and at least 27 were purchased by our members.



But wait, why a different club logo? For a period of time, we deviated from the circular COPa logo. In August of 1992, Bill Coberly suggested we have business cards printed to pass out to prospective members. The following month, we placed our first order for 1000 Corvettes of Pa business cards (\$70). The company already had the Corvette design in the photo below. In April of 1994, we placed our last order for 2000 club business cards as the supplier could no longer print the cards with a GM trademarked logo. The back sides were already printed for a repair shop, so the cost was only \$79.



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Corvettes Of Pennsylvania



P.O. Box 224

Beaver, PA 15009

Repair Appointment:

For _____

Repair Date: _____

Time: _____ AM / PM

Estimate Information:

Date Written: _____

Kind of Repair _____

Make / Model _____

Estimate Amount \$ _____

Bonus Fun Fact – While taking a club photo in 1997, we actually had the three cars from the logo in the club.



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National Corvette Museum

[Corvette Store](#)

Source: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org>



GM/Corvette News

[Blue C8 Corvette Goes Bowling Again, Gets A Spare: Video](#)

[Two New Colors Coming For 2027 Corvette, Including Admiral Blue](#)



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Tech Corner

Members are encouraged to submit tips, repair information, and cleaning techniques concerning your Corvette to our Newsletter Editor.



Corvettes of PA South (COPS) Lunch

By Jim Kinest

The Florida Gang met for lunch on Friday January 30. They gather frequently catch up and relive their time in Corvettes of Pa.

Corvettes of Pa - not just a Corvette club, but a group of friends who conveniently enjoy the same car!

L-R: Janice & Jim Klingelhofer, Rodney Dwyer, Jack & Kathie McCandless, Gloria Tagnosky, Karen & Steve Bavaro.

Why is Sue Dwyer missing? Well, she had a few falls recently and was in the hospital at the time. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Sue & Rodney. Hopefully the Florida warmth will get you back to normal soon.

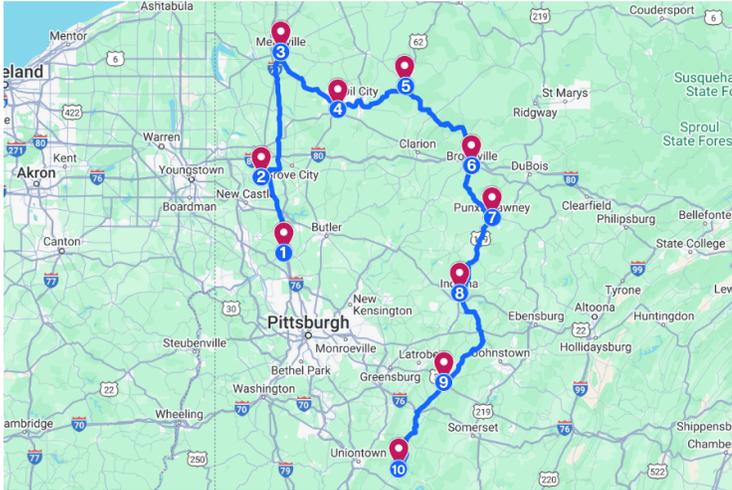




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On the Road Again...

Western PA Small Towns Road Trip



Zelienople

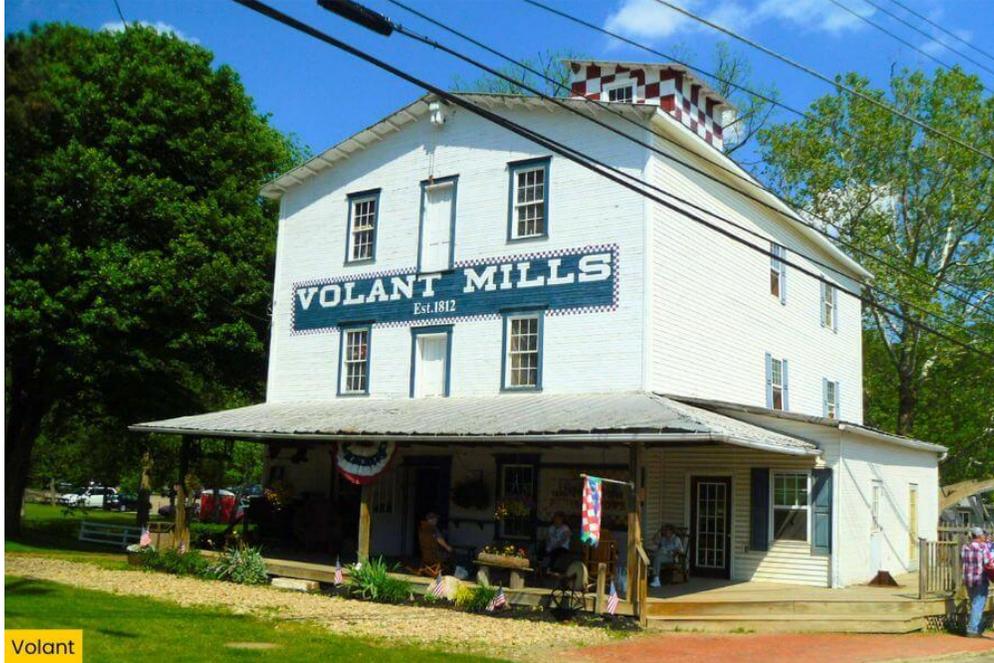


Zelienople is a tiny town in Butler County, about 30 miles north of Pittsburgh, and it's got major charm packed into just 2.1 square miles. It's known for its walkable Main Street, home to favorites like The Little Green Bookstore and the historic Strand Theater, a local icon since 1914. Every July, Zelienople hosts Horse Trading Days, a three-day festival with live music, tons of food trucks, craft booths, and yes, actual horse parades. They also host a fall festival each fall.



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Volant



Next up is Volant, a tiny Lawrence County village that feels like stepping into a vintage postcard. This place embraces Amish country living, with horse-drawn buggies rolling past 1800s-era buildings turned into shops for quilts, homemade fudge, and more.



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Meadville



Then there's Meadville, a college town with a creative streak and some seriously amazing history hiding in Crawford County. It's home to Allegheny College and was once an important center for early zipper production, thanks to the Talon Company. Stroll through Diamond Park, grab a local beer at Voodoo Brewery, and don't miss the Market House (built in 1870), one of Pennsylvania's oldest running markets.



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Franklin



A short drive away, Franklin in Venango County mixes its oil boom roots with a touch of small-town sparkle. Franklin's downtown is at its liveliest in October during Applefest, with over 300 craft vendors, vintage cars, and apple-themed everything filling the streets. This town helped launch the early oil industry after the discovery of oil in nearby Titusville in 1859. You can learn more about the region's history at the Venango Museum of Art, Science & Industry nearby in Oil City.

Source: [Traveller's Elixir](#)

Tune in next month for more small-town travel information.



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Regular Links

[Military Mission of Beaver County](#)

[The best source for local cruises](#)

[In the market for a Corvette?](#)

[Lots of good articles](#)

[Must visit for every Corvette Owner](#)

[C&S Sports for our COPa embroidered items](#)

[Pavel's Auto Detail and Ceramic Coating](#)

Additional Links

[Hagerty Media](#) – A beginner's guide to performance tuning.

[GM Heritage](#)

[GM Authority Blog](#)

[10,000 PVGP Photos](#)



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The Log Cabin Inn Lunch

Twenty Four members braved the cold weather in January to get together for lunch at The Log Cabin Inn in Harmony. It was cozy and warm inside and the food was delicious. No Corvettes were spotted in the parking lot.





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Cartoon

Submitted by: Joe Molokach



"It's a note from Punxsutawney Phil. It says if you see him driving his Corvette, then there will be an early spring."



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