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## March 2026

Next Meeting: March 12, 2026

7:00 pm, Monaca Turners

(come early to eat dinner and socialize)

Cajun wings, fries and broccoli salad available for purchase. \$13.50 per meal

## The President's Message



Greetings!

Well, Spring must be just around the corner since I saw a number of Corvettes out on Saturday including mine. It really felt great to be driving the Corvette again; now Spring cleaning is today.

Some great events are happening early this month, and we are hoping to see everyone at our first major event on March 7th.

For those that missed the car show, we saw lots of cars some with outrageous prices. A Bugatti at \$3.9 million and a new Mustang at \$500k, a Mustang? We had members volunteering their time for the Vintage Grand Prix handing out flyers, talking with many people and hopefully getting them to volunteer their time this summer at Schenley Park.

Our next monthly meeting will be held March 12th at Monaca Turners. See you there.

Paul



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## Celebrations



March		April	
Kim Smolka	Mar 3	Jean Safreed	Apr 1
Nicholas Hayduk	Mar 6	Chris Ring	Apr 2
Debbie Ruckert	Mar 8	Tim Brown	Apr 7
Donna Coberly	Mar 9	Joe Romano	Apr 7
JoAnn Smilek	Mar 22	Gayle Knight	Apr 13
Judy Tharp	Mar 23	Mike Steele	Apr 15
Rob Golletti	Mar 27	Beth Michel	Apr 19



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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## New Members!

# Welcome

### New Members

This month we welcome **Bob & Belinda Pinkerton**, proud owners of a white 1994 coupe. We were happy to see them at the men's breakfast in February. Looking forward to seeing their C4 and having them join us in our adventures.

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 62 memberships with 116 members.

Our meeting attendance for 2026

January - 25

February - 33

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*

Lots of open dates in March for members to plan an outing – every weekend starting March 8 is available. Bring your plans to the meeting as everyone is encouraged to plan an outing or two throughout the year. Please do your part in keeping Corvettes of Pa and active and growing club.



As organizations begin to publish their dates for 2026, Dan Steele has been updating the website with our events. Members are encouraged to add their events for the upcoming Corvette season.

Send Dan a photo of your Corvette also

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

Webmaster - [harleydyna@comcast.net](mailto:harleydyna@comcast.net)

**Thursday March 12** - Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7pm. Come early to hang out a bit.

**Wednesday March 18** - Men's Breakfast – Freedom Square by Cinemark Theater – Carl Stiefel contact – 9am

**Wednesday March 18** - Women's Lunch – The 19th Hole, 312 Blackhawk Road, Beaver Falls, PA 15010 (Chippewa Township) Time 12 noon, TEXT Terry Mauck if planning to attend 724-650-0845

**Thurs. March 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.

## Meander To and Around Marietta – May 31 to June 3

Plans are coming along very well for our 4-day trip to Marietta. This portion of eastern Ohio has plenty of twisty and windy 2-lane roads, so this trip will feature some of the best back roads in the area.

We will depart Sunday morning, May 31, taking Ohio 7 to Powhatan Point. From there, we will travel on Ohio Routes 148, 556, and 536. After lunch, we will end up at the LaFayette Hotel in Marietta. We will conclude the day with dinner at DaVinci's in Williamstown, WV.

With more back roads to explore on Monday, we will head to the Stockport Mill, step inside the Big Muskie Bucket at the Miners Memorial Park and stop for lunch at the Burr Oak Lodge. Next is a photo shoot at the Kidwell Covered Bridge, then more twists and turns on the famous Route 555 – the Ohio Triple Nickle - and Route 550 on the Marietta. After exploring and relaxing in Marietta, we will have dinner at one of the restaurants within walking distance of the hotel.



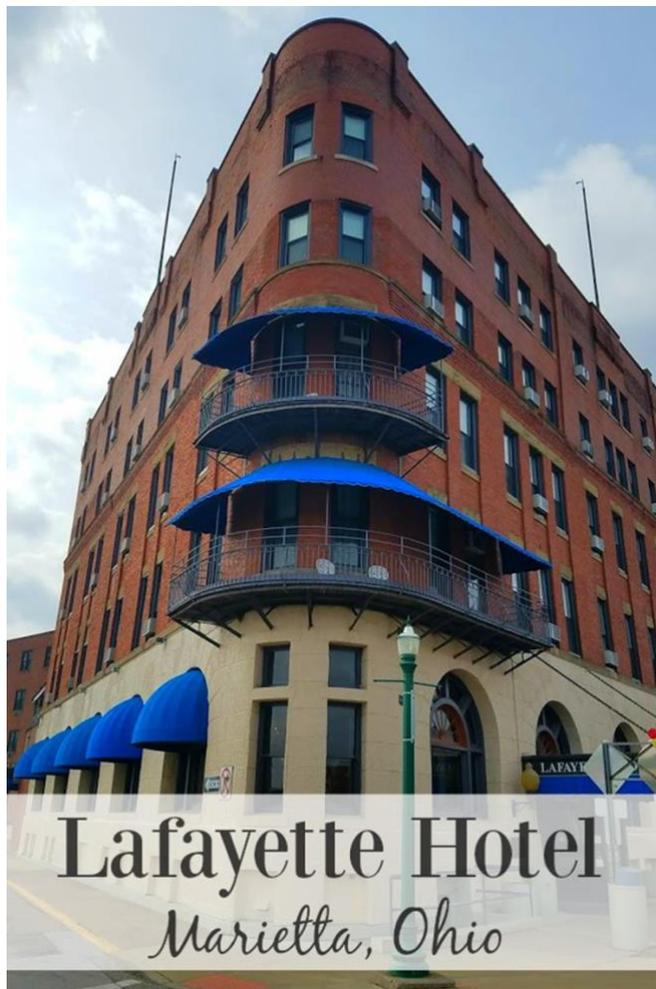
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Tuesday is a 90-minute river cruise on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler, along with local attractions like the Peoples Mortuary Museum (yea, seriously!), Fenton Glass Gift Shop, and a tour of the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption.

The final day is a visit to Blennerhassett Island, a West Virginia State Park that is only accessible by a 20-minute sternwheeler boat ride. Following lunch, it will be time to head back home.

There are plenty of good restaurants on the list, and an ice cream place or 2 if everyone behaves themselves.

There will be a signup sheet at the March meeting or contact me at [72bigblock@comcast.net](mailto:72bigblock@comcast.net) to sign up or ask questions. There are a few loose ends to tie up, including hotel reservation and Valley Gem Sternwheeler ticket details. As always, I will have a detailed itinerary for those participating in the trip.





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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)*



Starting in late 1982, we began issuing plastic car antenna flags. These 7-inch disks were printed on both sides and were certainly eye-catching on the Corvettes in that era with a permanent radio antenna. They were sold for only \$1. Due to their size and weight, it is suspected they were only displayed with the car at rest. We have 2 of these in our archives.





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In late 2007 we started discussions at the meeting about going back to a cloth flag design. Larry Lang took the lead, and we ordered 100 flags (at \$6.20 each) in February of 2008 from a supplier in China. These real nice 11 by 16-inch flags are a two-piece design with the logo on both sides.





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## National Corvette Museum

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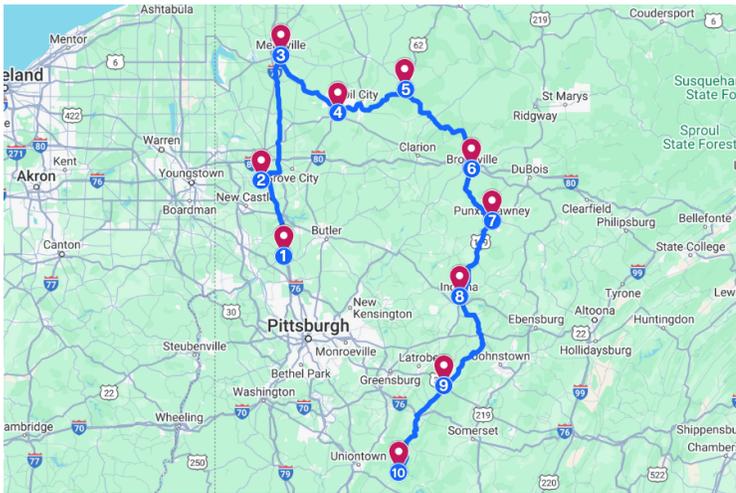


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On the Road Again...

## Western PA Small Towns Road Trip

*Continued from February...*





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## Tionesta



Keep heading east and you'll hit Tionesta, a tiny town located between the Allegheny River and endless forest views in Forest County. It's perfect for people who love the outdoors. You'll have easy access to hiking, kayaking, and fishing around Tionesta Lake, which covers about 480 acres and has a walkable dam. Believe it or not, the town has a 75-foot-tall lighthouse—the Sherman Memorial, built in 2004 by a local man who wanted to honor his passion and his family's history.



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## Brookville



Brookville

Next on the trail is Brookville, a Jefferson County town where brick buildings, antique stores, and homemade donuts make Main Street feel like a movie set. The town's historic 1800s buildings and setting along Redbank Creek make it worth a visit. While you're there, stretch your legs and grab a snack from Courthouse Grill or the ever-popular Dan Smith's Candies. If quirky roadside stops are your thing, check out the Moonlite Drive-In just outside of town—it's been playing double features under the stars since 1952!



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## Punxsutawney



Punxsutawney

Of course, no Western PA adventure is complete without Punxsutawney—the town that made a groundhog a national celebrity. Every February 2nd, crowds gather at Gobbler's Knob to watch Punxsutawney Phil predict the weather based on whether he sees his shadow. But the fun doesn't stop there—more than 40 painted Phils are scattered around town, keeping the groundhog spirit alive all year long. You can snap a pic with Phil at his little burrow next to the library, then head to the Groundhog Club Headquarters to learn what all the shadow fuss is about.



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## Indiana



Next up is Indiana, home to the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and the birthplace of Hollywood icon Jimmy Stewart. In downtown, you can check out the Jimmy Stewart Museum, which is packed with movie memorabilia. The town also goes big for the holidays, proudly calling itself the “Christmas Tree Capital of the World” thanks to all the tree farms nearby. Between the college-town energy, cute cafés like Caffè Amadeus, and trails like the 10-mile Hoodlebug Trail, there’s way more to do here than you’d expect.



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## Ligonier



Ligonier

Up next is Ligonier, a picture-perfect Laurel Highlands town where rich history and scenic beauty go hand in hand. The town's centerpiece is the diamond-shaped town square, surrounded by boutique shops and ice cream stops. But the real star is Fort Ligonier, a fully reconstructed 1758 British fort complete with cannons, tunnels, and other historical artifacts. If you're there in October, don't miss Fort Ligonier Days, a massive three-day festival with battle reenactments and over 200 craft booths.



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## Ohiopyle



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Last but definitely not least is Ohiopyle, the adventure-packed finale of this road trip, sitting right on the Youghiogheny River in Fayette County. This place is all about the outdoors, with epic whitewater rafting on Class III and IV rapids in Ohiopyle State Park and a 20-foot waterfall in the middle of town. You can bike the Great Allegheny Passage, hike to 30-foot Cucumber Falls tucked in the woods, or chill with an ice cream cone at the general store.

Source: [Traveller's Elixir](#)



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## Additional Links

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

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## Registration is Open for the 2026 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Events

The PVGP received good news recently when the City of Pittsburgh announced that the Panther Hollow Bridge will be open for our races through Schenley Park! Thus, we will return to the normal racing circuit that has been in use since the inaugural race in 1983.

Registration for all PVGP events is now open. Jaguar is Marquee of the Year, and Pontiac is the Spotlight Car. The International Jaguar Festival will be joining the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Race Weekend and promises to bring a collection of stunning Jags. Acclaimed Jaguar designer Ian Callum will serve as Grand Marshal and present concours awards.

On the American Show side, Chevrolet/Corvette Show will be moved back across Schenley Drive into the American Show. The area we have been using since 2021 will have Pontiac, Avanti, and the growing Electric Avenue display and vendors.

Cost: \$60 donation per car (Increases to \$70 on July 1). Includes weekend parking on the golf course.

Complimentary PVGP Race Program and decal. Wristband for the driver and one passenger, good for the weekend. On-line registration closes at midnight July 16 and you must pay at the gate after that.

The highly popular Downtown Show sold out in less than one day – the fastest sales I've ever seen. Some members were able to sign up in time, so I'll verify your registration when I start receiving periodic updates.





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## Shakespeare's Restaurant & Pub COPa Brunch





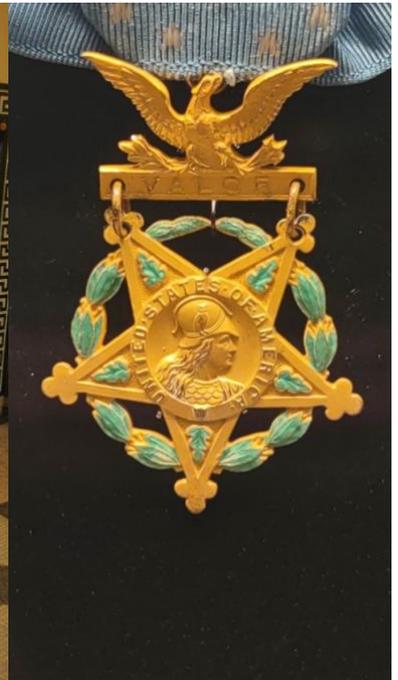
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## COPa Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum Visit





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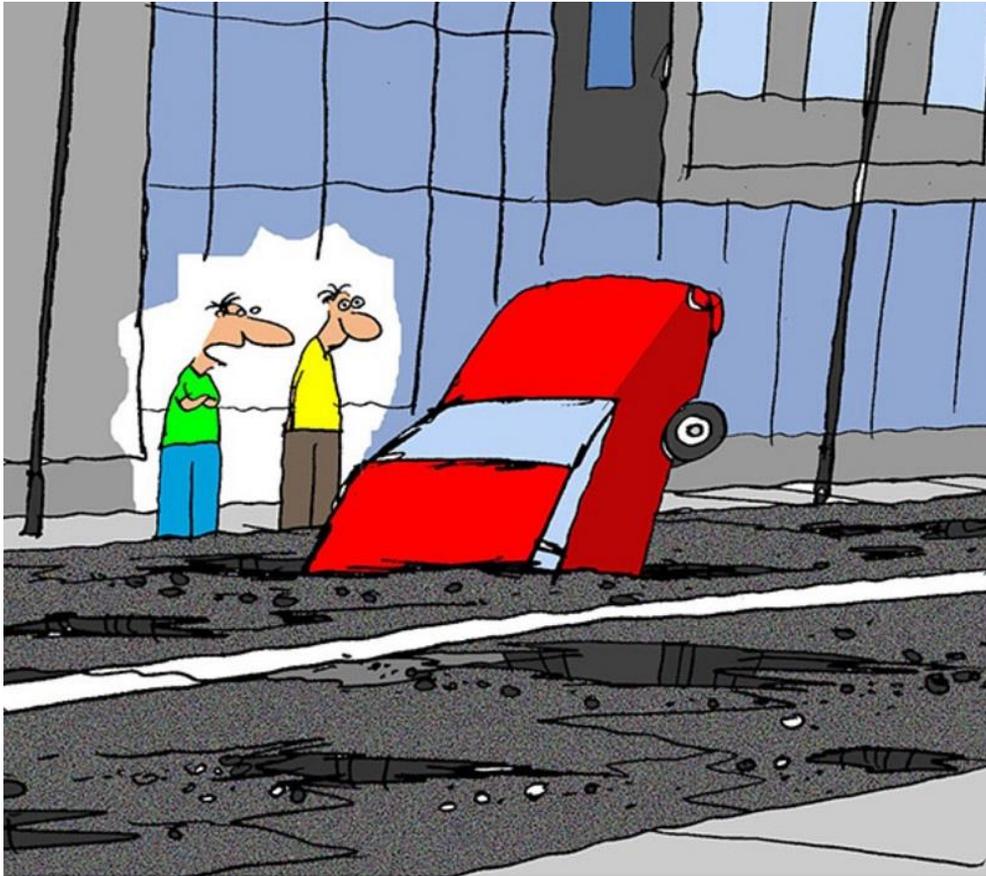




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## Cartoon

Submitted by: Joe Molokach



*"Now you know why I never drive my  
Corvette on these roads."*



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