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April 2026

Next Meeting: April 9, 2026

7:00 pm, Monaca Turners

Ziti dinner will be served starting at 6:00 pm,
\$13.50 per person

The President's Message



Greetings!

Hopefully we are through with all the snow that has plagued us this year. Time to get the ride cleaned and gassed up ready for a ride.

Met COPa members Bob and Brenda for a ride to Foxboro for a couple of bottles of wine and a great pizza. Afterwards we walked across the parking lot to the restaurant to finish off lunch. It was a great outing, a little cold and quite a bit of attention to the cars.

Got an email from Rachel at Wingfoot Flight Operations; she will be sending me her June calendar as to when we will be able to do the tour of the hanger, possibly meet with the crew and get our cars in front of the airship.

Remember this is an election year so come out and vote this fall; you will not have to show your ID.

I will see everyone at Turners for our monthly meeting on April 9th; bring your appetite.

Paul





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Celebrations



April		May	
Jean Safreed	Apr 1	Joe Span	May 1
Chris Ring	Apr 2	Kirk Anderson	May 5
Tim Brown	Apr 7	Mindy Massie	May 5
Joe Romano	Apr 7	Don Tarquinio	May 6
Gayle Knight	Apr 13	Marie Tuma	May 6
Mike Steele	Apr 15	Sandy Redden	May 7
Bob Pinkerton	Apr 18	Jack Mendenhall	May 12
Beth Michel	Apr 19	Kirsti Walent	May 26
		Randy Tuma	May 31



April		May	
Jamie & Bill Laughlin	Apr 6	Karen & Richard Grimes	May 11
Pat & Paul John	Apr 21	Barbara & Carl Stiefel	May 14
		Mary Jo & Marty Gimbus	May 25
		Joyce & Kevin McClafferty	May 30
		Tina & Ed Hill	May



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New Members!

Welcome

New Members

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 - 23

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

Here we go! We finally made it - Welcome to Spring! We still have lots of open dates in April and May for your events. Let's start of another Corvette season strong – we deserve it.



APRIL

Thursday April 9 – Meeting at Monaca Turners, 7PM. Come early for dinner. This month's dinner offering is: Ziti, salad, roll & butter, mixed veggies; all for \$13.50. Food is available at 6:00 pm. See the [Menu](#).

Saturday April 11 – [Military Mission Cash Bingo Fundraiser](#)

Wednesday April 15 - Men's Breakfast – Freedom Square by Cinemark Theater – Carl Stiefel contact – 9AM

Wednesday April 15 - Ladies Lunch – noon – The 19th Hole, 312 Blackhawk Rd, Beaver Falls, Pa. – Text Terry Mauck at 724-650-0845 to confirm your attendance.

Sunday April 19 – See the “Butler Built” cars at the Butler Old Stone House Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America. Depart from BiLo in Zelienople at 12:30. Following the visit – Ben Franklin's Taproom and Grille at 3pm for food and drinks. 4270 US-422 New Castle.

Sunday April 26 - Sharon Quaker Steak and Lube Corvette Show. Looking for a member to lead the group.

Thursday April 30 - 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.

MAY

Sunday May 31 – [Marietta Trip](#)

JUNE

Saturday June 20 - COPa Picnic: **Adams Township Community Park**, Rotary Pavilion, 12 pm to 4 pm



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Monaca Turners Menu for upcoming COPa Meetings

MENU

April 9, 2026

Ziti, Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Roll & Butter

May 14, 2026

Baked Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn

July 9, 2026

Chicken Quesadilla, Spanish Rice

August 13, 2026

Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes

September 10, 2026

Meatball Sub, Onion Rings, Linguini

October 8, 2026

Hot Sausage Sandwich, Fries, Potato or Macaroni Salad



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Senior Social

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SENIOR SOCIAL

Looking for a fun and low-impact way to meet new people in your area?
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MAY 28, 2026 | 11:00 AM
JUNE 25, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Doors open at 10:30 AM

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Military Mission of Beaver County

Sending Care Packages to Our Deployed U.S. Military for Christmas

Military Mission

OF Beaver County

Cash Bingo Fundraiser

We Send Care Packages to our Deployed Military



Vanport Fire Dept Social Hall

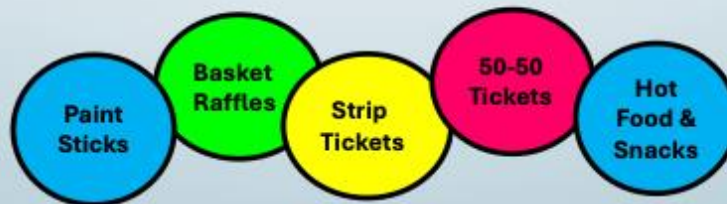
All Dauber Bingo

Saturday, April 11th

435 Jefferson Street
Beaver, PA 15009

Doors Open 5:00 p.m.

Bingo Starts at 6:30 p.m.



\$25.00 Admission Per Person

(17) Bingo Games, (4) Specials, Coverall & Door Prize Ticket Included
Extra Cards, Door Prizes, Auction Baskets, 50-50 Tickets
Strip Tickets, Paint Sticks, Food & Snacks
Daubers for Sale

Food Sales Benefit the Vanport VFD





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Marietta Trip Update.

By Judy Tharp & Jim Kinest



Judy & I went on a very beneficial trial run to work out some of the details for our 4-day trip to the Marietta area from Sunday, May 31, to Wednesday, June 3. We stayed at the Lafayette hotel and got familiar with the town, confirmed the road conditions and drive times, visited the destinations and restaurants, and experienced some incredible roads!

Itinerary:

Sunday May 31 – “Meander To Marietta” - Depart from the Get Go at the Beaver Valley Mall at 8:30 AM. After picking up Ohio Route 7, we will take this Ohio River Scenic Byway following the river to Powhatan Point. Now the fun begins. You get to practice your handling skills on Ohio Route 148 and Country Route 5. Next is Route 556 – a thrilling 9-mile stretch through the countryside. Another great drive, this time on Route 78, takes us to Route 536 which is an absolute 11-mile roller coaster thriller of off camber turns, blind hill crests, and tight turns over the steep hills and deep valleys. After a well-deserved lunch in Sardis and a brief stop at a cheese shop, it is off to the Lafayette Hotel, a Grand Riverboat Era Hotel. Dinner is a short drive to DaVinci's.



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Monday June 1 – “Meander Around Marietta” First stop is the Stockport Mill, and an up-close view the Lock & Dam. Further up north is the Miner’s Memorial Park and the Big Muskie Bucket. We will then travel for the second time on Route 78 to the Burr Oak Lodge for an amazing lunch and drinks. We return home on the famous Route 555 - Ohio’s Triple Nickle – another 18-mile roller coaster. Things are a bit settled on Route 550’s 20-mile leg into Marietta. Dinner is one block away from the Lafayette at the Levee House Bistro.

Tuesday, June 2 – “Meander In Marietta” We have a 9AM guided tour of the stunning Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption, built in 1909 and beautifully restored in 2008. A few blocks away is the Peoples Mortuary Museum, a fine collection of Packards and other horse drawn and motorized hearses. After lunch at the Town House in Marietta, it is off to a 90-minute narrated sightseeing tour on the Valley Gem Sternwheeler. There will be time to visit the shops on Front Street, hang out at the Lafayette’s rooftop area, or explore the many artifacts in the hotel prior to dinner two blocks away at The Galley.

Wednesday, June 3 – “Meander From Marietta” We will board the Island Belle Sternwheeler at 10AM for a 20-minute ride to the 500 acre historic Blennerhassett Island to tour the mansion and the grounds. Following this visit, it is northbound to return back home.

There is a block of 10 rooms under Corvettes of Pa at the Lafayette Hotel. Call 740-373-5522 for reservations. There is a mix of King, Queen, and Twin bed sizes. If the size you are interested in is not available, ask if they could substitute the room for you. The Group Rate is available until May 14, and any unused rooms will be released which may or may not be available if you call after this date.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions or would like to sign up to attend.





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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 a truly remarkable display of teamwork and dedication from Corvettes of PA members, a memorable gathering of 285 Corvettes and 400 guests at Brady's Run Park was conducted on July 21, 2002. Corvettes of PA alone had 72 Corvettes registered, and over 60% of the club participated in one way or another.



We hosted the 3rd annual Western Pennsylvania Corvette Club Council Picnic, which contained 13 regional clubs and organizations. Jack Mundell was the event's coordinator, and his committee of 25 club members started monthly meetings in August of 2001. The results of the detailed planning were tremendous. We had 104 door prizes. FA Lewarchik coordinated the goodie bags, which included a Beaver County Trivia Quiz, and weighed 4 pounds! Caterer was J & J from Freedom. Hanks donated 15 gallons of custard, which was welcomed on this hot day. C&S Sports supplied the T shirts, and the club's committee were identified by red Henley shirts. Over \$4,000 was collected from the program ads.

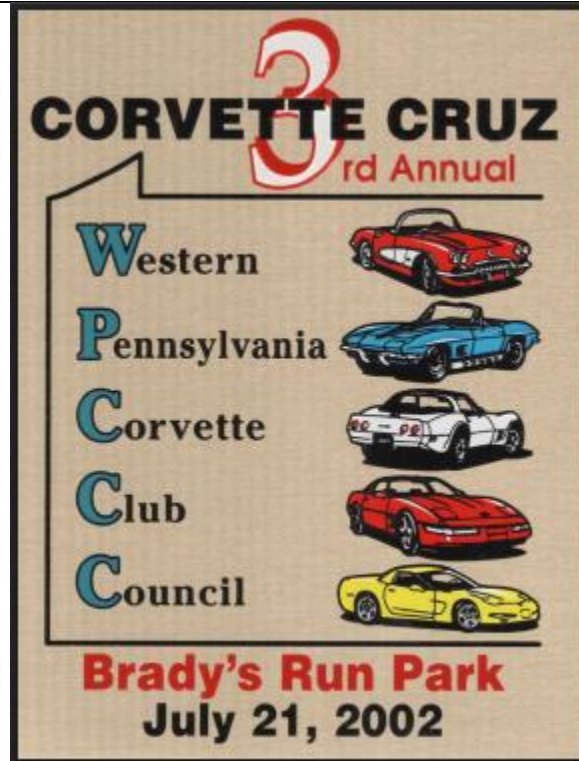
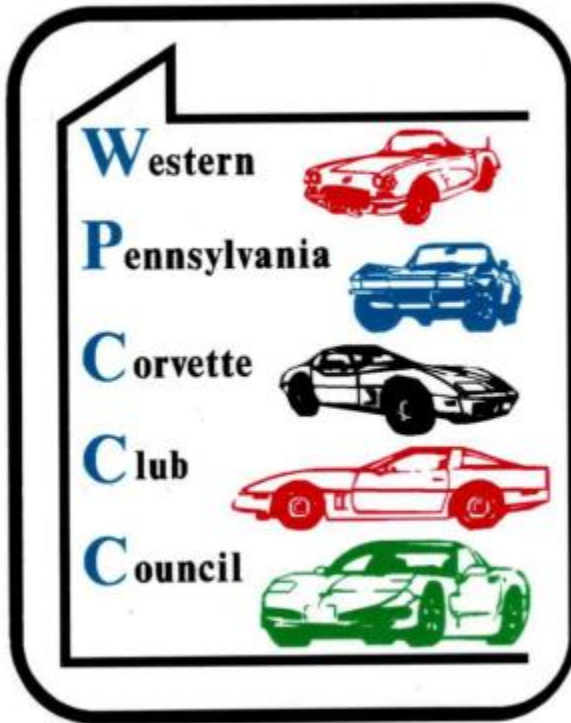
We raised \$1,434 for the Voluntary Action Center through the Chinese Auction, which included a complete set of Goodyear Tires arranged by Norm Fisher. We concluded by taking 78 Corvettes with a police escort for laps at the new BeaveRun Motorsports Complex.

Truly a Club effort and the high mark in our history. Here are a few items from a large notebook we have for the picnic.



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Windshield Static clings and a dash plaque were provided to each Corvette.



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CORVETTE CRUZ at BRADY'S RUN PARK

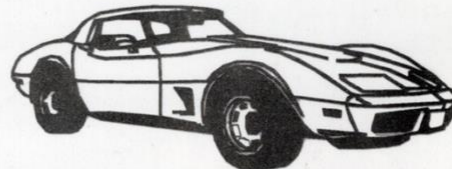
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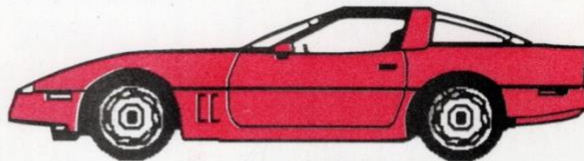
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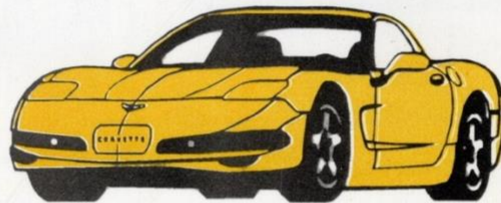
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Club



Council



Third Annual Gathering of the
Western Pennsylvania Corvette Clubs

Sunday, July 21, 2002



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Cover of the 30 page program.

Corvettes Of Pennsylvania



CORVETTES OF PA Beaver County, Pa.

To say that Corvettes of PA is a car club from the Beaver County area would be slightly misleading. Instead an accurate description would be that Corvettes of PA is a group of friends who all conveniently drive Corvettes! Since the inception of the club in 1971, this fun loving group of 185 members has enjoyed numerous events together, which has resulted in many memories, laughs, and life long friendships.

One of the personalities of the club is the generosity displayed by the members when a helping hand is needed or a contribution is requested to help those less fortunate. The Young Eagle Flight for Challenged Children at the Butler County Airport is a priority for us each June. Along with the Corvette Club of Western PA, we drive those wonderful kids around the airport while they wait for airplane rides. We all remember our first Corvette ride, and the expressions these inspirational kids give us are truly memorable. Our Corvette Show at Tom Henry continues to be a growing success, which has resulted in over \$3750 being donated to the St. Barnabas Charitable Foundation. Together with our friends from the Cruzin Few, we support the Voluntary Action Center by assisting with the Hanger Hop at the Beaver County Airport. The clubs also purchase and deliver over 250 presents for kids at Christmas. The police escort of the cars to deliver gifts brings tears to the volunteers at the VAC. In addition to several parades annually, driving the school homecoming courts and their escorts always makes for a memorable evening for those enjoying their senior year.

Another amazing attribute of Corvettes of PA members is their willingness to lend a hand when help is needed. Their tireless effort these past years has been recognized and appreciated by the St. Barnabas Charitable Foundation. Many cruises, poker runs, road rallies, dinner trips, picnics, and winter activities are well organized and enjoyed by the great turnout of members we have throughout the year. As hosts of this year's gathering of the WPCCC, we had many members working hard for nearly a year planning for today, and we hope you have enjoyed your stay in Beaver County. Please drive home carefully, and we will see you next for the 4th Annual WPCCC Picnic.

Corvettes of PA Summary in the program.



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An aerial photo was obtained during the picnic.



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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 Marque 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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Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum

By Jim Kinest

On March 7, 16 Corvettes of Pa Members were honored to be a part of a 2-hour guided tour at the Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum in Oakland.

The Senior Vice President/Director of Museum & Education started off with an up-close presentation of several archives that are not on display and told the personal stories that are connected to them. He turned over our visit to our Tour Guide, who relayed dozens of stories for the remainder of our visit. He has many years volunteering and conducting tours, and even after these many years, his emotions were evident several times as he spoke of touching stories. Honestly, we didn't want to see the tour end. The Hall of Valor was particularly touching as our guide spoke of several heroes who were honored in the room.

A remarkable experience.



Medal of Honor



Purple Heart



Distinguished Flying Cross



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[One of Our Own Special Servicewoman - Catherine "Kay" Gimbus Bogovich](#)

While preparing for our Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall & Museum tour, I recalled one of our veterans from World War II. Catherine "Kay" Gimbus Bogovich, and her husband Ed Bogovich, were members for a few years. While assembling the Memorial Books for our 50th Reunion for members who passed, we documented that her uniform was donated to the Heinz History Center. So, in addition to the stories we heard on our tour, we present Kay's story.

Catherine "Kay" Gimbus Bogovich
December 6, 1921 – July 23, 2012.

Catherine "Kay" Gimbus, who was born in Midland, PA, to a Serbian Orthodox family and attended Lincoln High School. Her mother passed away around 1940. Seeing her region and her country mobilized for war, Kay felt compelled to join the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (later becoming the Women's Army Corps) at the age of 20. Much to the chagrin of her father, he was not thrilled when Kay, his youngest child, enlisted and embarked from Pittsburgh in October of 1942.

She served with the Aircraft Warning System (AWS) charting airplane movements until the U.S. Army took over the WAAC and renamed it the Women's Army Corps (WAC) in 1943. Kay then served as an intelligence clerk with the Third Air Force. Approved for overseas duty, she left New York City on May 1, 1945, and arrived in Scotland on VE Day (Victory in Europe), May 8, 1945. She also was abroad for V-J Day, August 15, 1945, serving with the 3341st Signal Service battalion in Paris. After her discharge, Kay returned to Midland and was a proud member of the Midland American Legion.

Passionate and fiercely proud of her Serbian heritage, Kay was also an active member of the St. George Serbian Orthodox Church, Midland, where she sang with the Dr. Laza Kostich Choir and was a member of the Serbian Sisters and the American Yugoslav Club.

Having been one of the oldest surviving WAC's in the state, she was often interviewed by various news sources where she regaled them with tales of life in the Army for women during that period of history. She later attended business school and was a beautician. In 1997, she was asked by the Heinz History Center in Pittsburgh to donate her old uniform.

Kay was preceded in death by her first husband, John Newdomski. At the time of her passing, she was married to Edward E. Bogovich for 35 years.

The Women's Army Corps was the women's branch of the United States Army. It was created as an auxiliary unit, the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC), on May 15, 1942, and converted to an active-duty status in the Army of the United States as the WAC on July 1, 1943.



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Gas mask drill at Fort Brady, Michigan, for trainees in the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, 1943.



A WWII duffle bag used by Catherine "Kay" Gimbus.



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Women's Army Auxiliary Corps servicewoman Kay Gimbus Bogovich working as a Clerk G2 Intelligence at the Drew Air Field in Tampa, FL in 1944.



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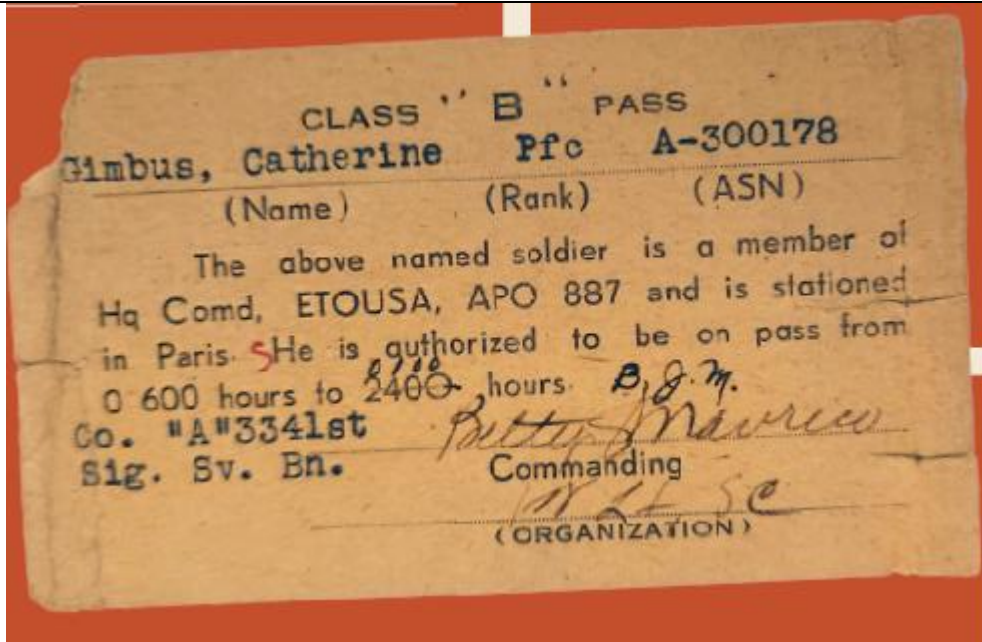
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Catherine "Kay" Gimbus Bogovich in her WAAC uniform, 1942, and her class "B" military pass, 1945.



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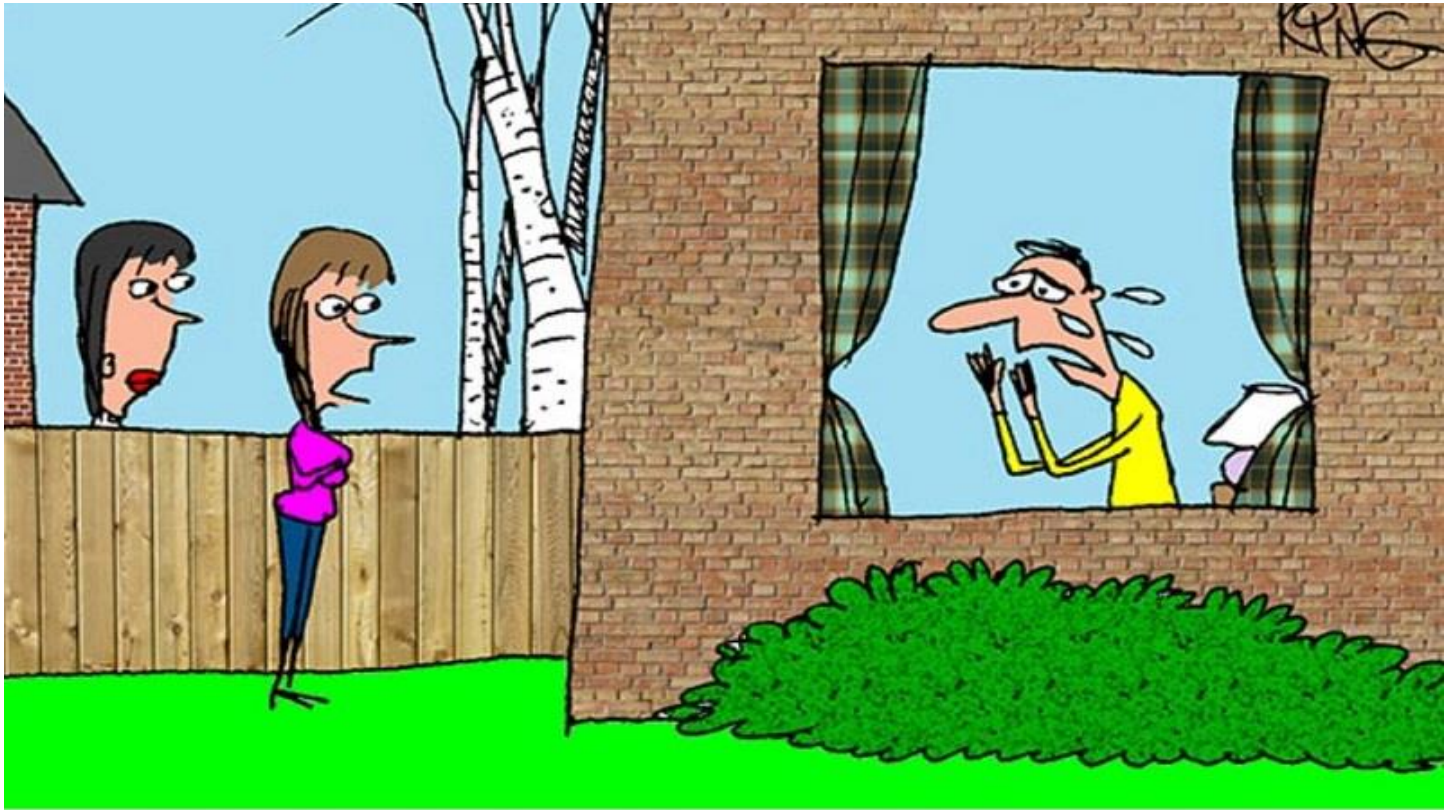


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Cartoon

Submitted by: Joe Molokach



"His Corvette is getting an oil change, so he's suffering from separation anxiety."



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