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May 2026

Next Meeting: May 14, 2026

7:00 pm, Monaca Turners

Come early for dinner – [baked chicken...](#)

Dinner will be served starting at 6 pm!

The President's Message



Greetings!

Well, I think that Old Man Winter has finally let go of his grip on us. It's time now to get into gear and really enjoy the season, the only real draw back now is the price of gasoline, OUCH! Hopefully, this will not deter us for our events that are scheduled.

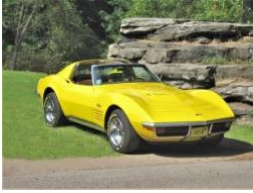
We really enjoyed our trip last month to Butler, PA, even though it snowed twice, see these cars do not melt in such weather. The food was good and the drinks were cold and plenty, great way to end our cruise at the Ben Franklin Grill. Thanks, Jim for a really great event! If anyone has a suggestion for other trips, please let us know.

An update on Rob Parks, from the North Pittsburgh Corvette Club; Rob and his wife are now residing in Florida, but his health has taken a turn, our prayers go out to him and his family.

Remember this is an election year, so nominate your favorite candidate.

Hope to see you all at our monthly meeting at Turners.

Paul



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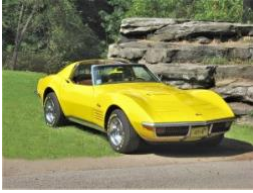
Celebrations



May		June	
Joe Span	May 1	Rosemary Prager	June 2
Kirk Anderson	May 5	Eddie Coberly	June 17
Mindy Massie	May 5	Lori Saska	June 17
Don Tarquinio	May 6	Jane MacCredie	June 20
Marie Tuma	May 6	Jamie Laughlin	June 22
Sandy Redden	May 7	John Stoehr	June 23
Jack Mendenhall	May 12	Sue Dietrich	June 25
Kirsti Walent	May 26	Jim Prager	June 27
Randy Tuma	May 31	Diane Smith	June 28



May		June	
Karen & Richard Grimes	May 11	Sue & Ken Dietrich	June 7
Barbara & Carl Stiefel	May 14	Diane & Dan Smith	June 10
Mary Jo & Marty Gimbus	May 25	Kathryn & Dan Varna	June 12
Joyce & Kevin McClafferty	May 30	Mindy & Ron Massie	June 24
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 - 28

May -

June Picnic -

July -

August -

September -

October -

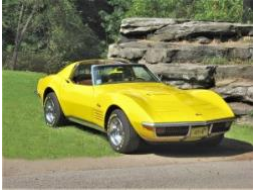
November -

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

MAY

Thursday May 14 – Meeting at Monaca Turners, 7PM. Come early for dinner.

Friday May 15 – Day in Harmony. Joe Romano needs an attendance number in advance by Monday May 11 for lunch reservations and for the museum tour presentation. This is before the 5/14 meeting date so there will be no signup sheet at the meeting. Meet at the Harmony Inn for lunch at 11:30 AM. (The Harmony Inn <http://www.theharmonyinn.com> 230 Mercer St, Harmony, PA 16037 (724) 452-5124). After lunch, there will be a tour at 1 PM and will last about one hour. \$6 per person – you will pay on site at the museum for the tour. After the tour, treat yourself to ice cream at Neff House. You can email Joe at jvromano1947@comcast.net.

Saturday May 16 - Bair's Corvettes Car Cruise, Linesville, Pa. Leaving Jason's Deli at the Cranberry Mall at 9 AM. (20117 Route 19, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066) Jim Kinest is leading the group.

Wednesday May 20 - Men's Breakfast – Freedom Square by Cinemark Theater – Carl Stiefel contact – 9am

Wednesday May 20 - Ladies Lunch – Sal's Ristorante and Bar, 2764 Darlington Road, Beaver Falls (Chippewa Twp.) Time: Noon. TEXT Terry at 724-650-0845 if you plan to attend.

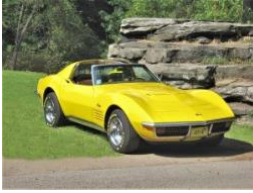
Sunday May 24 - Sheffield Lanes Car Cruise 1-5pm, 818 Racoon St, Aliquippa. This is the only one this year.

Monday May 25 - Hookstown Grange Annual Memorial Day Car Cruise. 11am-3pm. Recommend you be there before 10:30 AM.

Thursday May 28 - Bowling – Sheffield Lanes – 11am – \$20 includes 3 games, shoes, lunch and laughter. Doors open at 10:30.

Sunday May 31 – Wednesday June 3 - [Meander to Marietta](#). Jim and Judy are leading. Details elsewhere in the newsletter.





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JUNE

Saturday June 6 - New Castle School of Trades Car Show, 10AM – 2 PM. President Paul will have reserved parking for those coming early. Departing New Castle Wal - Mart at 10AM.

Saturday June 13 - 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 (7 to 8 AM) to help secure our place.

Sunday June 14 - Cruise at Hank's Custard in New Brighton – 12-3 PM.

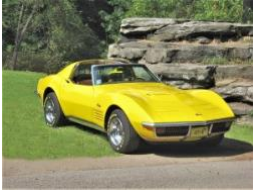
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Wednesday June 17 - Multi packed day: Day trip to TP Tools to see their car collection, lunch at Mike's Place in Kent, Dessert at Katies Korner Ice Cream, then on to our 2:30 tour of the hanger with the Goodyear airships. Starting point: Giant Eagle parking lot, 525 Main St (Rt 224), Canfield, Ohio. Departing from there at 9:40 sharp. Email Paul at paulschulze48@gmail.com if you are going. He needs accurate counts for lunch and airship tour.

Saturday June 20 – COPa Annual Picnic and Meeting at Adams Township Community Park, Rotary Pavilion 12 PM to 4 PM. Come join us for a day of sun, fun and food. Signup at the May Meeting with Ken or Jane MacCredie or contact Chris Ring at Christine.ring@comcast.net Lunch and bottled water will be provided, and members are asked to bring soft drinks or, if interested, to bring a dessert. **The cost is \$25 per person and members must be signed up by June 12, 2026.**

Tuesday June 23 - Pirate Game vs Seattle Mariners. Game time at 6:40 PM with club seats. Hangout in Club near seats, meet at 5:30 PM in Club area. Tickets are \$65 each. Pirates request purchases a min of 15 at one time for the group rate and perks. Therefore, we must purchase the initial minimum quantity, and then last-minute purchases can be made individually if needed. Payment can be mailed to Joe Romano or to our Treasurer and then Joe will purchase tickets for those requesting the tickets, at one time either when we reach 15 or June 1, whichever comes first. Friends and family are invited to attend. **JOE ROMANO 147 Baker Road Monaca PA 15061**

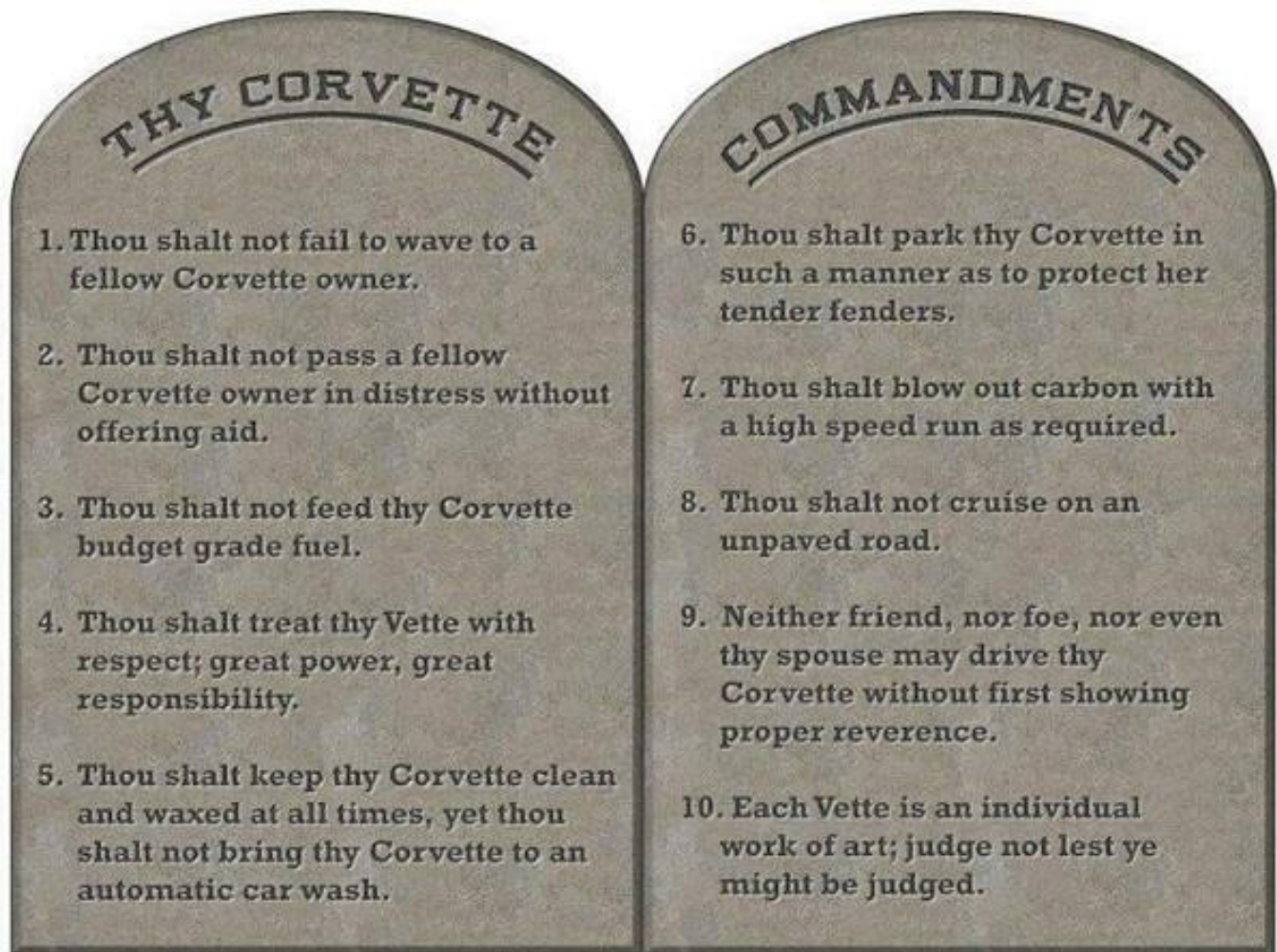


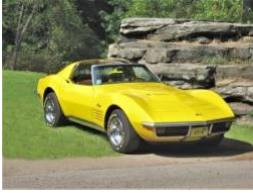
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Corvette Commandments

During the Corvette Cruisin' Season, Joe Molokach wanted to remind us of the Corvette Commandments. Thanks Joe.





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COPA Annual Picnic

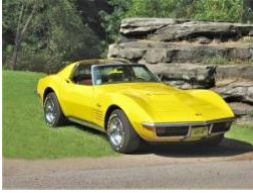
Picnic

Saturday, June 20, 2026, 12 pm to 4 pm
Adams Township Community Part, Rotary Pavilion,
698 Valencia Road, Mars, PA

Come join us for a day of sun, fun and food with your fellow COPA members.

\$25.00 per person to be paid in advance.

- Sign up with Jane or Ken MacCredie at the May meeting or email Chris Ring at Christine.ring@comcast.net
- Make payment at the May meeting or send to COPa in advance prior to the deadline of June 12, 2026. All payments must be made in advance so we can get an accurate number of members attending.
- Send payment to COPa to:
Corvettes of PA, Inc.
P.O. Box 224
Beaver, PA 15009
- COPa has paid for an alcohol license, so feel free to bring your favorite beverage.
- Lunch and bottled water will be provided, and members are asked to bring any soft drinks you like. If interested, you can also bring a dessert.
- We will be playing COPa Bingo.
- Parking is available near the pavilion. Please do not park on any lawn area.



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Monaca Turners Menu for upcoming COPa Meetings

MENU

May 14, 2026

Baked Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn

July 9, 2026

Chicken Quesadilla, Spanish Rice

August 13, 2026

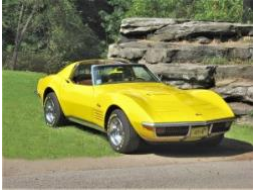
Stuffed Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes

September 10, 2026

Meatball Sub, Onion Rings, Linguini

October 8, 2026

Hot Sausage Sandwich, Fries, Potato or Macaroni Salad



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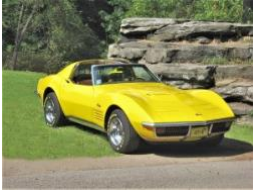
APR 30, 2026 | 11:00 AM
MAY 28, 2026 | 11:00 AM
JUNE 25, 2026 | 11:00 AM

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Marietta Trip Update.

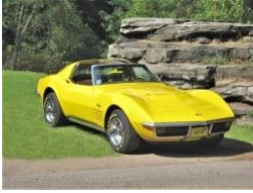
By Judy Tharp & Jim Kinest



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



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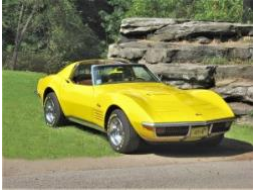
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the steep hills and deep valleys. After a well-deserved lunch in Sardis and a brief stop at a cheese shop, it is off to the Lafayette Hotel, a Grand Riverboat Era Hotel. Dinner is a short drive to DaVinci's.

- 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.

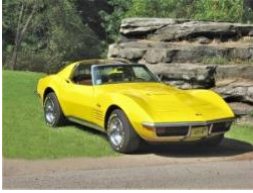
Please reach out to us if you have any questions or would like to sign up to attend.



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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)

NCM Grand Opening Mementoes

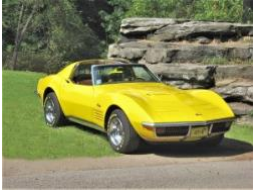
For me, the most incredible experience with Corvettes of PA was the trip to Bowling Green, Kentucky, for the Grand Opening of the National Corvette Museum (NCM) in 1994. The planning for the 4-day trip started well over a year in advance by President Norm Fisher, so by the time we departed on September 1, the anticipation and excitement of what we were to experience was tremendous. The memories we obtained were talked about for many years thereafter.



On Sept 2, 40 members in 21 Corvettes rose up for a 4 AM departure from our hotel in LaGrange, Kentucky, to the staging area at the Louisville Fairgrounds. The plan was for the National Corvette Caravans to meet at Louisville and Nashville, with the 2 groups arriving the Bowling Green at the same time. We were in the 3rd of over 30 rows of Corvettes, and the interstate to Bowling Green was filled with people on the overpasses and along the roads with signs welcoming the Corvettes. The NCM was incredible, the Gift Shop was open 24 hours, many of us went on the Factory Tour, the hotel hallway parties were full of laughs, and the side trips to the Opryland Hotel and Beech Bend Dragway were quite enjoyable.

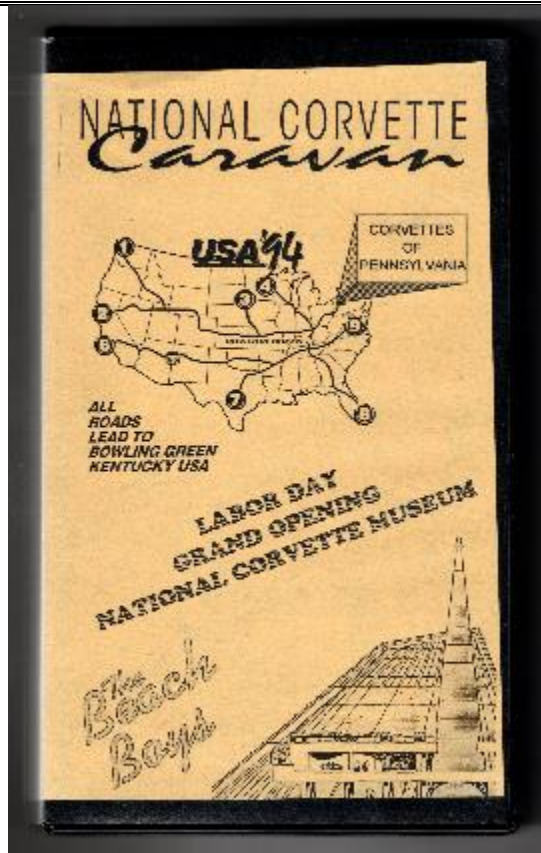
On Friday, a local television reporter interviewed President Norm Fisher about the experience. Norm, along with a few other members, appeared on local television later that evening during a special edition broadcast covering the Grand Opening.

We have several mementos from the trip. One of them is this VHS tape. After our return, we spent the next several months contacting the local Bowling Green television station requesting a copy of their special program that included Norm and other members. By April of 1995, we obtained copies of the newscast, and Jim Hohbach made arrangements for VHS copies of the news reports that also included part of a VHS recording by Dave Kier as we were leaving the Expo in Louisville, and some by Flo Moran including their VIP drive around the Museum. These were sold for \$10 starting in June. The VHS tape has been converted to a CD for easy reproducing and to maintain the tape's posterity.

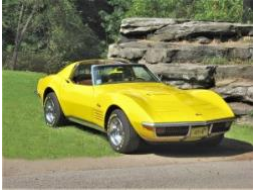


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National Corvette Museum and National Carvan T Shirts

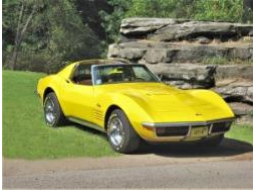


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Grand Opening Souviner Cup



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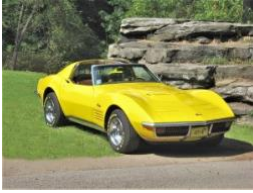
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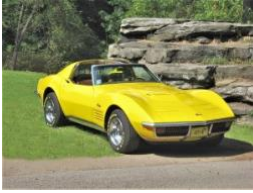
National Corvette Museum

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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.

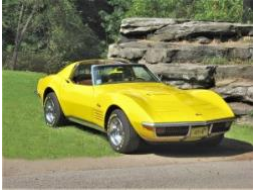
On the American Show side, Chevrolet/Corvette Show will be moved back across Schenley Drive into the American Show. The area we have been using since 2021 will have Pontiac, Avanti, and the growing Electric Avenue display and vendors.

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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“Butler Built” @ Butler Old Stone House Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America

By Jim Kinest

Our first driving event for 2026 to Butler was well attended by 31 members. It was a chilly Sunday, and although the temperature was in the 40's, somehow, we were able to see snow flurries - not once but twice - during our drive! The cars, however, thankfully remained dry.

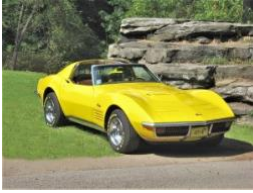
We toured the garage containing several vehicles that were built in Butler. Cars built by Bantam, Austin, Standard, and Huselton were on display. In 1939, Bantam submitted the original design for the Jeep to the military after just 2 days of design work. It was accepted by the Army, but since Bantam could not produce the large volume of vehicles needed, Willys and Ford received the contracts. Butler has one of the Bantam built Jeeps.

Many volunteers from the Butler Old Stone House Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America were on hand, and all you had to do was to walk up to a vehicle and one of them would come over and talk about the car. We even saw a former member, Kathy Hoover, at the garage. The volunteers graciously permitted the ladies to get photos inside the beautifully restored 1909 Huselton.

After the garage tour, it was off to the Ben Franklin Taproom for a nice late lunch served by our 2 hard working waitresses.

All it took was a few emails and phone calls to make the arrangements. Who is next to make plans so we can enjoy our Corvettes?

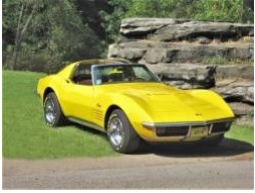




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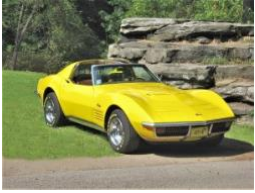




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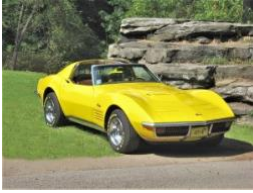




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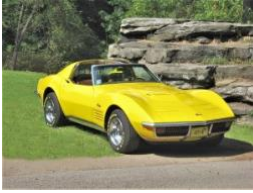




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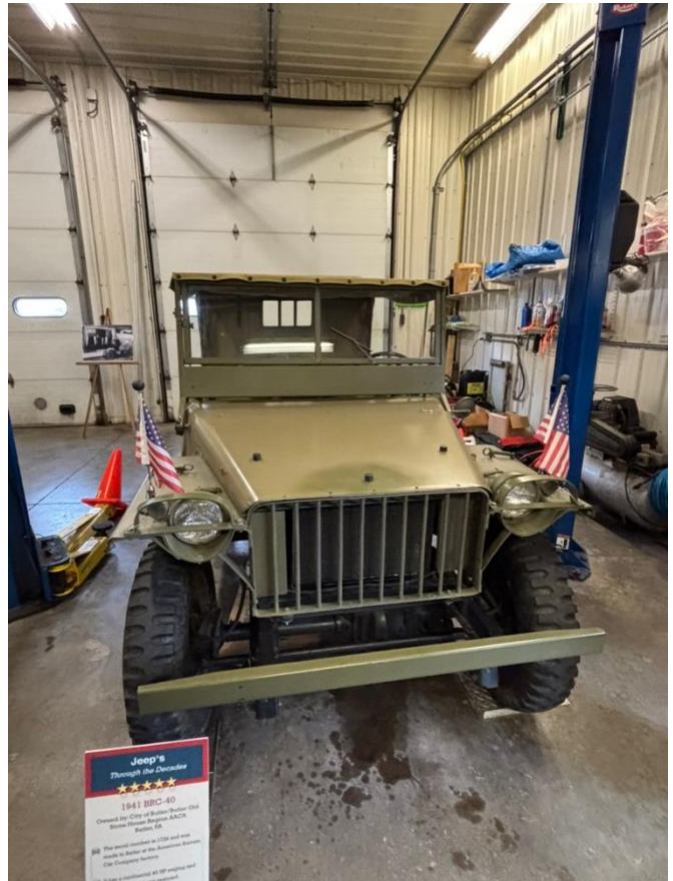
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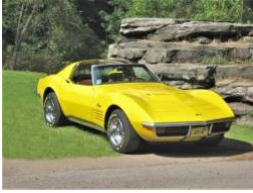




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Cartoon

Submitted by: Joe Molokach



"I'm not asking for a loan to buy a Corvette. I'm asking for a loan to put gas in it."



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