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July 2026

COPa Monthly Meeting

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

The Grand Valley Inn

452 Constitution Blvd., Fallston, PA 15066

Dinner at 5:30 pm and Meeting at 7:00 pm

The President's Message



Greetings!

What a great month with so many activities, really great turnout for these functions and to think summer has just begun.

Thank you, Chris and Ron Ring and Jane and Ken MacCredie, for the wonderful club picnic; the food was delicious, the activities were fun and we had a great turnout again this year. It was a beautiful day.

The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is just around the corner with something for everyone to enjoy. If you haven't registered yet, there's still time to do so. Hope to see some of you there.

Remember this is an election year, all position are up for election.

See you at our next meeting on Wednesday 7/8 at The Grand Valley Inn.

Paul



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Celebrations



July		August	
Jennifer Hegner	July 2	Brenda Musta	Aug 3
Joanne Pedaline	July 15	Brian Finnegan	Aug 9
Barbara Stiefel	July 21	Dave Dreher	Aug 12
Bob Nahrwold	July 22	Linda Frye MD	Aug 17
Belinda Pinkerton	July 24	Al Syrek	Aug 19
Susan Franczyk	July 27	Joette Miller	Aug 24
Cheryl Cascio	July 29	Rocco Pedalline	Aug 25
Antoinette Shipeck	July 29	Veronica Mendenhall	Aug 26
Lynn Syrek	July 30		



July		August	
Rosemary & Jim Prager	July 10	Brenda & Bob Nahrwold	Aug 2
Kim & Lauranne Smolka Ferrara	July 24	Veronica & Jack Mendenhall	Aug 5
Mary Towner & Don Siegel	July 29	Brenda & Russell Musta	Aug 5
		Barbara & John Stoehr	Aug 13
		Susan & Tom Franczyk	Aug 14
		Belinda & Bob Pinkerton	Aug 16
		Lorna & Don Tarquinio	Aug 20
		JoAnn & David Smilek	Aug 29



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New Members!

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Welcome

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 - 28

June Picnic - 26

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

JULY

WEDNESDAY July 8 - Club Meeting at The Grand Valley Inn. Come early to eat. (5:30) Limited menu. 452 Constitution Blvd, Fallston. Meeting is at 7pm.
WEDNESDAY

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

Tuesday July 14 - PVGP – Waterfront Car Cruise

Wednesday July 15 - PVGP – Downtown Car Display

Wednesday July 15 - Men's Breakfast – Freedom Square Diner by Cinemark Theater – Carl Stiefel contact – 9am

Wednesday July 15 – Ladies Lunch at The Grill in Bridgewater Landing (206 Mulberry Street Ext., Beaver, PA.) TEXT Terry Mauck if planning to attend. 724-650-0845

Sat – Sun July 18-19 - PVGP – Schenley Park Car Show and Race

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

AUGUST

Saturday August 1 - Beaver Hot Summer Nights Car Cruise 11am – 8pm. Our normal parking place is under the trees between the pavilion and the post office. Plan on meeting there early (before 8am – it fills up fast). A few members are needed early to help with parking.

Saturday August 8 - Venango County Airport (Franklin) Wings and Wheels Show 11am – 4pm. Leaving Bi Lo in Zelienople at 10AM. Dinner at The Runway at the airport.

Thursday August 13 - Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – 7pm.





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Monaca Turners Menu for upcoming COPa Meetings

MENU

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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Marietta Trip Summary

By Jim Kinest

Our 4-day trip to the Marietta area was a success that was enjoyed by 18 members. The weather was great, which was welcomed as the intent of the trip was to travel on some of the incredible Corvette friendly roads in the area. Sunday's trip down included Ohio Route 566, which is an absolute roller coaster of a road, and several other backroads that were smooth and very scenic. Lunch at Marv's Place, a stop at Able's Cheese shop, and dinner at DaVinci's all went very well.

On day 2, our first stop was the Stockport Mill Inn. Built in 1906, it has been converted into a 14-room Inn and Restaurant. Liz, the Innkeeper, gave us the history of the Mill and a great tour including some of the nicely renovated rooms. She later emailed me saying our visit was a great start to her week. We then went across the Muskingum River to explore Lock and Dam #6. Next, we visited the Miners Memorial Park to see the Big Muskie Bucket. Brian Finnegan brought along a large American Flag for a group photo. God Bless the USA and for 250 years of freedom. We had a "leisurely" drive on Route 78 while heading to lunch, thanks to a white Ford Escape that I tried to bump draft for several miles. However, after lunch, no one was in front of us on the return trip on Route 78, and our turn off onto the famous Ohio Route 555 – the Triple Nickle. We had a spirited drive on the 555, and other than one horse and buggy, the drive south for about 36 miles was free of cars in front of us. We enjoyed dinner at the Levee House Bistro.

Day 3 took us to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption. Father Edward had an interesting presentation on the history of Marietta and the transformation of the church into a Minor Basilica. The artwork, stained glass windows, and other unique facets were explained in great detail. The next stop was the Peoples Mortuary Museum. Our 2 guides were very informative, and we saw many interesting artifacts. There were several hearses, from horse driven carriages to several rare and beautiful Packards, and a 1927 Henney that was used in a 2010 movie, Get Low, starring Bill Murray, Sissy Spacek, and Robert Duvall. After lunch on the Town House outside patio, it was a several block drive to the Valley Gem Sternwheeler for a 90-minute river cruise. Brian had a second flag on board for another group photo. After an excellent dinner at The Galley, we finished the day like we had done the entire trip - at the rooftop lounge area at the Lafayette Hotel.

We concluded our trip to Parkersburg as we boarded the Island Belle sternwheeler on our way to Blennerhassett Island State Park. Here, our guides told us of the history of the reconstructed mansion, and many stories of the Blennerhassett's and Aaron Burr. We returned to Parkersburg 2 hours later, and after a lunch stop, we headed on our way home.



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Stockport Mill Inn & Restaurant



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Big Muskie Bucket



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All kinds of horsepower on the Triple Nickel



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The Basilica of St. Mary of the Assumption



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1895 Horse Drawn Hearse



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Valley Gem Sternwheeler Riverboat Tour



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Island Belle ride to Blennerhassett Island



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Mansion on Blennerhassett Island



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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)

This month we are featuring the mementoes from our 40th and 50th Reunions.

The idea of a 40th Reunion was approved at the August 2011 meeting and would be held during our Christmas Party at the Pittsburgh Holiday Inn on December 16. A lot of work was needed over the next 4 months, with most of the effort trying to locate former members to invite to the Reunion. We were very successful in locating many of them as we had 41 former members (including some of the Founding Members) joining 46 current members and 7 guests at the party. There were a large display of photos and many club items, which reminded us of fond memories. We gave away many door prizes, took photographs of the Officers, and had group photos taken of everyone arranged by the decade they joined. We renewed friendships, told stories, shared laughs, and remembered those who are no longer with us.



This special commemorative patch was given to everyone in attendance





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Planning for our 50th Reunion started well over a year in advance as this half century event needed to be extra special. This longer period of time permitted us to reach out to many more former members, and we collected over 800 pictures, slides, and other items from former members to add to our collection. (See the items in last month's newsletter).

The Reunion was held on September 25, 2021, at the Monaca Turners, which was the eve of our founding 50 years prior (September 26, 1971). There were several door prizes and drawings, including a Corvette flag signed by Zora & Elfie Duntov and Larry Shinoda (donated by Bob & Gina Sluder) and a 50th Anniversary Corvettes of Pa Anniversary quilted throw and accompanying tote bag (donated by Linda Doughty), and Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Corvette wine bottles. The centerpiece was the memorial books created by Sue Dietrich, containing pages of the members who have passed away. We toasted all of our members and dear friends, and shared stories and laughs into the night.

A specially made COPa Challenge Coin was given to the attendees, as well as a 50th Anniversary dash plaque, refrigerator magnet, and windshield decal.



Corvettes of Pa Anniversary Challenge Coin



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Dash Plaque Mounted on Plastic Sheet with 1971 & 2021 Half Dollars



Refrigerator Magnet



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Windshield Decal



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Additional Links

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

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Classified Ads

WANTED - set of C5 Z06 rims. Contact Tim Brown at xm177guy@gmail.com



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National Corvette Museum

[Corvette Store](#)

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



Celebrating the build of the first Corvette 73 years ago on 6/30

<https://news.gm.com/home.detail.html/Pages/topic/us/en/2025/oct/1017-Retro-Rides-1953-Chevrolet-Corvette.html#:~:text=The%20Corvette%20was%20the%20result,seater%20for%20GM%20in%201951.>

<https://www.gm.com/heritage/collection/chevrolet/1953-chevrolet-corvette#:~:text=It%20was%20an%20instant%20hit,Red%20bucket%20seat%20interior%20trim.>

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



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Corvettes of Pa Apparel

Custom embroidered Corvettes of Pa apparel can be obtained from C & S Sports, located at 682 3rd St, Beaver, PA 15009. 724-775-1655. Hours are 10AM to 5PM, Monday to Friday, and 10AM to 2PM on Saturday. Website is <http://candssports.com>. The link to their website can be found each month in the newsletter under the Regular Links page.





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Sheffield Lanes Bowling Schedule

SHEFFIELD LANES **50+**

SENIOR SOCIAL

Looking for a fun and low-impact way to meet new people in your area?
Come to Sheffield Lanes for our Senior Social!

JULY 30, 2026 | 11:00 AM
AUG. 20, 2026 | 11:00 AM
SEP. 24, 2026 | 11:00 AM*

Doors open at 10:30 AM
THE LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH!
EXCEPT FOR CLOSURES

Lunch, bowling, and shoe rental included for \$20
Don't like to bowl? Come eat for \$10

818 Raccoon Street
Aliquippa, PA 15001

Call us for details or with questions! (724) 375-5080



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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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Beaver Falls Car Cruise 2026

By Jim Kinest

The Beaver Falls Car Cruise, now in its 35th year, is certainly one of the club's favorites. Hundreds of cars span the entire length of the city from before 6AM to the event's conclusion at 7PM. We had our usual place at Spratt's Funeral Home, where Bill Spratt has welcomed us since 2007, permitting members to come and go all day knowing there is a safe parking spot for their Corvette. As usual, Jim Mauck treated us to Oram's doughnuts, and along with hot coffee from McDonalds, it is a great way to start off the day for those of us who arrive early to help park cars. But the cruise is not the best part of the day. We see many current members – at least 25 this year - some who we see once

or twice a year. Additionally, several former members also stopped by and I see many other friends and co-workers. My personal highlight was seeing Barry Smith who was there with many family members including a few great-grandsons.





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COPa July 2026 Picnic





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Pirates Game





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Trolley Museum





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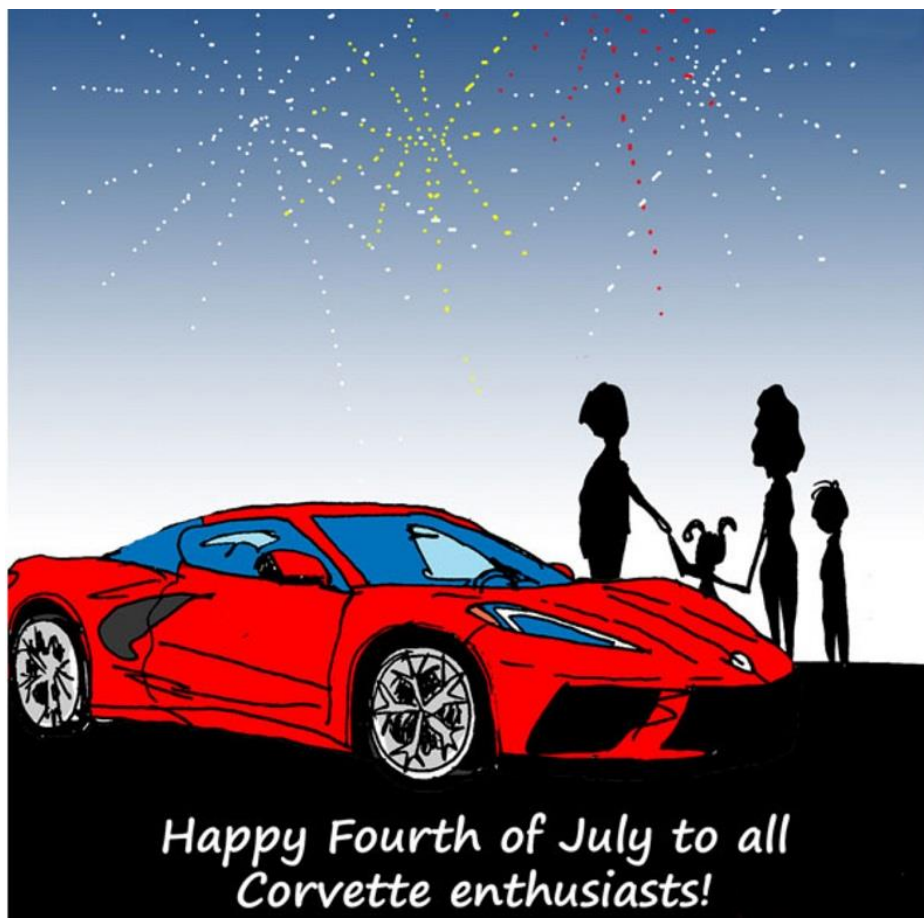


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Cartoon

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