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September 10, 2026

COPa Monthly Meeting

Pizza at 6 PM, Meeting at 7 PM

At Monaca Turners

**(COPa is buying Pizza for
everyone)**

The President's Message



Greetings!

Well, another month has slipped away but still a lot of great activities took place. The Happy Hour – Club Meeting at Lynn and Al's was a huge success, again Thank You Lynn and Al. For those who did not attend you missed a great time, good food, drinks, and great friends. Not everyone drove their Corvette but still a good display of cars. Al showed off his project cars and all his other unique cars, boats and planes, wait a minute there were no planes, I think. Even though it did rain a little we all had a great time.

I'm still working on another trip for us that will top the Blimp and Train outing. If any member has ideas let me know or start it on your own.

The cruise to Rachel's was a huge event with quite a few members attending; food and drinks always bring out members.

Sad to say we did not stay for the little ride to the brewery and waterfalls . The pictures tell the story of the outing.

Things to keep in mind, this is an election year, two positions that definitely need to be filled are "Treasure" and "Sargent of Arms". All the other positions are also up for election so think of someone will to fill the office. I know that there are a few members who are planning to attend Carlise so I will be hoping to hear stories of their trip at our upcoming meeting.

See you at the meeting, Paul



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Celebrations



September		October	
Joe Molokach	Sep 2	Karen Grimes	Oct 1
Sue Dwyer	Sep 3	Ron Hegner	Oct 3
Brian Krull	Sep 5	Jim Mauck	Oct 10
Thomas Shipeck	Sep 15	Dan Smith	Oct 13
Terry Mauck	Sep 18	Theresa Dreher	Oct 14
Ken Dietrich	Sep 19	Larry Lang	Oct 15
Ken Ruckert	Sep 23	Tom Moran	Oct 17
Jayme Anderson	Sep 25	Larry Sano	Oct 23
Terri Murray	Sep 29	Richard Grimes	Oct 29
Rose Leslie	Sep 30	Brenda Nahrwold	Oct 31
		Kevin McClafferty	Oct 31



September		October	
Theresa & Dave Dreher	Sep 6	Linda Fry ND & Scott Walker	Oct 4
Gayle & Fred Knight	Sep 13	Antoinette & Thomas Shipeck	Oct 6
Joanne & Rocco Pedaline	Sep 15	Chris & Ron Ring	Oct 8
Marie & Randy Tuma	Sep 20	Lynn & Al Syrek	Oct 9
Sue & Rodney Dwyer	Sep 23	Joette and Mike Steele Miller	Oct 12
		Jennifer & Ron Hegner	Oct 18
		Terry & Jim Mauck	Oct 23
		Jodi & Robert Wilson	Oct 23

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New Members!

New Members

Welcome

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 63 memberships with 117 members.

Our meeting attendance for 2026:

January - 25

February - 33

March - 23

April - 28

May - 28

June Picnic - 26

July - 44

August - 41 (at Syreks')

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



Homecoming Parade season is arriving, and soon Don Tarquinino will be asking for cars to participate in several parades. There are a few important items to be communicated regarding our commitments. With more and more members trading in their older Corvettes for C8s, the number of cars available for the parades is dwindling. Thus, the need for more participation by our members is needed. The parades have the ladies either sitting on the convertible's rear shelf, or up high on the crossover bar on the coupes. The C8s do not allow for either of these arrangements. Most members are comfortable with these positions and bring a blanket or heavy towel for the ladies to sit on. We also bring blankets or heavy towels for the passenger seat for the ladies to step on. In my 34 years as a member, I am not aware of any fiberglass damage resulting from the numerous parades where we had riders.

Secondly, if a member offers to assist in the parades, your participation is being relied upon. We have had members either not showing up or thinking it would be cancelled due to weather. This places a last-minute burden as we scramble to accommodate the rider. You will not be asked to drive your open Corvette during an active rainstorm. Your commitment for the parades is very important and is greatly appreciated by the Homecoming Court and their escorts during their special recognition.

Thursday Sept 10 - Club Meeting – Monaca Turners – Meeting at 7pm – Pizza!

Saturday Sept 12 – 911th Air Wing Family Day Car Show – For those who preregistered w/ Don Tarquinio. The show is from 10AM to 4PM, with arrival at 9:30. The cafeteria will be open.

Saturday Sept 12 - New Brighton Car Cruise. Looking for a member to coordinate. 8am to 7pm.

Wednesday Sept 16 - Men's Breakfast – Freedom Square by Cinemark Theater – Carl Stiefel contact – 9am.

Wednesday Sept 16 - Ladies Lunch – at The Grumpy Beaver in Bridgewater—234 Bridge Street – at Noon. TEXT Terry Mauck if planning to attend. 724-650-0845.

Thursday Sept 24 - Bowling – Sheffield Lanes – 11am – \$20 Includes 3 games, shoes, lunch and laughter. Doors open at 10:30

Sunday Sept 27 - "[Best of the Best](#)" Les Haymond picnic. See newsletter for details. Let Jim Kinest know by Sept 20th if you are attending so we can communicate the number of COPA members attending.



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Sunday Oct 4 - [Franklin Applefest](#). Lots of cars for the guys, lots of crafts for the gals– something for everyone. Dave & Theresa Dreher contact. We will leave Bi Lo in Zelienople at 8 AM putting us in Franklin about 9 AM. Breakfast details for those interested are forthcoming. They guarantee spots if we are there by 9:30 AM and if you preregister. If you are not preregistered, you will be staged in a separate location, then after 9:30, if spots are available, you will be able to park. See the registration form elsewhere in this newsletter. Note the Sept 14 deadline.

Wednesday Oct 7 - Central Valley Homecoming Parade. We'll need many cars. Details to follow.

Tuesday Oct 20 - Annual Fall Leaf Tour to Foxburg. Note the change to a weekday to avoid the weekend crowds. We will meet at the parking area off the Brighton Twp exit (Exit 36 / I-376) at 10am. We will meet additional members at Loves Travel Stop in Slippery Rock at approximately 10:45am. Contact Terry & Jim Mauck.

Christmas Party



Mark your calendars – One more time at Jackson's – **Saturday December 5th.** Due to rising costs, this year we will have a sit-down dinner with a choice of salmon, steak, or chicken. Fun games and nice prizes will be available, followed by the annual Yankee Swap Gift Exchange.

We will decide on the cost at the September Meeting. Payment and menu selection will then be due by November 19 to avoid the Thanksgiving Holiday rush.

The Hilton Garden Inn has set aside a block of 10 rooms at \$119 should anyone further away wanting to spend the remainder of the evening.

Hope to see everyone there!

Thank you to Judy Tharp and Beth Michel for planning the evening.



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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)

From 2003 to 2010, Corvettes of Pa members hosted a Sweet 60's Cruise at Miller & Sons Chevrolet in Aliquippa. The cruise was started by Jack Mendenhall as a way to celebrate the area's hot rod scene where he and many he grew up with experienced as young adults in the 1960's. After consulting with the club and Mellon Bank, the Greek Orthodox Church, Eat 'n Park (then C's Waffles), Miller & Sons Chevrolet, the City of Aliquippa and others, the first cruise occurred on September 13, 2003. There was a lot of preplanning, and the help from the membership was tremendous.



The first cruise was a huge success, and it was apparent the cruise would be an annual event. The subsequent turnouts were well attended by the cruisers, and we have many giveaways, 50/50, and a large selection of Chinese Auction baskets. Proceeds would go to the Aliquippa Recreational Board, then the B. F. Jones Library in Aliquippa. The cruises ended after the 2010 event due to the relocation of the Chevrolet dealership to the Green Garden Plaza.

We have a great collection of items from the 8 years of the cruises, including all dash plaques, advertisement flyers, newspaper and newsletter articles, Thank You letters, and many photos.

Two unique items are the Miller & Son's Chevrolet mug from 2005, and a CD from 2007 during the special tribute to Steel & Labor.

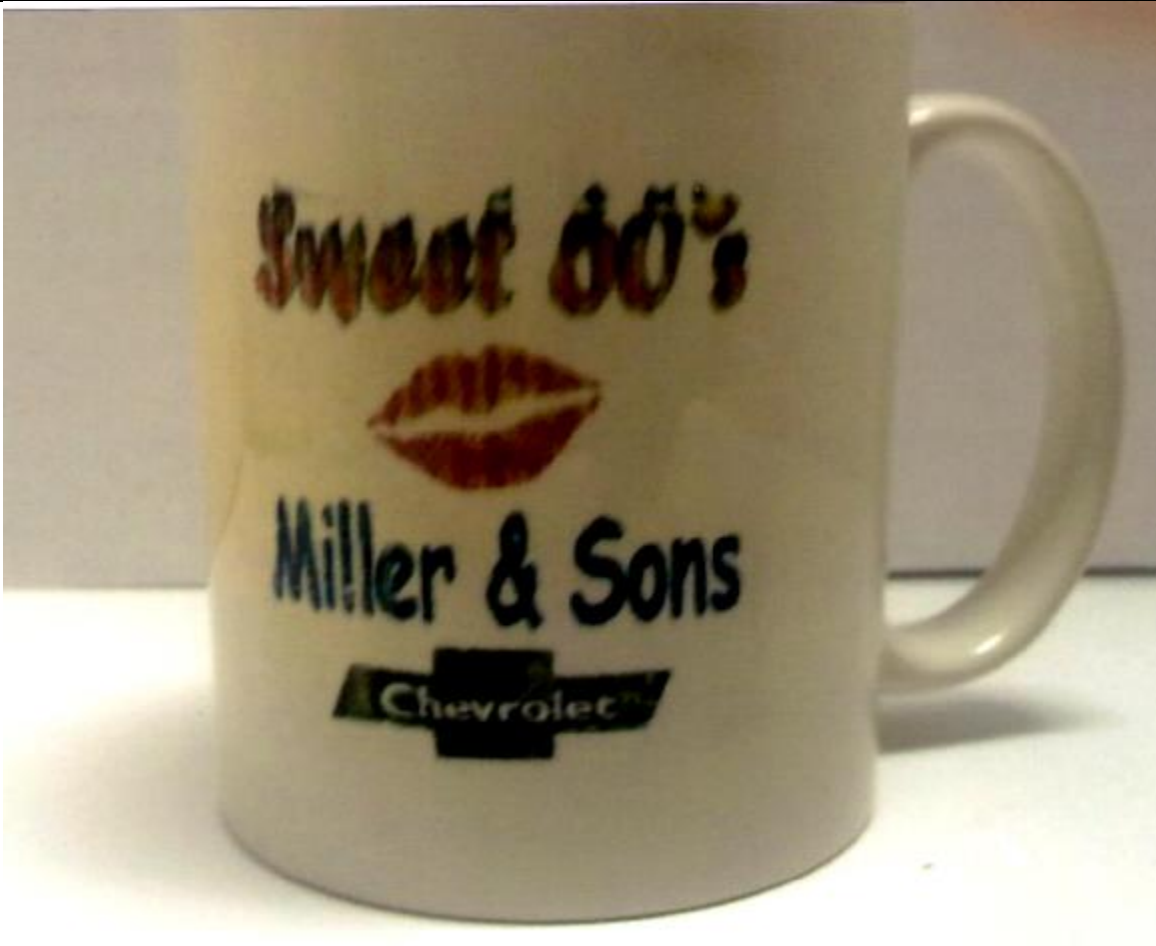
The inside sleeve listed 43 tracks. There are 10 tracks called Street Rod Sounds, short clips of motor revving, burnouts, and drag racing sounds. Five tracks are Cruisin' Radio Sound Bytes – 1950's style radio call letter jingles, including one from local legend, "The Daddio of the Raddio", "The Platter Pushin' Papa", "The Bossman", George Jacob "Porky" Chedwick. The remaining tracks are typical oldies tunes heard at cruises, and several related to Steel and Labor.

The disk itself is cool, the top side had the look and feel of a vinyl album with grooves. The CDs were sold for \$10.



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 The 5th Annual
Sweet 60's Cruise
Hosted by Corvettes of PA

LABOR DAY WEEKEND 2007
Sat., Sept. 1st - 3 to 8 p.m.
(Rain Date: Sun., Sept. 2nd)

Tire Tracks
...and more!



**SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO
STEEL & LABOR**





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Corvettes of PA takes pride in saluting those, past and present, who represent the steel and labor industry of our great nation. Without their efforts many of the conveniences that we enjoy today would not exist. Imagine life without street rods and 'Vettes!

For your listening pleasure we have compiled a collection of songs that celebrate the cruisin' culture, as well as tunes relating to our steel and labor legacy.

Now sit back and enjoy these classic (and a few not-so-classic) car tunes, including some that you may not have heard in quite a while. Sprinkled throughout this CD are also sound bytes of rewing engines, burnouts, and radio jingles from the past. Enjoy!

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| 01 - Street Rod Sounds | 23 - Cruisin' Radio Sound Byte |
| 02 - Bruce Springsteen - Born In The Usa | 24 - Paul Evans - Seven Little Girls |
| 03 - Cruisin' Radio Sound Byte | 25 - Street Rod Sounds |
| 04 - Rip Chords - Three Window Coupe | 26 - Rip Chords - Hey, Little Cobra |
| 05 - Jan And Dean - Dead Mans Curve | 27 - Cruisin' Radio Sound Byte |
| 06 - Playmates - Beep Beep (The Little Nash Rambler) | 28 - Bo Diddley - Road Runner |
| 07 - Street Rod Sounds | 29 - Street Rod Sounds |
| 08 - Ronny And The Daytonas - Little GTO | 30 - George Jones - The Corvette Song |
| 10 - Beach Boys - Shut Down | 31 - Beach Boys - Little Deuce Coupe |
| 11 - Cruisin' Radio Sound Byte | 32 - The Savoys - Slappin' Rods and Leaking Oil |
| 12 - Jimmy Dean - Big Bad John | 33 - Street Rod Sounds |
| 14 - Jackie Brenston & His Delta Cats - Rocket 88 | 34 - Wilson Pickett - Mustang Sally |
| 15 - Street Rod Sounds | 35 - Street Rod Sounds |
| 16 - Jan And Dean - Schlock Rod Parts 1 & 2 | 36 - Chuck Berry - No Particular Place To Go |
| 17 - War - Low Rider | 37 - Street Rod Sounds |
| 18 - Commander Cody And His Lost Planet Airmen - Hot Rod Lincoln | 38 - Billy Joel - Allentown |
| 19 - Ronny & The Daytonas - Bucket T | 39 - Cruisin' Radio Sound Byte |
| 20 - Beach Boys - 409 | 40 - Jan & Dean - Drag City |
| 21 - Street Rod Sounds | 42 - The Triumphs - Draggin' Wagon |
| 22 - Tennessee Ernie Ford - 16 Tons | 43 - Street Rod Sounds |



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Applefest 2026 – October 4, 2026

Please see the [registration form](#) for Applefest - Sunday Oct 4. Please read it carefully.

Dave & Theresa Dreher will lead us, leaving Bi Lo in Zelienople at 8 AM putting us in Franklin about 9 AM. Breakfast details for those interested will be forthcoming.

Applefest organizers guarantee spots if we are there by 9:30 AM and if you preregister. If you are not preregistered, you will be staged in a separate location, then after 9:30, if spots are available, you will be able to park. If no spots are available, you will have to find street parking.

Registration on the day of the show is \$15 provided spots are available.

See the attached registration form and note the Sept 14 preregistration deadline.

Signup sheet will be at the Sept meeting.



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Applefest 2026 Registration Form



Applefest® 2026
Sunday, October 4th
8am - 4pm
www.franklinapplefest.com
CARL WIBLE MEMORIAL
Antique & Classic Car Cruise-In
PRE-REGISTRATION



- \$10—non-refundable includes dash plaque · Deadline September 14th, 2026
- You're guaranteed a spot if you arrive by 9:30 AM.

If you arrive before 8 AM, stay with your car until we can help you park and give you your dash plaque.

You may not know it, but Franklin roads have been "under construction." This year Liberty Street – from Rt 62 (the top of 15th Street hill) to where Rt. 322E crosses the river at 8th Street is being redone ... from the curbs to lights. After a meeting with PennDOT on July 28, we do know that they will not have the street milled and paved by Applefest; however, they do intend to have to a top surface on the roads. We know how valuable your vehicles are, and we do not want you to be caught by surprise. This is no way intended to discourage you from joining us; it's just our way of making you aware of construction.

Day of Show—Space Permitting · Cost \$15 · Dash plaque (Limited Quantities)

NO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES PERMITTED!!!

Please complete this portion of the form and place it on your dashboard the day of the show.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **ST.** _____ **Zip** _____ **Phone** _____

Make _____ **Model** _____ **Year** _____

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration deadline is Sept.14th, 2026. Return this portion of the form along with your check made payable to:
Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce and mail to: 1255 Liberty Street, Franklin PA 16323.

Your email address will be used for CONFIRMATION ONLY, and your cell phone number will be used ONLY IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ **ST.** _____ **Zip** _____ **Phone** _____

Email _____

Make _____ **Model** _____ **Year** _____

Cell Phone No. Day of Show _____ **(for emergency use only)**



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Best of the Best Picnic – September 27, 2026

Best Of the Best Picnic
"Best of the Best"

By
Invitation
only



DJ
Ryder

Ice Cream
Vendor

September 27th 1 pm-??

205 Parkhill Rd, Baden

Bring a covered dish

Please limit desserts

We fix the hot dogs and lemonade!

Lunch served @ 3

Please RSVP to Les Haymond at
724-544-2615 or leshaymond@gmail.com



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Thank you, NORTHSTAR Chevrolet, for being a Gold Sponsor of Corvettes of PA; we appreciate you.

Please support our Gold Sponsor, NORTH STAR Chevrolet located in Moon Township, PA. COPa received another \$1,000 check this year from North Star Chevrolet.

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

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National Corvette Museum

[Corvette Store](#)

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



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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GOODYEAR AIRSHIP – June 17, 2026

by Paul Schulze

The day started off iffy, with the threat of a shower. Mary and I arrived early that morning stopping at Mickydees for a coffee and a sandwich to start the day. We pulled into the Giant Eagles huge parking lot where we parked in a spot that I hoped everyone would be able to spot us but that would not hold true. Three vettes pulled in parking right in front of the store. After directing them to the correct area the Canfield Police pulled up. I had spoken to an officer the day prior about maybe getting an escort out of the parking lot. We spoke and two more officers pulled in, they, talking with each other.



Meanwhile the rest of our entourage arrived. We were ready to depart, 28 Corvettes and one white chevy pickup truck. To my surprise and everyone else's we received a 3 car police escort out into traffic. As we made the left onto Main Street of Canfield, I noticed cars pulled onto the shoulder taking pictures and videos of the pre session entering the highway. There were Corvettes of PA being escorted through town, people waving, giving the thumbs up and flashing their lights.

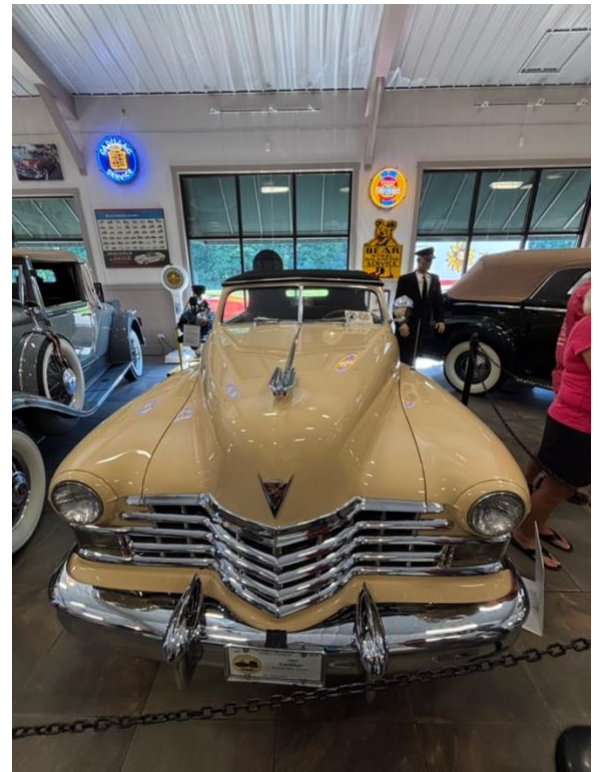




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We arrived at TP Tools just down the street with 28 Corvettes and 1 white Chevy pickup truck right on time. What a car collection that was on display! We were all given a nice ballcap and a catalog from the store, which was another treat with all the unique item on display. All the cars that were there must have just come off the assembly line, that's how pristine they are. Some of us got to see the owner in the back shop where a classic corvette was being worked on. I was told the owner who is 92 years old, is there most every day. We bid adieu to TP Tool and onto our next stop, Mikes Place in Kent.





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Arriving at Mike's Place the parking lot was filled in the front but plenty of room on the side for our 28 Corvettes and 1 white Chevy pickup. We were promptly seated in the bar area where within minutes we had our orders taken. It seemed that everyone had their phones out taking picture of the décor of the bar area with all the items that Mike has collected over the years. The meal was served quickly giving us time to spare. After speaking with Mike, we were told whatever we wanted to do "Go ahead and do it"! The Star Wars fighter out front was hand made by Mike at his farm and was delivered under the cover of darkness due to its size. On to our next stop, Goodyear Airship!





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Brian collecting menus again.





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They all got the memo about what shirt to wear.





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Traveling down Rt 43 for about 10 miles we made a right onto Wingfoot Drive. Diving for less than a mile, there it was on our right side, what a site! Here are 28 Corvettes and 1 white chevy pickup truck filing into the parking lot. Greeted by Mary our host at the front desk we were give a little insight of what we could expect. We were taken to a meeting room where we just had enough seating for everyone. Here they gave us a history of airships and of the history of the Goodyear Airship.

Gerry, the senior pilot gave a speech and led us on the tour of the airship, now inside the hanger due the wind that had picked up. Being amazed at the sheer size of the airship and being able to walk through the gondola was an event that will never be forgotten. Gerry pulled me aside afterwards and asked for my email address so he could send me pictures of the airship flying over Pittsburgh, what great pictures they are that I will share with club. As we all filed out the Goodyear crew were all standing outside watching as we left the lot. Everyone said Thanks in their own way.

Coming back to RT.43 we turned left, headed North to Frank's Ice-cream, what's a trip without ice-cream, right Jim? This was a great trip thanks to everyone that came out to make this a success.





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Wings and Wheels Cruise – August 8, 2026





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COPa Monthly Meeting and Happy Hour – August 11, 2026 at the Syreks'

Forty-one Members attended the August meeting with a happy hour and dinner at the Syreks'.
Thank you Lynn and Al!!





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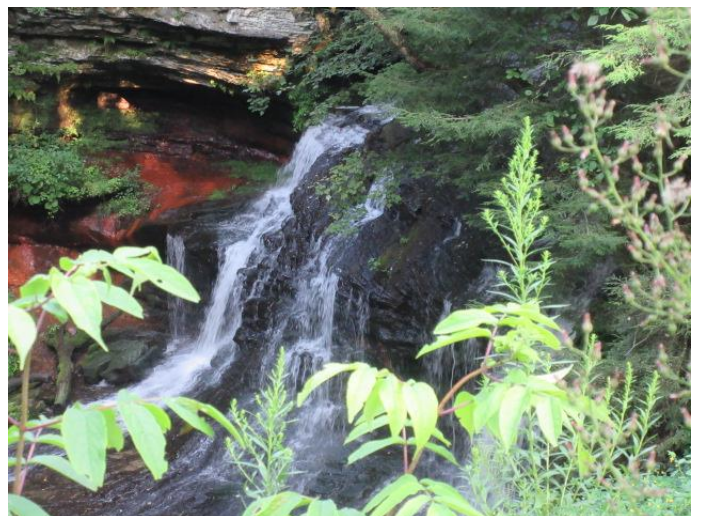
Cruise to Rachel's Roadhouse & Cobblehaus Brewing – August 20, 2026





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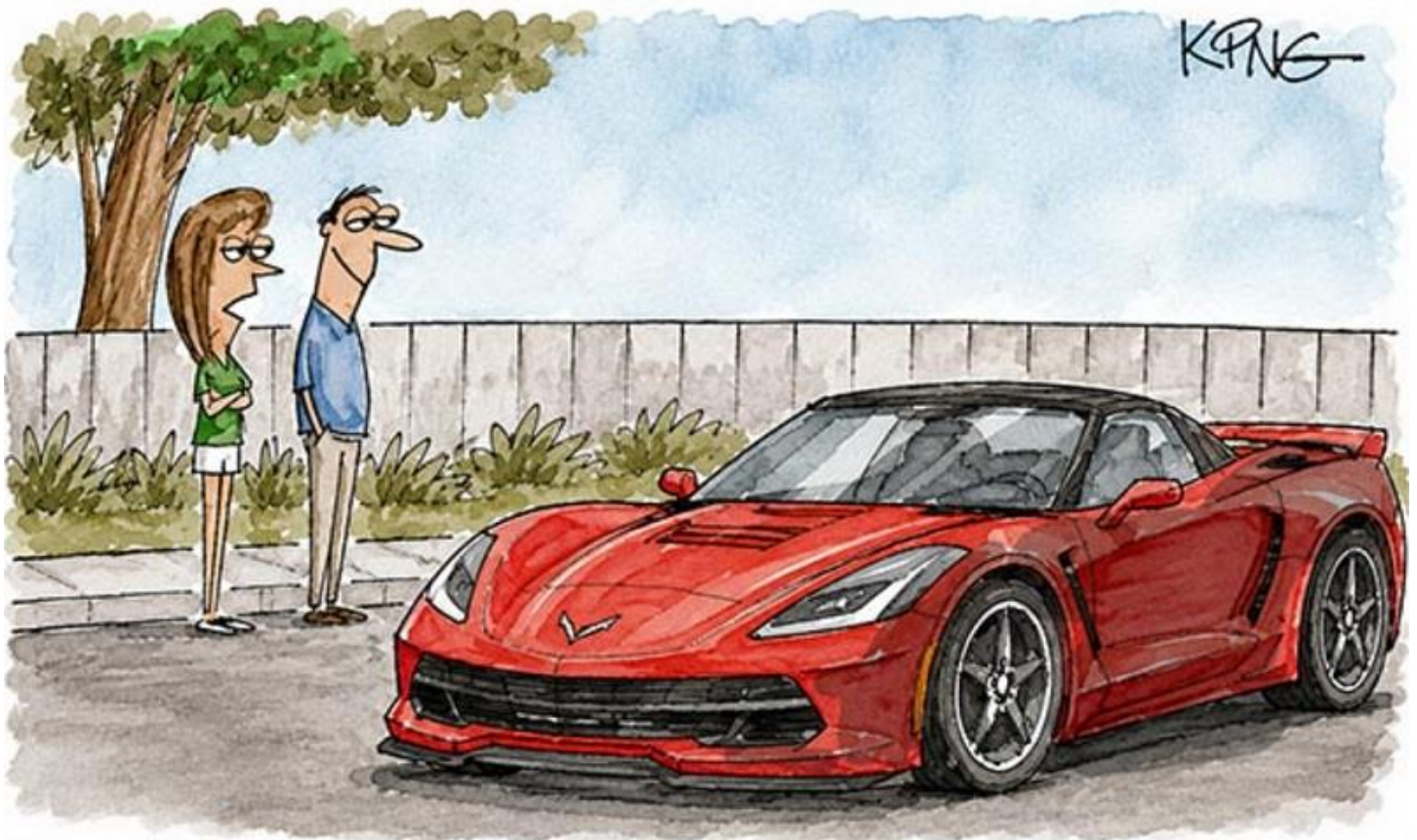


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Cartoon

Submitted by: Joe Molokach



"Take your time. I can see you two are having a moment."



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