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August 2026

COPa Monthly Meeting

August 11, 2026, 4 pm – 8 pm

The Syrek's Happy Hour and Meeting
128 Timberlee Dr
Evans City, PA 16033

The President's Message



Greetings!

July 9th started off looking like we might get our cars wet but the further east I traveled on the Turnpike the better it looked. Arriving early at the Oakmont Service Plaza thinking I would have to wait some time for our members to arrive I decided to go inside. I was surprised when I walked in to find most of the gang sitting there enjoying their $6.00 Starbucks coffee. Last to arrive was Corvette Bob and we waited few minutes after 10 to leave.

Leading our group minding our business driving in the center lane like law abiding drivers that we are I saw a red C8 jump into the left lane passing in a high rate of fuel consumption, thinking should I (oh hell why not.) About a minute later I received a phone call telling me about an unmarked car coming up behind us. It passed the two red law-abiding Corvettes in the right lane.

Click here to read the rest of the story…

Don't forget the August meeting will be on Tuesday, August 11 at the Syrek's from 4 pm to 8 pm. Click here for all the details.

See you there, Paul



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Celebrations



August			September	
Brenda Musta	Aug 3		Joe Molokach	Sep 2
Brian Finnegan	Aug 9		Sue Dwyer	Sep 3
Hank Tarkin	Aug 11		Brian Krull	Sep 5
Dave Dreher	Aug 12		Thomas Shipeck	Sep 15
Linda Fry ND	Aug 17		Terry Mauck	Sep 18
Al Syrek	Aug 19		Ken Dietrich	Sep 19
Joette Miller	Aug 24		Ken Ruckert	Sep 23
Rocco Pedalline	Aug 25		Jayme Anderson	Sep 25
Veronica Mendenhall	Aug 26		Terri Murray	Sep 29
			Rose Leslie	Sep 30



August			September	
Brenda & Bob Nahrwold	Aug 2		Theresa & Dave Dreher	Sep 6
Veronica & Jack Mendehall	Aug 5		Gayle & Fred Knight	Sep 13
Brenda & Russell Musta	Aug 5		Joanne & Rocco Pedaline	Sep 15
Barbara & John Stoehr	Aug 13		Marie & Randy Tuma	Sep 20
Susan & Tom Franczyk	Aug 14		Sue & Rodney Dwyer	Sep 23
Belinda & Bob Pinkerton	Aug 16			
Lorna & Don Tarquinio	Aug 20			
JoAnn & David Smilek	Aug 29			

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New Members!



New Members

This month we welcome Hank Tarkin and his 2007 silver convertible. We met Hank at the July meeting who was a guest of Ron & Chris Ring. We certainly appreciate his service in the Army National Guard.

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	July - 44
February - 33	August -
March - 23	September -
April - 28	October -
May - 28	November -
June Picnic - 26	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



AUGUST

Saturday Aug 8 – Venango County Airport (Franklin) Wings and Wheels Show 11am – 4pm. Leaving Bi Lo in Zelienople at 10am. Dinner at the Runway adjacent to the airport. Lead – Jim Kinest

Sunday Aug 9 - Cruise at Hank's Custard in New Brighton – 12-3 PM.

TUESDAY Aug 11 – Happy Hour and Meeting at the Syrek's from 4-8pm. Address - 128 Timberlee Drive Evans City, PA 16033

Saturday Aug 15 - Cruizin' the Ridge Car Cruise, 4301 Dutch Ridge Rd Beaver, PA 15009. 11 AM to 3 PM.

Sunday Aug 16 - McGuire Memorial Cruise, Gazebo, Irvine Park, Beaver, Pa. Noon – 4pm. Benefits the residents at McGuire.

Wednesday Aug 19 - Men's Breakfast – Freedom Square Diner by Cinemark Theater – contact Carl Stiefel – 9am

Wednesday Aug 19 - Ladies Lunch at the New Sheffield Cafe, 3154 Brodhead Road, Aliquippa (Center Twp.) at Noon. TEXT Terry Mauck if planning to attend. 724-650-0845

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

Thurs – Sat Aug 27 – 29 - Corvettes at Carlisle. Every Corvette owner should go at least one time!

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Happy Hour - COPA Aug Meeting - Car Show

When: Tuesday, Aug 11th, 4-8 pm
Where: Al & Lynn Syrek's house
128 Timberlee Drive Evans City, PA 16033
724-316-3364



What Will Be Provided:

- Smoked brisket or pulled pork / rolls
- Grilled item (still working through that)
- Paper goods and condiments
- Chips & Pretzels
- Parking, Pool, Music (with microphone for mtg), Fun & Games

What You Can Bring:



- Your beverage of choice
- Your specialty dish (optional)
- Some chairs
- Your Corvette
- Sunshine!

Please RSVP if planning on attending: Call or Text Lynn at 724-316-3364 to RSVP and let her know if you plan on bringing a dish.

Pray to the Corvette gods for nice weather!

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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)



Club Items from our Earliest Days

Corvettes of Pa is very fortunate to have a very large part of our history maintained over our 55-year history. Thankfully, our first President and Secretary (Ken Milanowski and Jim Yeager) kept photos, newsletters, meeting minutes, Treasurer's reports and other records. Also, there were other special mementoes that were kept for posterity. The collection grew each year and was passed to recently deceased President Bob Jackson in the 1980's, and eventually to me as we celebrated our 40th Reunion in 2011. This month we will feature some of the items from the early 1970's.

COPa was 4 months old when these jackets were available in January of 1972.





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Several of these jackets are seen in this classic Brady's Bend Overlook photo from October 1972.





The heavy metal belt buckle, paperweight, and letter opener were purchased in bulk and sold to members. Key chains and money holders with the Corvette Stingray emblem were also available.



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These large patches were sold to members for $1.75 in 1973.



We have several left-over trophies that were used during the club run autocrosses from 1972 to 1975 at Fisher's Big Wheel, Green Garden Plaza, Beaver Valley Mall, and Wick's near the airport.





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PA Emission Exempt Sticker Requirements

by Jim Kinest

For those of us who have a regular license plate on any of our vehicles and are unfortunately required to have a PA State Emission sticker, this article may apply to you. Vehicles with Antique plates (greater than 25 years old) and Classic plates (greater than 15 years old) do not require emissions testing.

Vehicles driven under 5000 miles a year in the previous 12 months are exempt from emissions testing. Yea, you still are required to pay for the sticker(!!) and most importantly it must be **greater than 1 year since the last inspection.**

I took my 2011 Grand Sport for inspection exactly 365 days since the last inspection. I mentioned to the mechanic the car was under 5000 miles, but since it was not more than 365 days, emissions testing was still required. He cut me a break by not charging me for the emissions test (about $50) and only charged me $26 for the sticker.

The requirements from PennDOT Publication 763:

Emissions exempt requirements

In Pennsylvania, vehicle emissions requirements vary depending on how the vehicle is registered, its usage, and where you live. Depending on the scenario, your vehicle might receive a physical **Exemption Sticker** (which still requires an inspection visit) or be completely **Excluded** from the program.

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1. Mileage-Based Exemptions (Requires an Exempt Sticker)
If your vehicle is registered in a county that requires emissions testing, you can receive an official **Exemption Sticker** if you meet one of the following criteria:

- **The 5,000-Mile Rule:** The vehicle was driven **fewer than 5,000 miles** in the previous 12 months *and* you have owned the vehicle for at least **one full year (365 days)**.
    - *Note:* You must still take the vehicle to a certified emissions station to verify the odometer reading against previous inspection database records and pay the station's sticker/exempt fee.

- **New Vehicle Exemption:** A brand-new vehicle being titled and registered for the first time with **fewer than 5,000 miles** on the odometer is exempt for its first year.

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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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NORTH STAR Chevrolet provided COPa with 4 magnetic signs, and thanks to Jim Kinest who framed one, we can now display it at cruises, trips, etc. We thought we should add "Corvettes of PA Gold Sponsor" or "Corvettes of PA, Sponsored by" above the sign. So, we will work on that.





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Regular Links

Military Mission of Beaver County

The best source for local cruises

In the market for a Corvette?

Lots of good articles

Pavel's Auto Detail and Ceramic Coating

Additional Links

Hagerty Media – A beginner's guide to performance tuning.

GM Heritage

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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

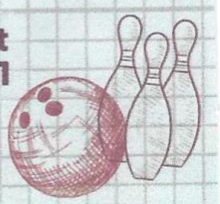
THE LAST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH!

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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Pirates Game

by Joe Romano

Thank you to all who attended the COPa Pirate game on Tuesday June 23rd. The evening turned out to be a great weather day to be outdoors and enjoy the Pirate game which was a close game throughout but however resulted in a Pirates' loss (Side Note: If the Pirates were going to lose the game it was comforting to know that the loss came at the hands of a 23 yr old local man done good playing for the Mariners hitting a 2 run homer over the Clemente right field wall for the winning runs which was heavily enjoyed by his large group of Pittsburgh-based fans attending the game!). The event was open to both COPa members and non-members and most enjoyed the opportunity to meet beforehand to tailgate before the game started which was an enjoyable time and presented an opportunity to chat with everyone present and even comment on the Pirates' chance for a winning season! I look forward to the opportunity to attend the next COPa Pirate game event.









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Altoona Trip, July 9, 2026

by Paul Schulze

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We arrived in Altoona at noon, parked our cars at the ballpark, really nice facility. We walked to the shuttle bus waiting to take our group to the train. Once arriving at the rail yard, we were greeted with a spectacular sight of Big Boy standing there so proudly. We all stopped in amazement at the sight. Everyone already had their phones out taking many pictures. We were able to get up close to this magnificent piece of history which amazed us all.

Walking around the complex there were various activities that were interesting. We were all given a bag of goodies from the NS railroad, hats, bandana and a wooden train whistle. After spending over an hour in the hot sun, we were all ready to return to our cars. Once there were a few of us, we put the address for the restaurant into our GPS, we all ended up going in circles trying to find our destination which was right in front of us.

The food and atmosphere at the Stone Cellar were fantastic. The best chicken salad I've ever had. After we stuffed ourselves, we parted company with everyone finding their own way back home. What a fun trip!







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Beaver Hot Summer Nights Cruise, August 1, 2026













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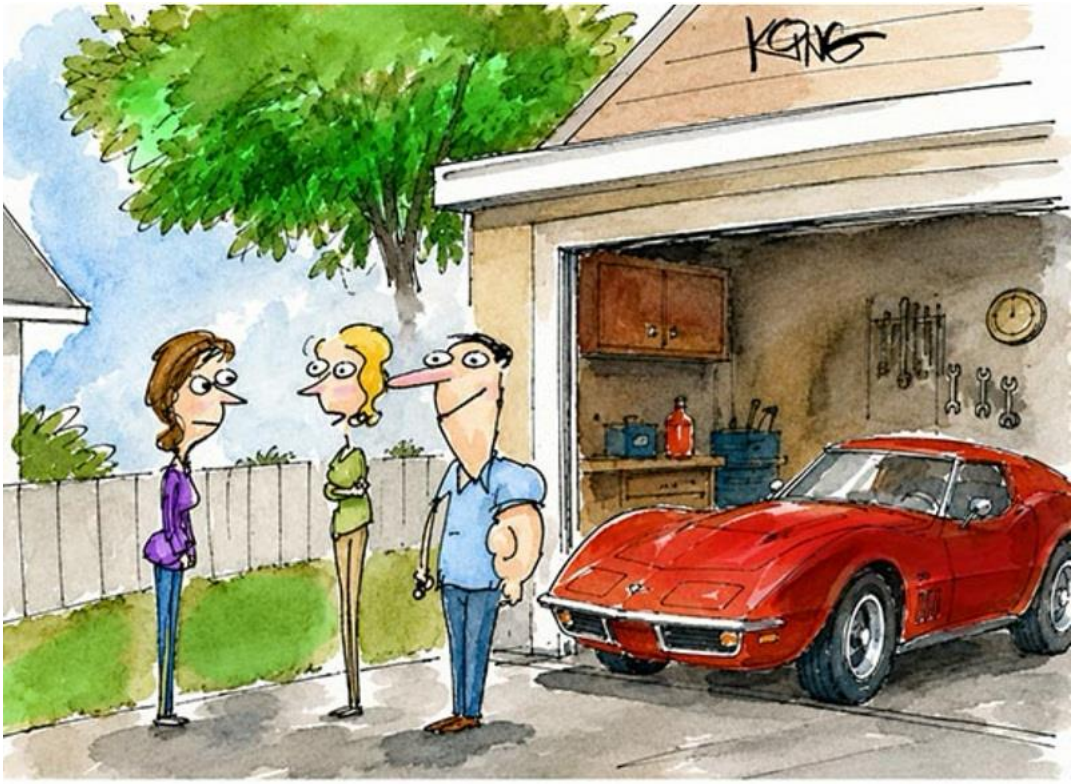


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Cartoon

Submitted by: Joe Molokach



"He washes and waxes his car a lot."

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