

# SVCC CORVETTE GAZETTE

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**Club meetings are convened on the second Thursday of each month unless otherwise announced.**

## NEW LOCATION FOR SVCC INDOOR MEETINGS

After several years of holding our indoor club meetings at Grace EC church in Schuylkill Haven, the members have voted to re-locate to First United Methodist Church at 420 Saylor St., Schuylkill Haven, (If you remember the old Hill Farm Dairy Ice Cream Store, the church is on the same street.) Saylor St. can be accessed from Schuylkill Haven from South Berne St. to Schuylkill St. and from Cressona on Schuylkill St.

We will meet there on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays of the months of March, April, May, October, and November. We may also meet there if the weather is not favorable for an outdoor meeting.

As part of the agreement with the church, we will be giving food donations to them for distribution to the recipients of their Vineyard program. Most months they provide food, both fresh and boxed and canned to 80 or more families. Please donate those foods listed below:

Cereal                      Canned Protein - (Chicken, Tuna, Beans)  
Spaghetti Sauce      Peanut Butter

There is a large parking lot from which you can enter the church on the lower level. Our meeting room is the large



**FROM THE PRESIDENTS GAVEL**  
**by John Maskerines**

Hi:

We have had our first meeting of the year and a couple of trips on Sundays.

I am looking forward to a good year in the Schuylkill Valley Corvette Club. I want to thank the officers for taking another year in their positions. I want to thank the ladies who make our delicious desserts for our meetings.

Again, we will continue to run trips on Sundays. Everyone seems to enjoy those trips to different restaurants each week. If anyone has a suggestion as to a place to go, please feel free to let any of the officers or myself know so we can plan that trip. If you want to plan the trip just let Nancy Kraft or myself know so we can put it on our Facebook page and contact Al Boris to send out an email to the members. We are always looking for new places to go. If the place is not open on Sundays and you would like to plan the trip for Saturday or another day, please let us know.

Don't forget our meeting place for indoors has changed to the First United Methodist Church of Schuylkill Haven. The address of the church is 420 Saylor Street, Schuylkill Haven, PA.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on our Sunday rides.

Thanks

John



*Next Club Meeting Thursday, April 11, 7PM, at  
our new location:*

*First United Methodist Church, 420 Saylor St.,  
Schuylkill Haven.*



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**FREE STATE CORVETTE SHOW  
OCEAN CITY, MD, IS SCHEDULED ON  
NOVEMBER 7-10, 2024.**

Due to the November date, The Days Inn will not be open. We have reserved 13 rooms at The Grand Hotel which is right on the Boardwalk next door to the Days Inn.

Rooms are less expensive than in the past, which is a perk.

Please contact Nancy Kraft ASAP if you are interested in reserving a room. **A deposit of \$87.30 is due to the Treasurer no later than the August club meeting.**



## Meeting Minutes

### November Meeting

The Schuylkill Valley Corvette Club meeting on 11/9/23 - Open the meeting at 7:00 PM at Grace Evangelical Church in Schuylkill Haven.

A presentation was made to Toys for Tots of \$800. Ed Quirin spoke on how the organization uses the money it receives from the Schuylkill Valley Corvette Club. The president thanked the members for their generous donation.

We will approve the minutes of the last two meetings that were in the newsletter. Motion to approve Linda Swartz and 2nd by Bob Derr. All in favor.

Treasurers Report - Motion to approve Bob Boran 2nd by Ellen March. All those in favor.

Balance	\$3483.08
Receipts	\$ 480.00
Expenses	\$ 50.00
Balance	\$3913.08
Petty Cash	\$ 137.00

Vice President - Todd March announced we have 45 members.

Secretary Report - Cards have been mailed out. Also, if anyone hears about someone being sick or in hospital, please let Linda know so she can send out cards.

### New Business

Discussed Sunday rides and if anyone has suggestions or willing to make the reservations. We will post on Facebook and get the email sent out. Discussed looking for new restaurants. Looked at doing either Saturday or Wednesday rides.

Christmas party = was discussed and the date is December 3rd at 5 pm.

### Old Business

Does anyone have anything good for the club.

50/50 - Winner Frank Mahoney - \$12

Motion to Adjourn - Janet Derr 2nd by Linda Swartz. All in favor.



## Meeting Minutes

### March Meeting

The Schuylkill Valley Corvette Club meeting on 3/14/24 - Open the meeting at 7:10 PM at Grace Evangelical Church in Schuylkill Haven.

Minutes for November and March minutes will be approved at April meeting.

Treasurers Report - Motion to approve Ed Hurst 2nd by Al Boris. All those in favor.

Balance	\$3103.08
Receipts	\$ 0
Expenses	\$ 195.40
Balance	\$2934.68
Petty Cash	\$ 149.00

Vice President - Todd March announced we have 16 members.

Secretary Report - Letter about parade in Mahanoy City on May 27th at 10 pm, Lebanon Valley Corvette Club car show on August 11, 9 AM and a thank you from Toys for Tots of \$800 donation.

### New Business

Discussed where to have indoor meetings. Grace Evangelical Church raised their rate to \$100 per meeting. First United Methodist Church in Schuylkill Haven will let us have meetings there for \$50 per meeting plus donation of food to their food pantry. Nancy Kraft will put out a list of what is needed at their pantry. A motion was made to change our indoor meeting location by Al Boris and 2nd by Ed Hurst. All were in favor of moving meeting.

Sunday trips will be held as they were last year. Sunday rides will be posted on Facebook and an email will be sent out. Please make sure Al Boris has your correct email if you haven't received any emails about trips.

Kathy Parks brought up about a trip to Cousin's in Lehighton. We will look forward in the coming months for that trip..

Southside Grille on Route 182 is having a Cars and Coffee on Saturday April 13th - 9 to 11 AM

We have all the dates for our meetings and car show set with Schuylkill Haven Borough. Car show is Sept. 15th.

The secretary will be sending a letter to R & R about club sponsorship again this year.

The Ocean City trip this year the rooms will be at the Grand. Thursday cost is \$79 and Friday and Saturday night is \$129. Total of \$337 plus tax for the three nights. A motion was made to get a party room set up and the cost of that room will be divided by the members going on the trip. A deposit must be made by the August meeting (\$87.69). Please give a check to our Treasurer Bob Sullivan and he will issue a check to the Grand. Please let Nancy Kraft know if you are going.

### **Old Business**

Does anyone have anything good for the club.

50/50 - There was no drawing for 50/50.

Motion to Adjourn - Bob Derr 2nd by Randy Spotts. All in favor.

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## **The Corvette Zone All the News You Need to Know**

**By Ed Hurst**

Spring is just around the corner and that means it's time to get our Corvettes out for the upcoming driving season. Here is what's going on in the Corvette world. The 2024 Corvette production started in September and is in its 7<sup>th</sup> month of production. Stingray constraints have been 55% of production is Z-51 vs 45% non Z51 cars. Now let me explain this. GM tells all of the dealers on a predetermined Thursday how many of each model car, truck and suv they will be receiving for this round. The dealer doesn't know what options are on constraint until the following Thursday. So I will use this example with Corvette. I received 6 Stingray allocations and one ZO6 for January. Three Stingrays were Z-51 and three Stingrays were non Z-51. I could only order one car with the QI9 20 spoke gloss black wheels. The other constraints were no Tech Bronze wheels or Tech bronze stripes. In my case I have to go through my list and find orders to match what is available. A dealer who gets one allocation and it's for a Z-51 car and only has order for non Z51 either has to talk the customer into Z51 or order a Z51 car for stock.

2024 ZO6 has been adventure so far this year. The ZO7 package has been almost not available all year because the company who makes the carbon fiber high wing and ground effects went out of business. GM has since found another supplier and the good news is in the February allocation round it came off constraint. Now before you get too excited GM does limit the number of ZO7's they will build in each allocation cycle. So, if your dealer receives an allocation for a ZO6 they still may not be able to order a ZO7 car. February wasn't a good

month for ZO6 production. The plant built very few of them because they started E-Ray production.

The plant is building about three to five E-Rays a day. So far about 210 E-Rays have been produced. All of the cars built were held in a quality hold. GM released all of the cars, the dealers were invoiced, and the cars started to ship to the dealers.

GM suspended the Corvette plant tours. GM is doing some upgrades to the Corvette plant so they stopped the plant tours; however there are a very limited number of plant tours for the April Bash and the Labor Day birthday celebration. There is another reason the tours were closed by GM. The plant is building 2025 Corvette ZR-1's. On various social media sites there has been photos of the cameo ZR-1's driving around in different parts of the country. These cars were built in the GM design studio in Detroit. The next phase is to start building ZR-1's in the plant on a special line with a small group of people. Most plant workers do not have access to this part of the plant. So far they have built fifteen ZR1's. The C6/C7 ZR-1's the standard brake calipers were blue. This will continue for the C8 ZR-1. The cars being built now have the last two numbers in the VIN are EX which means Experimental. All of the cars built with this VIN will either be crash tested or destroyed when testing is finished.

The plant has also built a few 2025 captive fleet Stingrays, ZO6. And E-Rays. The captive fleet cars are given to the Corvette engineering team to drive and validate. These cars are then sold at auction to Chevrolet dealers.

2025 Rumors the hot topic is Corvette getting an interior upgrade? Rumor has it that the wall of buttons may be going away for 2025? If this is the case the climate controls and heated/cool seats controls will be in the touch screen. There is also talk of four new colors coming for 2025?

I will be at the Corvette Bash April 23-27 in Bowling Green. Watch for my Facebook Posts for the latest info on the 2025 Corvette news. GM will be there Thursday-Saturday unveiling what's new for 2025 Corvette. I also hope they will have the 2025 ZR-1 there. Speaking of ZR1 look for retail production to start in mid January of 2025. Everybody wants to know what the engine and horsepower going to be? The only thing I do know for sure since I have seen all 15 ZR-1 build options the engine code is LT7

Back to school for all Corvette dealers? GM notified all Chevrolet dealers who sell Corvettes that they need to update their training requirements to keep selling Corvettes. When the C8 was introduced dealers who wanted to sell them were required to send one sales person and one service person to school at Ron Fellows Spring Mountain driving school outside of Las Vegas for a 2 day training school. I had a great time there! This time the school will be held at the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park in Bowling Green Ky. I will be attending the June 2nd-3rd session. This training will include Corvette history, product knowledge, and driving the ZO6 on the hot lap track. I will also be driving the new E-Ray on the autocross track. GM is also giving everyone who attends a private tour of the Corvette Museum. So I will

be making two trips to Bowling Green one in April for the Bash and one in June for Corvette Training.

## Corvette Market

We are five and one half years into the C8 Corvette production and it's been exciting. From the launch of the C8 in 2019 to production starting in December 2019 to the first cars shipping to dealers in March of 2020 and COVID hit. Our Communist governor at the time Tom Wolf decided that car dealerships were nonessential business and we were ordered closed. We received our first three new C8 Corvettes and couldn't deliver them because of the shut down. They sat in the showroom being held hostage. We got open and delivered the cars. The phones were ringing and my C8 list kept growing to over 100 names. My wait time was over a year and I would say 90% of my customers stayed and I got them a Stingray. My first five 2020 Stingray customers all asked the day they took delivery put me on the Z06 list. In a short time I had to close the list because I am sold out to 2028 for Z06. I will be delivering our 11<sup>th</sup> Z06 we have gotten which is the most of any dealer in our zone. When GM announces the ERay is the next car coming I didn't get much interest in it. Once the specs came out the phone calls started pouring in and I have closed the ERay list for now. I do have an ERay getting built the last week in March. I already have several names on my C9 Stingray and C9 Z06 lists.

With all of the above said Stingray production has finale caught up to sold orders? The big 3 Corvette dealers MacMulkin, Ciccoa, and Criswell have very short wait times now. The Z51 VS Non Z51 has forced many dealers into taking cars for stock so they don't lose allocations. The small dealers who now have cars on the lot have started to discount them to sell them. So the 5 years of MSRP and above are over for the Stingray. Z06 & ERay are MSRP & above. The above MSRP on Z06 is starting to erode also. The 30,000 to 100,000 is over the buyers aren't paying it. I see the 5,000 to 10,000 you may get it sold. Go on any of the Corvette Forums and Facebook C8 pages and the dealers asking over are getting trashed. Starting March 4<sup>th</sup> I am discounting Z51 Stingrays \$4,000 off MSRP and Non Z51 Stingrays \$3,000 off MSRP on orders or in stock cars.

## **2024 Carlisle Events**

**April 17<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Spring Carlisle**

**May 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Import Show?**

**May 31<sup>st</sup>-June 2<sup>nd</sup> Ford Nationals**

**June 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> GM Nationals**

**July 12<sup>th</sup>-14 Chrysler Nationals**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Truck Nationals**



**August 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Corvettes@Carlisle**

**October 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Fall Carlisle**

**January 17-19 Auto Mania Agri-Plex Allentown**

**Macungie Park Events**

**April 20<sup>th</sup> 2PM**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> 2PM**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> GM Car Show 9am-Noon**

**June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2PM**

**July 20<sup>th</sup> 2PM**

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Das Awkscht**

**August 17<sup>th</sup> 2PM**

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> Wheels of Time**

**September 21<sup>st</sup> 2PM**

**October 19<sup>th</sup> 2PM**

**OTHER EVENTS**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> St Clair Car Show 10AM-3PM**

**June 1<sup>st</sup> Allentown Corvette Club Show**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> Fairway Chevrolet Corvette Show**

**July 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Central Pa Auto Auction Classic Sale**

**July 20<sup>th</sup> Skyline Drive Corvette Show**

**July 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> Mecum Harrisburg**

**October 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Fall Hershey**

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