

# SVCC CORVETTE GAZETTE

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## 1963 Corvette

The 1963 roof panel molds were built using wrong dimensions, such that all roof panels were too small. This left a gap seen in the door pillar above the door latch in all but a few cars. The ones where it is not found were cosmetically covered up with body filler

The famous "split" rear window for the new Corvette almost never came to be. It seems that Bill Mitchell and Zora Arkus-Duntov argued over the design. Bill Mitchell won out for the 1963 Model, but it was removed for 1964 never to be seen again.

The 1963 Grand Sports, while originally looking much like the production coupes, had no body parts in common. The fiberglass body panels were roughly half the thickness of production panels to save weight.

**Schuylkill Valley Corvette Club  
Minutes from General Membership Meeting  
on September 13, 2018, at Bubeck Park,  
Schuylkill Haven**

President Nancy Kraft opened the meeting at 7 p.m.

A Motion was made by Ellen March, seconded by Bev Whetstone, to dispense with the reading of the August Minutes.

Treasurer Bob Sullivan gave the following Report:

Balance as of August 12, 2018	\$5,317.33
Receipts	
Corvette Weekend, Ocean City	\$ 300.00
Pre-Registration-Corvette Show	<u>100.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 400.00
Expenses	
In Memorial (Adams & Blair)	\$ 100.00
Days Inn Motel, OCMD	700.00
Funeral Flowers (Zaharis)	49.82
Lottery Tickets	200.00
Trophies	843.55
Gear Signs	<u>127.41</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$2,020.78</u>
Balance as of September 13, 2018	\$3,696.55
Petty Cash	\$ 216.00

A Motion to Approve the September Treasurer's Report was made by Mike Hart and seconded by John Maskerines.

Vice President Bob Madrigal reported that there are 91 members. He also noted that Dan & Toby Allender will no longer be members. Best Wishes to the Allenders!

President Kraft thanked Dave Hughes and John Maskerines for cooking tonight and to all who made desserts. Also, thanks goes to John Bosche for always bringing the drinks.

Old Business

Treasurer Bob Sullivan also reported that he purchased a new lock for the storage unit. President Kraft has 3 keys, he (Bob) has a key and John Maskerines has a key.

President Kraft then discussed SVCC's Annual Corvette Show which will be held on Sunday, September 16, 2018. Please meet at Bubeck Park at 7:30 p.m. for set-up, and please wear a SVCC Logo shirt. Vice President Madrigal discussed the voting for the Corvettes, trophies, dash plaques

and the appearance of Tom Clark, formerly the Chief Meteorologist from WNEP-TV. Bob also discussed the Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, KY, next August. Prices were set for the Pick-A-Ticket, Lottery "Tree" and 50/50 (two different drawings).

Art Brown mentioned that there were 105 cars at the Corvette Cruisers Cruise-In in Elizabethville in August. The next and final Cruise In will be on Wednesday, September 26, 2018, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Villa Schiano's in Elizabethville. Please note the time change.

Secretary Hart stated that there were 7 couples who went on the Flight 93 Memorial Weekend Trip. Despite the rain, everyone had a good time.

#### New Business

Dream City Cruisers will be hosting a Car Show at the Lebanon VA on Saturday, September 22, 2018, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Any Club Members wanting to go should meet at the former Bridge's Market on Rt. 183 at 9 a.m.

The next Cruise In at Macungie is also September 22, 2018. Please meet at the 3 C's in Molino by 3 p.m.

Trips for October: Annual Mystery Trip will be on October 7, 2018. Please be at Bridge's Market on Rt. 183 by 11 a.m.; Corvette Weekend in Ocean City, MD, will be October 11-14, 2018, staying at the Days Inn-Boardwalk. Please be at Bridge's Market on Thursday, October 11, by 8 a.m.; Rainbow Comedy Theater on Thursday, October 25, 2018. The Show is "Love, Lies & the Lottery". The price is \$38 per person and requires a 15 person minimum. Please call to make your own reservations.

The Board of Directors Meeting will take place on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 7 p.m. at President Kraft's home. The next monthly meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2018, at 7 p.m. at Grace Church Meeting Hall. Please note that this will be the first call for Nomination of Officers for 2019.

A total of \$46.00 was collected for the 50/50. Ed Hurst was the winner of \$23.00. Congratulations, Ed!

There being no further business to come before the Membership, a Motion to Adjourn was made by Bev Whetstone and seconded by Sandy Bosche.

Melanie A. Hart

Secretary

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The word "Meeting" is written in a large, bold, blue, 3D-style font. The letters are blocky and have a slight shadow, giving them a three-dimensional appearance. The 'M' is the tallest, followed by 'e', 'e', 't', 'i', 'n', and 'g'.

**The next Board Meeting is Wednesday, October 24, 7 PM at the Kraft home.**



## **From the President's Gavel**

Hello, SVCC Members,

October is upon us and I hope that the weather will be sunny and more comfortable. Summer was quite a challenge with muggy, rainy weather. Despite the rain, the trip to Bedford, PA went off without a hitch. The Flight 93 Memorial was very moving and informative. The Fort Bedford Museum was interesting, transporting members to a simpler time in our history. Of course the food and fellowship with other members was excellent. Thank you to Melanie and Mike Hart for planning and hosting the event.

The annual SVCC Corvette Show was the best in years. The weather was perfect! There were over 100 Corvettes displayed. Profits from the show were over \$2000.00. This enables the club to continue supporting local organizations. Donations will be presented in the spring of 2019. A BIG "Thank You" to all members who helped make the show a success. It was a fun day and I truly appreciate you all. The Board Members discussed the show at their recent meeting and have made some suggestions to improve the it next year. Please think about what we can do to make it even more successful next year. We will be discussing this at our meeting on October 10<sup>th</sup>. I thank all of the Fire Police, Schuylkill Haven Recreation, Gary Hess, and Tom Clark for their support of our club, and am thankful for all who donated to our show.

October 7<sup>th</sup> at 11AM is our annual Mystery Trip. We will depart from Bridge's Market. October 11-14 is the Free State Corvette Show in Ocean City, Maryland. Our group will leave at 8AM from Bridge's Market on 10/11. Also, Frank Mahoney made arrangements for another comedy dinner theater on October 25<sup>th</sup>. Please contact him with questions.

It's time for Nominations of Officers. This will take place at our October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting with Elections at the November 8th meeting. Consider running for an office or nominating someone for a position.

Lastly, the annual Christmas party takes place on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at The Pottsville Zone. Money is due by the November meeting. Cost is still \$25.00/person. This includes a buffet dinner, coffee, tea, soft drinks, and entertainment. Cash bar will also be available.

I look forward to seeing you all at our meetings....only 2 more this year....trips, and at the year-ending Christmas Party.

Nancy

# SVCC CORVETTE SHOW WINNERS

September 16, 2018

Congratulations to:

## C-1

- |                 |                      |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1-Nevin Strock  | Schuylkill Haven, PA |
| 2-Gary Kauffman | Dallastown, PA       |
| 3-Bob Leddy     | St. Clair, PA        |

## C-2

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|--------------------|------------------|
| 1-Dave Dilliplaine | Douglasville, PA |
| 2-Rod Speieher     | Bernville, PA    |
| 3-John Barone      | Womelsdorf, PA   |

## C-3

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|---------------|----------------|
| 1-Jim Spece   | Pottsville, PA |
| 2-Rich Stager | Pine Grove, PA |
| 3-Gary Decola | Reading, PA    |

## C-4

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|------------------|---------------|
| 1-Bruce Clelland | Reading, PA   |
| 2-Scott Witmer   | Lancaster, PA |
| 3-Brad Orey      | Easton, PA    |

## C-5

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|--------------------|----------------|
| 1-Mike Saul        | Womelsdorf, PA |
| 2-Mike Batdorf     | Lebanon, PA    |
| 3-Elizabeth Garnto | Emmaus, PA     |

## C-6

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|------------------------|------------------|
| 1-Harry & Cathy Miller | Nesquehoning, PA |
| 2-Jim Peters           | Bethlehem, PA    |
| 3-Randy Chapman        | Lebanon, PA      |

**C-7**

- 1-Kurt Fichthorn                      Reinholds, PA  
2-Ron Bauer                              Bath, PA  
3-John Cook                              Allentown, PA

**Modified**

- 1-Gary & Joann Warmkessel      Slatington, PA  
2-Len Feinberg                          Easton, PA  
3-Brian Fisher                          Reading, PA

**Best of Show**

- Jim Baldwin                              Kutztown, PA

**50/50**

Nancy Kraft

Joann Warmkessel

**Lottery Raffle**

Ed Hurst

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**FREE STATE CORVETTE WEEKEND**

**October 11, 2018**

Those who are going to OC, please meet at Bridge's Market. Departure time is 8AM!



# THE CORVETTE ZONE

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

By Ed Hurst

### Corvette News

#### Elkhart Lake Blue Production Starts October 1<sup>st</sup>

If all is going according to the schedule set forth by the Corvette Team back in April, today marks the beginning of production for the new Elkhart Lake Blue exterior (RPO GS7) for the 2019 Corvette. The new color has officially replaced Admiral Blue Metallic (RPO GTR) as the only “Blue” color available on the 2019 Corvette’s current 10-color palette.

Those that select Elkhart Lake Blue have four interior choices: Gray, Jet Black, Kalahari and Adrenaline Red. Spice Red would require the D30 Color Override at an additional charge.

Following the team’s penchant for naming these new colors in the C7 era after American race tracks, Elkhart Lake Blue Metallic was named after Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, which is the home of the historic Road America race track. Other C7 “race-track” colors are Long Beach Red, Sebring Orange, Laguna Blue, and Watkins Glen Gray.

By the end of the month we should see the first customer cars delivered. Hopefully they’ll have a couple of comparisons to Admiral Blue as well as Laguna Blue to share.

#### New GM Patent Could Allow The C8 Mid Engine To Have A Manual Transmission

One of the biggest conceptions about the C8 Mid Engine is that it might not have a manual transmission. That’s been the prevailing thinking following a cache of CAD images that were shared on the Corvette Forum last year that showed only an automatic transmission.

Although the recent generations of Corvettes average somewhere in the 25% area as the take-rate for manual transmissions, that customer base is often the loudest when it comes to proclaiming their favorite choice of transmissions. The good news is that GM may have been listening as the automaker just received approval of a new patent that shows an electronic clutch system for manually shifted vehicles.

The new patent, called “Electric Slave Cylinder for Manually Shifted Vehicles” utilizes electric sensors connected to the clutch pedal that are in communication with a slave cylinder and actuator that controls the clutch. This clutch-by-wire could allow for a manual transmission without the use of hydraulic lines that are found in typical manual transmission set-ups.

The benefits of the system seem to favor a mid/rear-engine car where both the engine and transmission are behind the driver. However, since the C5 generation, the transmission has already been in the rear anyway, so I am

not sure if that's the main reason. Another of the benefits suggested in the patent is that the computer can be programmed for several other functions including allowing the computer to shift automatically in stop-or-go traffic to prevent driver fatigue.

This patent could also provide a way to deal with the "Emergency Stop" systems as they become mandatory in a few years. Our thinking is that as sensors engage the brakes, the computer could deactivate the manual transmissions during emergency braking

The patent itself says nothing about whether this is intended for the Corvette, but in reality, how many manual transmission cars does GM offer these days? (I actually looked this up and came up with this list: Chevrolet Spark, Chevrolet Sonic and Chevrolet Cruze, Chevrolet Colorado, GMC Canyon, Chevrolet Corvette, Chevrolet Camaro, Chevrolet SS, Cadillac ATS/ATS-V.)

### **Macungie 2018 Dates**

October 20

### **Carlisle Event Dates**

October 3-7 Fall Carlisle

### **AACA Hershey Fall Show**

October 10-13

**Remember: it's the Pedal on the Right! Floor It!**

**"Corvette Ed"**





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## **CURRENT CORVETTE INVENTORY (12} (CARS) AS OF 10-02-2018**

2004 Convertible Lemans Blue/Shale Top/Shale Leather, LS-1. Six Speed, HUD, Memory, 12 Disc CD, 39,000 Miles. **\$22,995.00**

2003 ZO6 Yellow/Red-Black Leather, LS6 405HP, Six Speed, Memory, Dual Zone, Heads Up Bose CD, 27,000 Miles. **\$25,995.00**

2003 Convertible, Anniversary Red/Shale Top/Shale Leather, LS-1, Six Speed, Heads Up, Ride Control, 12 Disc, 11,000 Miles.  
**\$24,995.00**

2002 ZO6, Electron Blue/Red-Black Interior, LS6, Six Speed, heads Up, Chrome Wheels, Bose CD, 31,000 Miles. **\$24,995.00**

1996 Coupe, Yellow/Tan Leather, LT-1, Automatic, Sport Seats, Electronic Air Conditioning, Bose CD, 90,000 Miles. **\$11,995.00**

1991 Coupe, Turquoise/Black Cloth, L-98 350 Tuneport, Automatic, Power Seat, AM-FM, Chrome Wheels, **\$7,995.00**

1989 Convertible, Dk Blue/Black Top/Black Leather, 350, Automatic, Electronic Air Cond, American Racing Wheels, **\$9,500.00**

1977 Coupe, White/Gray Leather, L-48, 350, Automatic, PS, PB, PW, Air Conditioning, Tilt & Telescopic, AM-FM **Just In**

1977 Coupe, Dk Red/Saddle Leather, L-48, Automatic, PS, PB, PW, Air Conditioning, Tilt & Telescopic, AM-FM Under Going Restoration

1973 Coupe, Medium Blue/Black Leather, L-82, Four Speed, PS, PB, Air Conditioning, AM-FM-Stereo 67,000 Miles **\$18,995.00**

1969 Convertible, Yellow/Black Top/Black Leather, 427/400HP, Four Speed, PS, PB, PW Tilt & Telescopic, AM-FM, Mag Wheels,  
**\$29,995.00**

1962 Convertible, Maroon/White Top/Black Interior, 327/340HP Four Speed, 370 Posi, Hard Top, Frame Off Restored, **\$64,995.00**

**2007 Cadillac Escalade EXT, White Metallic/Shale Leather, AWD, V8, Moon Roof, XM, Hot/Cold Seats, 104,000 Miles. \$21,995.00**

**1996 Chevrolet C1500 Sport Truck, 5.0L V8, Five Speed, Air Conditioning, PS, PB, Power Doors, Custom Paint \$15,885.00**

**1985 Camaro Z/28 Red Charcoal Cloth, 305 V8, Automatic, T-Tops, Air Conditioning, Power Seats, 45,000 Miles \$12,995,00**

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**SVCC CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Saturday, December 8, 2018**

**5PM Cocktails**

**6PM Dinner**

**\$25.00 per person**

**Reservations by the November 8 meeting**

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**15th Annual Mystery Trip**

Can you believe we have had a Mystery Trip every year for the last 15 years?

It's true. We have been to many places throughout the eastern half of Pennsylvania.

So, **DO NOT MISS** this year's trip. It is Sunday, October 7, meeting at Bridge's Market on Route 183. Departure time is 11 AM. See you there!

(We should return to the Schuylkill Haven area around 5 PM)



The October meeting is on Wednesday, October 10 at 7 PM. It will be held at Grace EC Church at 15 Earl Stoyer Drive, Schuylkill Haven.

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### **Rainbow Comedy Theatre**

We are planning a trip to The Rainbow Comedy Theatre on Thursday, October 25 to see the show “Love, Lies, and The Lottery”. This is a matinee performance with a full buffet for the price of \$38.00 per person. The price includes everything including the tip. We will depart at 9:45 AM from Bridge’s Market on Rt. 183 South. Call the box office at 1-800-292-4301 to make your reservation. Tell them you are with the Schuylkill Valley Corvette Club in order that you will be seated with our group, and to qualify for the discount. The deadline for reservations is October 22<sup>nd</sup>. We need a total of fifteen persons to qualify for the discount.

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