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



FROM THE PRESIDENT'S GAVEL

Well, another year is upon us. We have started out the year with 1 Saturday ride and 2 Sunday rides. The Sunday rides were to Ozgood's and K-Ville Hotel and Tavern. The weather was beautiful for both rides. The Saturday ride we went to Shiano's out in Berrysburg.

Hopefully we will have many more beautiful days for our rides. As in the past, Al Boris will send out an email before each ride and it will be posted on Facebook. So, if your email changes or you do not get an email, please make sure Al has your correct address.

The Schuylkill Valley Corvette Show will be held on September 21st from 9 am to 3 pm. The people from the Island Committee will be handling the cooking for our show as they have in the past. The Island Car Show is June 8th. So anyone who can help with registering and parking cars, it would be greatly appreciated

Thank you in advance for anyone who does baking for our meetings.

I look forward to another fun filled year with great cars and great friends.

John Maskerines
President.





March Meeting

The Schuylkill Valley Corvette Club meeting on 3/13/25 - Open the meeting at 7:00 PM at First United Methodist Church in Schuylkill Haven..

Approve minutes for August, September and October at meeting. Motion to approve Warren Kraft and seconded by Al Boris. All those in favor..

Treasurers Report - Motion to approve by Bob Madrigal 2nd by Randy Spotts.. All those in favor.

Balance	\$3588.23
Receipts	\$ 35.00
Expenses	\$ 100.00
Balance	\$3523.23
Petty Cash	\$ 110.00

Vice President - Todd March announced we have 24 members.

Secretary's Report - Nothing to report at this time.

New Business

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.

We will also have Saturday trips on occasion this year.

Next month's meeting will be April 9th at the First United Methodist Church in Schuylkill Haven.

Our car show will be Sunday September 21, 2025, as long as the Island Committee will once again do the cooking.

The Free State Corvette Show is November 7th and 8th this year.

Old Business

There was nothing under old business.

50/50 - Bob Boran - \$15

Motion to Adjourn - Janet Derr 2nd by Ellen March. All in favor.

The Corvette Zone All the News You Need to Know

By Ed Hurst.

The big news in the Corvette world is the announcement of the 2025 Corvette ZR1. On Thursday July 25th at 7:30pm Chevrolet pulled the cover off of the 2025 ZR1. Chevrolet slogan for this car is unthinkable has arrived!!! Is it unthinkable? The ultimate expression of power and prestige

The new ZR1 has changed the super car market. Nobody including myself saw this coming. A factory built street legal supercar with 1064 horsepower, 828lbs. of torque at 6000 rpms. The engine is the LT7 5.5L DOHC V8 twin turbo flat plane crankshaft. Chevrolet hasn't published any of the performance numbers but here is what they have said. This car has a top speed of 234mph. It will go from 80 to 200 back to 80 in 25 seconds. It will have the biggest brakes ever used on a Corvette. The front rotors 15.7 and the rear 15.4 with six piston calipers on the front and 4 pistons on the rear. The rotors will be ceramic. The transmission will be exclusive to the ZR1 8 speed dual clutch heavy duty.

The ZR1 just like the C7 ZR1 will also offer the ZTK track package. This will include a different calibration of the magnetic ride control, stiffer springs, cup 2 tires, carbon fiber high wing, dive planes, tall hood lip. The ZR1 will not have the front trunk, That space will house more cooling.

The return of the split window? All ZR1 coupes will have a split rear window like the 1963 Corvette. The bar will come in either body color or expose weave, This bar acts as functional heat extractor for the engine

ZR1 will have 4 different wheel finishes including a new edge blue. ZR1 will have its own carbon

fiber wheels and optional blue brakes calipers. Trim levels will be 1LZ or 3LZ and coupe or convertible

February 6th was the first round of allocations for ZR1 with a very limited numbers of them going out to dealers. We were fortunate to receive an allocation so we will have a ZR1 built in the first round. My customer ordered a ZR1 convertible yellow with red interior I can't wait until it gets here. Unfortunately, I can't take any more customers for my ZR1 list I have 16 sold orders for the car which should take me out to the end of C8 production.

The carbon fiber wheels and the high wing spoiler are on constraint and can't be ordered.

On Wednesday February 19th ZR1 orders for dealerships with allocations went to what's called 3000 status which means order going to production. Later that day and the following day GM pulled all of the orders back to 2000 status which means order accepted. GM took so much blow-back from dealerships and customers over not being able to order the car with high wing spoilers. The last we heard was GM is trying to see how many wings they can get built and offer dealers the chance to add it to their order. The problem now becomes dealers who got allocation and offered the first car to their first customer who turned down the allocation to wait for the wing, now the dealer gave that allocation to the next person on the list. Since ZR1 is a small amounts of cars the wait could be long until the next allocation round and will probably push customers to 2026.

In other Corvette news the team has had a turnover in some key management. Long time Chief Engineer, Tadge Juechter, retired after 47 years with GM. Tadge came into the Corvette program in 1993 in 1996 was name Chief Engineer of Corvette. Tadge is responsible for the development of the C7 and the C8.

In a stunning move GM forced long time Corvette Product Manager Harlan Charles into retirement. Harlan had 37 years with GM. Harlan could be seen at many Corvette events all over the country. Harlan was responsible for the 2007 Ron Fellows Z06, 2010 Grand Sport, 2012 Centennial Edition, 2012 Carlisle Blue, 2013 427 Convertible, C8 mid-engine development, D30 color combo override option, naming the Eray, and many other things that have gone into the Corvette since the C5.

Another long-time Corvette engineer was also shown the door and that would be Kirk Bennion. Kirk started in the design studio for Corvette in 1986 Kirk was the Exterior Design Manager for Corvette.

Both of these guys worked under a manager at Cadillac and that is who terminated them. My opinion is this Cadillac manager should be shown the door because he is clueless to get rid of two well respected engineers on the Corvette team.

Corvette Plant to close for 4 weeks

The Corvette plant will be closed the week of February 24th, March 17th, March 24th, and May 19th. Rumors coming from the plant are there is another line going to be installed to build the widebody cars Z06, Eray, ZR1 and rumored Grand Sport coming. I will know more about this when I go to the Annual Bash at the end of April.

Corvette Market Report

C8's are backing up at dealerships across the country and it is now the buyers who are in control. Many dealerships who specialize in Corvette sales are giving deep discounts on leftover 2024 models including Eray and Z06. There are plenty of deals on all models of 2025's except ZR1. The gouging has started on ZR1. Most dealers are asking 75 to 125 thousand over MSRP. I have the following 2025 Corvettes coming for stock in March/April/May:

2025 Convertible 2LT Competition Yellow/Black
\$92,550

2025 Convertible 2LT Red Mist/Natural MSRP
\$94,305

2025 Z06 Coupe 2LZ Red Mist/Natural MSRP
\$133,190

2025 Z06 Convertible 3LZ Sebring
Orange/Habanero Orange MSRP \$145,310

Contact me for pricing on these models.

Costco Members who have been a member since February 23, 2025, and are an Executive membership get \$3,000 off any new 2024 or 2025 Corvette Stingray, or Eray

Gold Star members get \$2,750 off any new 2024 or 2025 Stingray or Eray. Members must contact Costco for an authorization number. Costco offer expires 4/30. These rebates are on top of your best deal.

Eight Corvettes Stolen From the Corvette Plant

A 21-year-old Michigan man is in custody after he and others apparently cut through the fence of the Corvette Plant in Bowling Green and stole eight Corvettes from the lot. One of those cars was a new 2025 Corvette ZR1. All eight Corvettes have been located.

At 10:00 am, the Warren County Sheriff's Department found a "new maroon Corvette" with all its stickers and coverings at Laurel Ridge Apartment at 490 Plano Road, which is more than eight miles from the Assembly Plant. Believing the car to be stolen off the lot, the Bowling Green Police Department was contacted to see if the assembly plant had reported a theft. If not, let them know "they were missing a \$160,000 Corvette."

Security at the Assembly Plant was able to find a hole that thieves had cut in a fence to remove the cars. After doing an inventory check, the assembly plant determined there were eight cars missing. Warren County Sheriff's Officers found a second Corvette at 500 Plano Road and a third was located at 769 Plano Road. Several others were located at Cumberland Trace Village Apartments which are across from the Bowling Green Harley Davidson dealership.

Deantae Walker (21) of Westland, Michigan was arrested and is charged with receiving stolen property of \$10,000 or more, fleeing or evading police, and resisting arrest.

Corvette Bash

April 24-26 @ National Corvette Museum

Bowling Green, Ky

Corvette Shows

June 7th Allentown Corvette Club
June 14th Fairway Chevrolet 10-2:30
June 19th Skyline Drive Corvette Club

2025 Carlisle Events

April 23-27 Spring Carlisle
May 16-17 Import Show
June 6-8 Ford Show
June 20-12 GM Show
July 11-13 Chrysler Show
August 1-3 Truck Show
August 21-23 Corvettes @ Carlisle

October 1-5 Fall Carlisle

Macungie Park Events

April 12th, 2PM
May 17th, 2PM
June 21st, 2PM
July 19th, 2PM
August 16th, 2PM
August 22nd-24th Wheels of Time
September 20th, 2PM
October 18th, 2PM

OTHER EVENTS

July 18-19 Central Pa Auction Classic Auction
July 23-26 Mecum Harrisburg
October 7-10 Fall Hershey

**Remember it's the Pedal on the Right: Floor It
"Corvette Ed"**



PHOTO ALBUM

Christmas Party
Sunday, December 8, 2024
Stadium Bar, Pottsville



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