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From the val Office



Hello Corvette Enthusiasts,

I would like to thank Joe and Denise Iervolino for successfully running their very first Springfest Corvette show on May 7th. Despite less-than-perfect weather, there was a record number of Corvettes in attendance. A complete list of all the winners appears later in this newsletter. This event's success is very important to AACC because it allows the club to be charitable to those organizations who help so many local people in need.

Looking to June, we start the month with our club trip to Bar Harbor, ME for a Corvette weekend event hosted by the Vettes of Coastal Maine Club. A total of 23 AACC Corvettes are scheduled to make this trip.

Wednesday night, June 21st, we hit the links at Putt-U for a night of mini golf.

On June 24th, AACC will co-host an open car show with our sponsor, Faulkner Chevrolet, at their dealership in Bethlehem.

At the end of June, Dennis and Bonnie Corona are leading over a dozen Corvettes to Watkins Glen, NY for Sahlen's Six Hours at the Glen race weekend. A side trip to some Finger Lakes wineries is planned by Kevin and Michelle Minnich.

Details about many of our club-sponsored events are listed in this newsletter and can also be found on our website. Participation sign-up sheets are available at all club meetings.

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AACC Meetings



Best Western

The Allentown Area Corvette Club meets at 8:00 pm at the **Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel & Conference Center**, 300 Gateway Drive Bethlehem, PA 18017. (Tel: 610-866-5800)

Upcoming Club Meetings:

June 14 & 28 July 12 & 26 Aug. 9 & 23


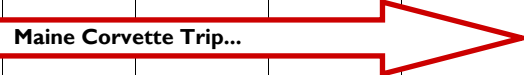


This Month

- 5/30-6/04—Maine Trip (p.6)
- 14—Club Meeting, Best Western LV, 8 pm (Bethlehem, PA) (p.1)
- 21—Putt-U Mini Golf (p.6)
- 24—Faulkner Chevy Show (p.6)
- 28—Club Meeting, Best Western LV, 8 pm (Bethlehem, PA) (p.1)
- 29-7/03—Watkins Glen Race (p.7)

Looking Ahead

- 7/08—Chicken Run (p.7)
- 7/14—Chatterbox Cruise (p.7)
- 7/23—AACC Summer Picnic (p.7)
- 7/30—Stoudt's Brewery (p.7)
- 8/06—Das Awkscht Fest (p.8)
- 8/20—Pocono Indycar Event (p.8)
- 8/24-27—Corvettes at Carlisle (p.8)
- 9/10—AACC Fiberglass & Steel (pp.8-10)
- 9/14—Quaker Steak & Lube Lunch
- 9/23—Buddy Walk / 'Vette Display
- 9/30—Jamison Publick House Lunch
- 10/28—AACC Halloween Party
- 11/04—Spinnerstown Hotel Lunch
- 12/09—AACC Holiday Party

June 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
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		Maine Corvette Trip... 					
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11	12	13	14 	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21 	22	23	24 	
25	26	27	28 	29 	30		

Membership Corner

As of AACC's meeting on May. 24th there were:

- **233 active** members
- **0 potential** members

The Board of Directors voted in these

New Active Members during May:

Chuck & Kathy Kimble..... Bethlehem, PA..... '05 Vert
Chuck & Sheryl Tomlin..... East Greenville, PA '93 Cpe, '03 Cpe

Current **Potential Members** of AACC are:

There are no current Potential Members.



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Thank you for your interest in our club!!

We look forward to seeing you at upcoming AACC meetings & events.



More from the President...

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Please consider being a lead person for an event. It will make you more familiar with both our club and your fellow members. We have over 230 members and I would like to see more of our newer members take an active role in participating and leading an event.

Looking forward to a warm and sunny Corvette cruisin' summer.

Be safe and Save the Wave!

Laura Hegyi Laura Hegyi
AACC President

Thinking of You

If anyone knows of a member who is hospitalized, had surgery, or lost a loved one, please notify VP Mike Cutro (Cutro@hotmail.com, 610-365-8659) or one of the other Board Members.



Thank You from Jim Fagan ('95, '06)

I wish to send a heartfelt "thank you" for all the cards and personal notes that were sent to Carol and I in the recent passing of my mother, Clara, on May 11th. The Corvette Club members are like family and we thank you for your support.



Recap: Springfest 2017

Sun., May 07 | Joe and Denise Iervolino have returned to their normal sleeping pattern now that their first Springfest has come and gone. They pulled off a record-breaking event despite less than perfect weather with 186 registered 'Vettes. The Tricky Tray filled two rooms and featured hundreds of items and gift cards thanks to the generous donations solicited by club members.

Special guest for the event was Bill Nichols, Global Propulsion Systems Engineer for Corvette and Camaro and former NCRS Director. Traveling from Detroit with his daughter, Bill arrived in style in the 2017 Carbon 65 convertible that debuted only the week before at the NCM Bash. During his presentation, Bill explained how in 2016 GM's *Powertrain Systems* transformed into *Global Propulsion Systems* by developing V-8 gasoline engines, fuel cells, and continuously variable transmissions.

Recap: Springfest 2017 - The Winners

"Guest" Class winners were:

- C1 ('53 - '62) 1st.....Richard Bartakovits ('61)
 2ndWayne Gawlik, Sr. ('60, NCRS)
- C2 ('63 - '67) *No entrants*
- C3 ('68 - '73) 1st.....Joe Barone ('71, JBC)
 2ndSteve Manaruh ('68, CCDV)
 3rdJerry Fretz ('72, CCDV)
- C3 ('74 - '82) 1st.....Barry Grubb ('79, FSCC)
- C4 ('84 - '96) 1st.....Brad & Denise Orey ('93, EACC)
 2ndRich Walker ('94, NGCC)
 3rdTim & Cindy Koch ('89)
- C5 ('97 - '00) 1st.....Paula & Jeff Haycock ('99, SBCC)
 2ndElizabeth Garnto ('98, EACC)
 3rdDave Gaskin ('99, LACC)
- C5 ('01 - '04) 1st.....Mike Drey ('03)
 2ndMichael Tauber ('03)
 3rdCharlie Gaffin ('02, NGCC)
- C6 ('05 - '08) 1st.....Irv Ulmer ('08, SDCC)
 2ndBrian Fischer ('08, SDCC)
 3rdHenry Patrick ('07, LTD)
- C6 ('09 - '13) 1st.....Mike Kraz ('12)
 2ndRobert Grundy, Sr. ('12, LTD)
 3rdKevin Frazier ('09, LTD)
- 'C7 ('14-'17) 1st.....Ron Grove ('16, SDCC)
 2ndJoseph Murante ('17)
 3rdPaul Hammill ('14, SDCC)
- Modified 1st.....Ted Robinson ('01, LTD)
 2ndEd George ('62)
 3rdRobert Casper ('09, SDCC)
- Custom 1st.....Patrick Lamberton ('15)
 2ndJim Coffey ('04)
 3rdCurtis Tyler ('06, LTD)

- Bill Nichols Powertrain Award Joseph Murante ('17)
- Faulkner's Choice Award Steve Magarch ('69, CCDV)
- Best of Show Patrick Lamberton ('15)

Key to Guest Clubs:

- JBC - JukeBox Cruisers
 CCDV - CC of Delaware Valley
 FSCC - Free State CC
 EACC - Easton Area CC
 LACC - Lebanon Area CC
 NCRS - National Corvette Restorers Society
 NGCC - Natural Glass CC
 SBCC - Slate Belt CC
 LTD - Living The Dream
 SDCC - Skyline Drive CC

"AACC" Top 10 winners were:

- Ed Bailey ('04)
 Randy & Cheryl Beck ('00)
 Len Feinberg ('15)
 Alan Fuller ('17)
 Ken Greidanus ('12)
 Chuck Habel ('13)
 Marty & Laura Hegyi ('69)
 Roy Johnson ('13)
 Mark & Christine Rawlins ('94)
 Gary & Joann Warmkessel ('69)



The Iervolinos offer their sincerest thanks to all club members for making the day a true success.

"Teamwork makes the dream work!"

A special thanks to Len Feinberg for capturing photos of the day and sharing with the world on the "EACC" Fotki page.



Recap: Yuengling Tour

Fri., May 12 | Jeff Mohring led 30 on a tour of America’s Oldest Brewery, Yuengling, which was established in 1829. Weekday tours at the Pottsville, PA brewery are special because they include a visit to the hand-dug fermentation caves that were used for storage before refrigeration. The group’s tour ended in the ever-popular Rathskeller where folks enjoyed two pours of their choice. Following the tour, everyone walked to nearby Roma Pizzeria, where the full menu was offered.



“AAVetteClub”



35 Photos by
Laura Hegyi



◀ The caves. ▲ Bobby Riehl & Mike Best toast.

“EACC”



114 Photos by
Len Feinberg

Recap: Cruise to the Gap by Len Feinberg (‘15)

Sun., May 21 | It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood and that neighborhood was Wind Gap [PA] for the annual Cruise to the Gap Car Show. A large contingent from both clubs met at the Park & Ride to caravan to the show. Tony Borger's group had a parking area set aside for us that accommodated all the Corvettes. There were a wide variety of vendors selling everything from car wraps to jewelry and most things in between. Plenty of food with a wide selection was available if you were hungry. The cars and trucks that showed up spanned more than a century of automotive progress. The weather was great and a good time was had by all.




119 Photos by
Len Feinberg

Memorial Day Parade *Chair: Valerie Ferguson ('17)*

Mon., May 29 | As we go to print, club members are polishing their cars for the Bethlehem Memorial Day Parade. A post-parade visit to memorials at the homes of two local fallen soldiers and a BBQ will follow. Check next month's newsletter for a recap of the day's activities.



Trip to Bar Harbor, Maine *Chairs: Laura Hegyi ('07, '17), Mike Cutro ('14)*

Tue.-Sun., May 30 to Jun. 04 | AACC departs for **Bar Harbor, Maine** to participate in a weekend-long event hosted by Vettes of Coastal Maine. Other activities are planned along the route. A recap will appear in our July newsletter.



Putt U Goes "Meetless" *Chair: Gary George ('93, '10)*

Wed., Jun. 21 | The club get-together at Putt-U (5200 Route 309 North, Center Valley, PA) will again be "meetless" (not a meeting night). Enjoy the new greens installed prior to last season. Our start time is 7:00 pm. Bring your 'Vettes so everyone driving along 309 can envy you. Proceed to the check-in window, tell them you're with "AACC," sign the club attendance sheet, pick your foursome, and enjoy a challenging round of mini golf!

While there is no charge for club members to attend, each guest must pay a fee (approx. \$5pp). Gary George advised that a new concession trailer is on-site for this season. Carnival foods are featured and pizza should be available until we arrive in June.

Showing Off at Our Sponsor

Sat., Jun. 24 | AACC partners with Faulkner Chevy-Cadillac for their 6th Annual Car Show. The event will run from 9am-2pm, is open to ALL vehicles, and is free to attend! Registration 9-11am. Food is available for purchase from a local Boy Scout troop. Sign up at the dealership or register online through the banner ad on Faulkner's website or go directly to www.faulknermotors.com/carshowregistration.

To do our part, AACC is seeking volunteers to help with registration and parking. The Lehigh Valley Camaro Club will judge Corvettes;

AACC will judge all other vehicles. Be sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet at an upcoming club meeting.



Faulkner
— TO BE SURE —

CHEVROLET Cadillac

6TH ANNUAL
Car Show

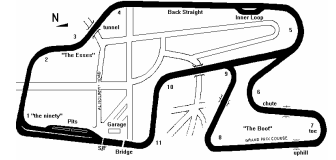
SATURDAY, JUNE 24TH • 9AM - 2PM

FOOD, MUSIC, TROPHIES, DASH PLAQUES!

CO-HOSTED BY ALLENTOWN AREA CORVETTE CLUB

Watkins Glen Race Trip *Chair: Dennis Corona ('07)*

Thu.-Mon., Jun. 29 to Jul. 03 | Dennis Corona will lead a dozen Corvettes to **Watkins Glen, NY** for a long weekend of racing and tasting. On Friday, most will visit three Keuka Lake wineries. Saturday and Sunday the group will be in the Corvette Corral for the IMSA 6 Hours at the Glen race.



Chicken (& Ice Cream) Run *Chair: Jeff Mohring ('04, '16)*

Sat., Jul. 08 | It's time again for the AACC Chicken Run. We will depart the Lehigh Valley for lunch at Kauffman's Bar-B-Que Restaurant (Bethel, PA; www.kauffmansbbqrestaurant.com).

A post-meal ice cream stop will likely be Heisler's Dairy Bar (Tamaqua, PA; www.heislersdairy.com).

This is a rain or shine event; Corvettes are optional. More information will follow.



Chatterbox Cruise *Chairs: Mike Cutro ('14) & Bobby Riehl ('14)*

Fri., Jul. 14 | Mike Cutro will lead any interested Corvette to Augusta, NJ for the Friday Night Cruise at the Chatterbox. The group will depart the Park & Ride (Rte. 33 & Wm. Penn) in the mid-afternoon (exact time TBD). Remember to bring your chairs and 2-way radios (tuned to Ch. 5.5). EZ-Pass will be helpful for an express return trip. The group is departing early to better ensure the chance of parking together in the spaces which Bobby Riehl hopes to save.

AACC Picnic *Chair: Jeff Mohring ('04, '16)*

Sun., Jul. 23 | Join fellow club members for some summer food and fun at our annual picnic. Details are still being confirmed but the venue is set — Bicentennial Park in East Hanover Twsp., a few miles north of Lehigh Valley International Airport. The format remains the same with a minimal fee for the meal and drinks. Attendees are asked to bring an appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert. Watch for the event flyer and response form in our July newsletter.

Stoudts Brewery Tour & Lunch *Chair: Joel Dean ('16)*

Sun., Jul. 30 | Join your fellow and potential AACC members for a tour of Stoudts Brewing Company in Adamstown, PA followed by lunch at the Picasso Room. Stoudts Brewery is a destination in itself, with a restaurant, raw bar, bakery, creamery, coffee bar, plus the Antiques Mall. We plan to arrive about 11:30 am to park in a reserved Corvette area. After some free time in the bakery and antique mall, we will tour the brewery, then head directly to lunch in the Picasso Room. In this private room, we order off the menu and will have separate checks. The event is rain or shine. Meet in the parking lot behind Cracker Barrel (Rtes. 78 & 100) at 10 am to depart by 10:15.

Das Awkscht Fescht *Chair: Marty Hegyi ('69, '07, '17)*

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 04-06 | The annual "Das Awkscht Fescht" classic car and truck show will be held at Macungie Memorial Park (Macungie, PA). Vehicles must be 25 years or older to participate. (This year, 1991 Corvettes are eligible to participate in the show.) Registration will close on July 1st and there is no day-of-show registration. (www.awkscht.com)

Volunteers are needed to assist with parking Corvettes on Sunday, Aug. 6th. AACC will have a tent with our banner and club information. Gates open at 6:00 am for walk-ins. Show cars can enter at 7:30 am. Admission: \$8 for adults, \$3 for age 15 and under. Personal vehicles are not permitted on the grounds — only eligible show cars. Contact Marty Hegyi (610-730-2846) to assist with parking.

Pocono Indycar Race *Chair: Laura Hegyi ('69, '07, '17)*

Sun., Aug. 20 | Join your fellow AACC members in the Corvette Corral at Pocono Raceway and then enjoy the ABC Supply 500 Verizon IndyCar Series Race! Participants get free admission for show vehicle, driver and one passenger; 1 paddock pass for the show vehicle; and 2 grandstand tickets. You must pre-register to participate. More information will be discussed at upcoming club meetings.

Relax at Carlisle *Chairs: Marty & Laura Hegyi ('69, '07, '17)*

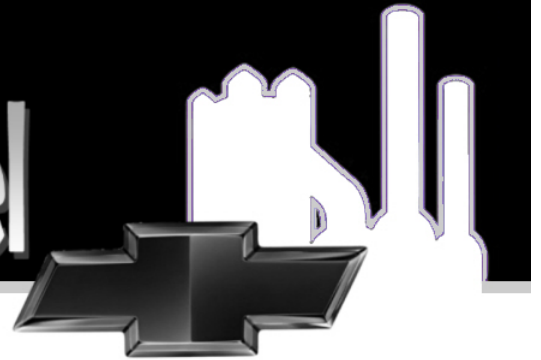
Thu., Aug 25 - Sun., Aug. 28 | The board has approved the payment for AACC to have a 15' x 15' space in the Club Tent section at Corvettes at Carlisle again this year. If we get 35 AACC cars to pre-register for Carlisle's show field, the tent space fee is refunded. Everyone is invited to pre-register, get out from under the hot sun, and take a rest with fellow club members. Registration information is available at www.carlisleevents.com.

Fiberglass & Steel All-Chevy Show *Chair: Kevin Minnich ('00)*

Sun., Sep. 10 | Our Fall show is only a few months away and the tradition continues at the ArtsQuest complex in the shadow of the SteelStacks and open to all things Chevy! This year's event again honors the heroes of 9/11. Hopefully the parking issues for 2016 are behind us and we again look forward to strong participation from our Bowtie brethren. David Hornung will again coordinate our trophy sponsors. Sponsor forms will be available at club meetings. Your \$100 sponsorship will purchase three (3) trophies, receive event marketing recognition, and include one vehicle registration. Michelle Minnich is already receiving registration forms from flyers distributed at Springfest. Volunteer sign-up sheets will be available at club meetings starting in July. We encourage (and rely upon) all club members to chip in wherever possible — your help will truly make this event a success. *The event flyer appears on pages 9-10 of this newsletter.*

Allentown Area Corvette Club

Fiberglass & Steel



CORVETTE & ALL CHEVY SHOW

Sunday, September 10, 2017

PNC Plaza • SteelStacks at ArtsQuest
(645 E. 1st St.) Bethlehem, PA

*** Rain or Shine ***

Registration: 9:30 – 11:30am

Show Time: 11:30am – 2:00pm

Awards Presentation: Approx. 3:00pm



All Chevrolet Vehicles Welcome!

Cars	Antiques
Trucks	Classics
Vans	Street Rods
SUVs	Hot Rods

Show Participants Limited to Chevrolet & Chevy-Powered Vehicles ONLY!

Goodie Bags • Door Prizes • Dash Plaques • DJ
Food & Drinks • 9/11 Remembrance • Cash Prize Drawing

Top 20 Chevy + Top 20 Corvette + Best in Class Trophies

Limit 2 Trophies per Vehicle • AACC Corvettes are in separate class

Walking distance to the Sands Casino, outlet shopping and many restaurants
Proceeds benefit Lehigh Valley area charities

Info: Kevin Minnich @ 610-530-0923

PRE-REGISTRATION: \$15 by Sept. 03, 2017

\$20 from Sept. 04, 2016 through Day of Show

Goodie Bags & Dash Plaques are limited to the first 100 registered vehicles

Name _____
Please print clearly

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

eMail _____ Phone _____

Year _____ Model _____

Club Affiliation _____

Make checks payable to: "Allentown Area Corvette Club"

Mail to: Michelle Minnich

364 Natalie Drive • Allentown, PA 18104

Disclaimer: The Allentown Area Corvette Club, PNC Bank, and ArtsQuest are not responsible for loss or injury to person or property anytime during this event. Registrants must have valid auto insurance. Alcohol is strictly prohibited.

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Join AACC to Recognize our Hometown Heroes



Special Programs to Celebrate our Military and First Responders



Displays by Local Charities and Service Organizations



www.AllentownCorvetteClub.org

GPS address:

645 E. 1st St., Bethlehem, PA 18015



From New Jersey, New York and points east:

- Take I-78 W. to Exit #67 (Hellertown/Bethlehem).
- Follow Rte. 412 NORTH
- Turn RIGHT onto Founders Way

From the Poconos and points north:

- Take Rte. 33 S. to Rte. 22 W.
- Take PA-378 S toward BETHLEHEM
- Turn LEFT onto W 3RD ST
- Turn LEFT onto Founders Way

From Philadelphia and points south:

- Take the Northeast Extension of the PA Turnpike to Exit #56 (Lehigh Valley) to Rte. 22 E.
- Take PA-378 S toward BETHLEHEM
- Turn LEFT onto W 3RD ST
- Turn LEFT onto Founders Way

From Harrisburg and points west:

- Take I-78 E. to Rte. 22 E.
- Take PA-378 S toward BETHLEHEM
- Turn LEFT onto W 3RD ST
- Turn LEFT onto Founders Way

★ ★ ★ ★ WE ARE COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR OUR TROOPS ★ ★ ★ ★

Do you want to do something to help our soldiers serving overseas? **Support the Troops, Inc.** sends packages to our troops on a regular basis, not just during the holidays. If possible items should be fragrance-free, no pork products, no perishables, glass or crushable items. Think of items useful and easily packable! Short list of suggested items that are often needed: Disposable cameras, snacks & candy (individually wrapped), drink mixes to be mixed in water, peanut butter & crackers, sunscreen, toiletries, razors, AA batteries, sanitizers & wipes, personal care items, and personal notes! Personal notes to our soldiers from adults or school children are always needed and really boost their morale, letting them know that the people back home support them! Please do not date them.

Monetary donations are gladly accepted if you wish to help defray the costs of shipping or to buy any other needed items. Each box sent currently costs about \$16. Tax deductible receipts are available – we are a Charitable 501(c)(3). Checks can be made to

“Support the Troops Inc.” If you know of anyone currently serving overseas, especially from our local area, contact us with their full name and address and how long they will be serving at that address and, if possible, any other information. We will gladly add them to our list to send them a care package as well. Thank you! Blair & Valerie Ferguson. **Support the Troops Inc.,**

EIN # 26-2763914; 143 Pinehurst Lane, Easton, PA ,18042; 610-438-8885 sttroops@gmail.com

Invited Guests include:

- Bethlehem American Legion
Harry F. W. Johnson Post 379
- City of Bethlehem EMS
- City of Bethlehem Fire Department
- City of Bethlehem Police Department
- Lehigh Valley Veterans History Project
- Gene Dickson, “More Than Money”
- Navy Operational Support Center
Lehigh Valley
- PA National Guard
- Support The Troops, Inc.
- US Army
- US Department of Veterans Affairs



Proceeds benefit Lehigh Valley Area Charities

Dream Come True, No Kill Lehigh Valley, PA Wounded Warriors Inc., St. Luke's Home Care & Hospice, and Support the Troops, Inc.

Winner's Circle

Sat., May 20 | Troop 54 Car Show, Phillipsburg, NJ — Jim Peters (Trophy)



Please notify the Newsletter Editors if you win an award at a non-club-sanctioned event.

Seeking A New Meeting Venue

AACC's meeting room contract expires with the Best Western Conference Center on Dec 31, 2017. Their renewal fees are beyond our budget so the Board of Directors started a search committee and are asking for your help.

Some of the things to keep in mind in our search for an acceptable place — meeting space must accommodate 100 people; adequate parking; club meeting dates (2nd & 4th Wed. of most months); access to the room from 7 pm – 9:30pm; no requirement to purchase food or drinks and we do not require a venue to offer food or drinks.

Please forward your proposed meeting location details including cost and availability to Laura Hegyi. It is also helpful to advise of venues you have contacted who cannot meet our needs or are not interested in hosting meeting nights.

Channel 5.5



Tune your FRS radios to Channel 5 Subchannel 5 (5.5) for club communication during trips and events.

Club Charity Suggestions

Thanks to those who cast their ballots for the new club charities at the club meeting on Wed., May 24th. These area charities will each receive partial proceeds from our two car shows and other activities for the coming years.

The 5 charities chosen from 14 possible were: Dream Come True, No Kill Lehigh Valley, PA Wounded Warriors Inc., St. Luke's Home Care & Hospice, and Support the Troops, Inc.



In addition to the articles featured in this publication, check out these events recently posted on Fotki:

<http://public.fotki.com/EACC>

- **Salvatore's Pizza Cruise** (4-29-2017)
- **Jerry's Classic Car & Collectible Museum** (5-12-2017)
- **Salvatore's Pizza Cruise** (5-27-2017)
- **M&M Memorial Motor Madness** (5-28-2017)



Spring Mountain Special *by Dave Hoglund ('17)*



During our May 24th club meeting, Dave Hoglund shared some news on Spring Mountain Motorsports, home of the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School.

The school is offering an unpublished special to fill their summer schedule. All Corvette Owners Schools booked between June 1st - September 15th will receive the following enticements:

2 free nights stay, 1 free dinner for 2, \$50 merchandise gift certificate, 1 free paddleboarding session for 2, and a 16GB SD card for your Performance Data Recorder. This package is valued at \$450 and is only available by calling Spring Mountain at 800-391-6891.

Thanks, Dave, for sharing this “insider information” and enjoy your trip to Pahrump, NV in June!

Bowling Green Tours Stop for 18 Mos. *Connor Golden, Automobilemag.com*

Mon., May 01 | Something’s fishy in Kentucky. According to Bowling Green Daily News, the Chevrolet Corvette production facility is suspending tours for a year and a half. GM says this closure is so the long-standing plant can undergo “extensive work.” In other words, let the conspiracy theories flow free – this could signal that a drastically new Corvette model is on the horizon.

As to what this new model might entail, that remains pure speculation. We’ve already seen the a camouflaged test mule blasting around the Nürburgring and Laguna Seca, both times wearing some aero features that are far removed from anything currently rolling out of Kentucky.

There’s also the matter of rumors surrounding an all-new engine for the ZR1. On the Nürburgring and Laguna Seca videos, the test mule emitted an exhaust tonality unlike any other ‘Vette we’ve heard in the past. Thanks to an internal document leaked from GM, we know a 6.2-liter DOHC V-8 is on its way, but we’ve yet to receive confirmation as to which model it will debut in, so this tour shutdown is as good of a time as any to retool the powertrain area.

Beyond that, the sizable duration of the public blackout might indicate something more clandestine is in the works. At this point, the mid-engined Corvette is all but confirmed, and there is a slim chance this extended closure marks the plant’s shift toward the new layout. Still, it’s unlikely the automaker would go to all the trouble of converting production lines to a model that hasn’t even been officially confirmed yet, so our money remains with the forthcoming ZR1 and DOHC V-8.

Following a handful of removed tour dates in May, the plant shuts its doors to the public on June 16, reopening 18 months later.



Images: AutomobileMag.com

2017 Indy 500



Sun., May 28 | The Indy 500 is over. Corvette paced for the 14th time. Takuma Sato won the race for Andretti Autosport and the top Chevy-engined finisher was Helio Castroneves (2nd, Team Penske). Penske had another top 10 finisher (Juan Pablo Montoya, 6th) while Andretti had two others in the top 10 (Alexander Rossi, 7th; Marco Andretti, 8th). Average race speed was 155.4mph with a pole speed of 232.2mph. Read more about the pace car in the *NCM News* on page 15.

Texas Police Seize Corvette; Keep It

Jenna Scheibe, CorvetteOnline.com

Mon., May 29 | Back in the summer of 2011, the New Braunfels, Texas Police Department, the Comal County Metro Narcotics Task Force, and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) teamed up to make a huge bust.

Turns out, this bust ended a year long investigation, breaking up a gigantic drug trafficking cell linked to the gang La Familia Michoacana, which moved roughly 25 pounds of methamphetamine into the San Antonio area each and every month. Along with tons of drugs, they seized over a million dollars worth of jewelry, guns, cash, and cars – one of those cars being this C6 Z06 Chevrolet Corvette.

We don't have any specifics but obviously the car is heavily modified, pushing upwards of 1,000 horsepower and, as we can see from the photos, sporting a Wilwood big brake kit.

Eventually, after the case was settled, the 1,005-horsepower Corvette somehow wound back up in the Police Department's hands and, like any person with a brain would, *they kept it*. They decided to put some of the seized funds to use; fixed it up, wrapped it in black and white, and threw on some police lights to make it into what might just be the coolest cop car to date.

Sadly (well maybe luckily), the car, now named "Coptimus Prime," won't be used as a patrol car, but will instead be used as a community outreach vehicle, attending parades, school-related functions, and other local events. Eventually, the department plans to send the car to auction to raise money for training, equipment purchases, and other community outreach efforts.

To be honest, if we were in the area, we would probably be keeping an eye out at local auctions.





NEW 2017 Watkins Glen Gray Z06 3LZ Coupe, Jet Black int., AT (Stock#H5605491)
MSRP \$100,605

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NEW 2017 Arctic White Grand Sport 2LT Coupe, Kalahari int., AT (Stock#H5119791) MSRP \$76,415

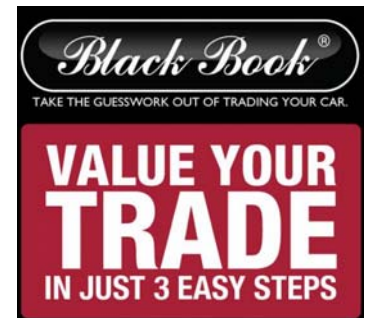
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NCM News & Events



Corvette to Pace the Indy 500

May 11 | The Corvette Grand Sport is the official pace car for the 2017 Indianapolis 500 and will lead drivers to the green flag on May 28 for the 101st running of the legendary race. This marks the 14th time a Corvette has served as the official pace car, starting in 1978, and the 28th time a Chevrolet has led the field, dating back to 1948. No other vehicle has served as the pace car more than the Corvette. [Read about the GS Pace Car here](#) 📄

Corvette Seminar Now Available on You Tube

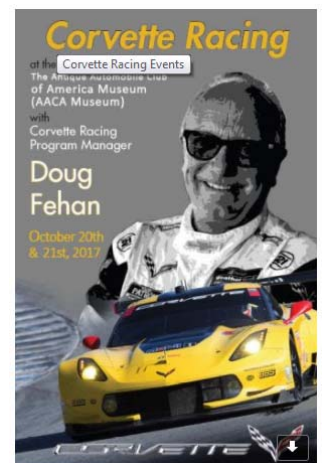
May 11 | In their annual Corvette Walk Seminar at the Michelin NCM Bash, Tadge Juechter, Harlan Charles and Ryan Vaughan, reflect on last year's triumphs, deflect about future product, and give us the scoop on the great things happening for Corvette's 65th anniversary. This is always a fun, entertaining, and informative session with the people who are directly responsible for today's Corvette. You'll love the interaction with the crowd as they pole the audience for features they'd like to see in upcoming models. [Watch the seminar here](#) 📄

Calling All Corvette Racing Fans!

May 11 | If you're a fan of Corvette Racing we have several events coming up that you will not want to miss!

Le Mans Viewing Party On June 17-18, 2017 the world's greatest car manufacturers will battle at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. We are planning to show the race on our 28-foot giant screen in the Chevrolet Theater, with live timing and scoring, refreshments during the entire 24 hours, private Skypes from the Corvette Racing team and door prizes.

Space will be very limited – pre-registration early is of the essence! Pre-registration closes 12pm on JUNE 12th. NO REFUNDS WILL BE GIVEN AFTER THIS DATE. Registration for this event is \$100 per person. [View details and register here](#) 📄



Corvette Racing Weekend October 20-21, 2017 the NCM presents the First Annual Corvette Racing Weekend with Doug Fehan and Special Guest Tommy Milner. The Corvette Racing Weekend kicks-off on Friday, October 20, 2017 at 6:30pm at the Antique Automobile Club of America Museum in Hershey, PA with a reception (cash bar) with Doug and Tommy. The duo will recap the 2017 24 Hours of Le Mans during a buffet dinner (cash bar) which will start at 7:15pm. The evening will close with an autograph session.

Saturday's Corvette Racing Day will begin at 9:00am and end at 2:00pm. The day will include: • Seminars by Doug Fehan and Tommy Milner; Andy Pilgrim; Kai Spande; Corvette Racing Photographer Richard Prince; Michelin Tire Engineer Lee Willard; and Mobil 1 • Display of the C5-R that Dale Earnhardt raced at the 2001 Rolex 24 Hour on display • Auction of Corvette Racing memorabilia • Event will end with an autograph session with Doug and Tommy

Cost is \$65 for both days including a buffet dinner or \$25 for Friday only. [Learn more and register here](#) 📄

NCM News & Events *Continued...*



MiM Diamond in the Rough: Limited Space Left!

May 18 | Enjoy a three night getaway to beautiful Roanoke, WV August 27-29, 2017 packed full of relaxing and recreational activities. Hiking, kayaking, canoeing, paddle boating, golf, massages and more. A number of side trips are also available. A large portion of our room block at the Stonewall Resort will drop next week, so if you've been thinking about attending now is the time to sign up! [Learn more here](#)

Is the Next Gen Corvette in Cars 3?

May 18 | Throughout the history of Corvette, there have been tiny clues planted, almost like an Easter egg in a movie, that tip off the observant enthusiast of what's to come.



Speculation has been growing that the eighth-generation Corvette is on the horizon, as well as the development of a mid-engine GM vehicle. Rumors have been floating around that it could be a Corvette, or even a Cadillac. And while only time will tell what the truth is, enthusiasts are looking high and low for clues. Perhaps that clue can be found in the latest Disney-Pixar flick, *Cars 3*, set to hit screens June 16, 2017.

[Read about future product development and the latest Cars character here](#)

Shop for Dad and Make Us Smile!

May 25 | Did you know that when you shop on Amazon, the Museum can benefit? Simply shop at smile.amazon.com for all the same great merchandise Amazon carries and select the National Corvette Museum as your nonprofit of choice. Amazon will make a donation to the Museum when you shop! [Start shopping here](#)



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Current NCM Raffles

Arctic White Z06 3LZ Cpe | 1000 Tix. @ \$250 June 08
Admiral Blue Grand Sport 2LT Cpe | 1000 Tix. @ \$200... June 22
Torch Red 2LT Cpe | Unlim. Tix. @ \$10 Sep. 02

Announced 2017 Events

MiM LeMans @ LeMans Jun. 10-21
LeMans Viewing Party..... Jun. 17-18
MiM Northwest Passage..... Jul. 26-30
MiM California Dreamin'..... Aug. 13-17
Anniversary Celebration Aug. 31-Sep. 02
MiM National Parks Tour Sep. 17-23
Corvette Racing Banquet..... Sep. 23
MiM National Parks Tour 2 Sep. 24-30
MiM 1 Lap of Kentucky Tour 1 .. Oct. 09-14
MiM 1 Lap of Kentucky Tour 2 .. Oct. 16-21



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- 1976 Light Buckskin 4-speed Coupe** — Dark Brown leather interior. Matching numbers, L48, 82k original miles, PS/PW/PB, Tilt/Tel, and cold working air. Very good condition. Asking \$13,500. *(John, 908-892-8531, johnvb@rcn.com)*¹⁷⁰⁴
- 1977 Red AT Coupe** — Buckskin interior, 68,000 miles, 350, T-Tops, new Holley carb, PW, PB, AM/FM cassette, runs great, new paint, good tread, new brakes. Very good condition. Great looking classic Corvette! \$10,000. *(Mike, call or text 484-550-5794)*¹⁶⁰⁷
- AACC Car!! 1978 25th Anniversary 2-tone Silver AT Coupe** — Red leather int., A/C, Alloy Wheels, AM/FM stereo w/ 8-track, PB, PS, PW, Tilt/Tele. All original, everything works great! Suspension redone 1999, new seats in 2013, brand new carpet. 63,212 miles. Garage kept, 3-owner. *(Dennis, 215-679-2719, den1ria2@gmail.com)*¹⁶⁰⁴
- AACC Car!! 1985 Red Z51 AT Coupe** — Graphite interior, Transparent roof, Flowmaster mufflers, Hawk Racing pads, ZR1 repro wheels, Nitto NT 555 tires, Original wheels and tires included, Same owner last 16 years with receipts, Rebuilt engine and transmission, Upgrades, Runs and drives well. \$5,000. *(Bob, 610-330-0848)*¹⁷⁰²
- 1986 Red AT Coupe** — Red interior, AM/FM/Cassette, Excellent condition, Garage kept. \$8,500. *(Paul, 610-554-1540)*¹⁶⁰⁸
- 1987 Silver AT Coupe** — Removable Top, Garage kept. 42,000 miles. \$8,000. *(610-797-7340)*¹⁷⁰⁵
- 1989 Black AT Coupe** — 350, Black leather with glass roof. Less than 49,000 original miles. Like new undercarriage with HD suspension. CD player radio installed. 11,900. *(Gary, 610-291-3408)*¹⁶⁰⁷
- AACC Car!! 1993 40th Anniversary Ruby Red AT Coupe** — All original and working with only 17,000 miles! Ruby Red interior, dual roofs, Z07 performance pkg. w/ FX3 suspension, original window sticker and other items. Asking \$18,900. *(Gary, 610-282-0129)*¹⁵⁰⁴
- 2002 Magnetic Red 6-speed Convertible** — Black interior and convertible top. 2nd owner. 69,500 miles. Never driven in winter or rain. Garage kept. New tires less than 3,000 miles. \$15,000 OBO. *(Randy, 610-704-1977)*¹⁷⁰⁴
- NEW!! 2008 Crystal Red Z51 3LT 6-speed Convertible** — Cashmere interior, black top, 1 owner, museum delivery, all original with 23,000 miles. Always garaged and service performed at A&T Chevrolet (Sellersville, PA). *(Dave, 267-664-2845 or dkenneyhill@gmail.com)*¹⁷⁰⁶
- NEW!! 2013 Black Grand Sport 3LT 6-speed Coupe** — Red hash stripes, red & black heritage interior, red brake calipers, black wheels, dual-mode exhaust, magnetic suspension, ZR1 rear spoiler, black GS side emblems, GM Grand Sport indoor vehicle cover, 7,500 miles, some neat extras, garaged, like new, 1-owner of factory ordered car. \$46,000 *(Lorenzo, 610-865-9790)*¹⁷⁰⁶
- 2014 Blade Silver 2LT 7-speed Coupe** — Black suede interior, heated seats, HUD, memory seats, Bose, Nav, Multi-mode Exhaust, Machine faced wheels. 8,900 miles. Reading, PA area. \$43,000 OBO. *(Paul, 732-501-3469 or p.pinchak1@verizon.net)*¹⁷⁰⁵
- Corvette Collectibles** — Great starting inventory from an 8-year *Corvettes at Carlisle* vendor. Diecast cars, Carlisle promos, clocks, pins, travel pillows, corvette fabric, + Corvette and AACC patches. *(Joy, 610-433-1323)*¹⁶⁰¹
- Corvette Mid-Year C2 Radios** — 1963 AM wonderbar, p/n 985396, fully serviced, excellent chrome, Wonderbar works great. \$325.00. 1965-67 AM-FM, p/n 986281, fully serviced, good chrome, works great. \$325.00. *(Tom Himmelsbach, 610-751-5314)*¹⁷⁰⁵
- 1967 / 350hp Parts** — Door panels, valve covers, oil filter canister, 4 bias-ply red line tires, gas + expansion tanks, fuel pump, rocker panels, air cleaner top, interior storage cover, carburetor + brake parts, many misc. parts from a restoration. \$550 OBO *(Dave, 610-390-9484)*¹⁶⁰⁸
- C5 Car Cover** — Cover King. Used indoors only. Asking \$30 o.b.o. *(John, otiskelhart@yahoo.com)*¹⁷⁰⁴
- C6 Tires** — 4 original tires from 2006 Z06, Goodyear Eagle F1 Supercar, 328 miles. 2- 275/35/ZR18, 2- 325/30/ZR19. Tire Rack lists these for \$1566, asking \$650. *(Rick, 610-767-7468)*¹⁷⁰⁵

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