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ANOTHER GREAT HOLIDAY PARTY

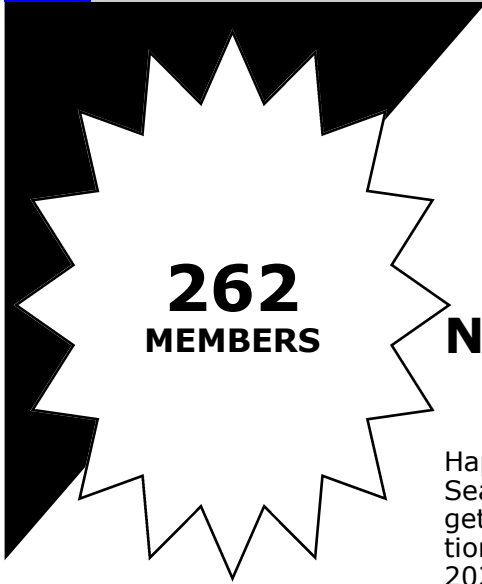
It was another great Christmas Party at the Heidleberg Country Club. Food was good, entertainment was good and everyone had a good time. Many thanks to Randy Kerschner and his committee (Lisa and Bob Heck, Brian and Terry Fisher, Tara Moyer) for a job well done. To see over 50 photos of the party visit the club's Facebook page. All photos courtesy Tara Goodhart Moyer.



The **SDC Board of Directors** for 2023: l-r, **Charlie Weaver, Barry Goodhart, Brian Blankenbiller, Lisa Heck, Ken Hoppes, Randy Kerschner, Bruce Klecner, Mike Brennan** (not present)



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MEMBERS

NEW MEMBERS this month

Rurh Bleecher is a social member from Wernersville
Devin Edwards is a social member from Reading
Chris and Jean Young from Mohnton, they drive a silver 2002

NCM UPDATE

by Ron Grove



Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. . and now we're all ready for spring weather to get some miles and smiles with our Corvettes! The National Corvette Museum had a spectacular year in 2023. One highlight was a record number of the R8C Museum Delivery Program with 2525 Corvette customer deliveries! The NCM Insurance Program is doing well and recently SDC took advantage of a liability protection policy for our club, officers and directors.

The Education group is always reaching out to the younger generation and creating enthusiasm for Corvette. The NCM has a "Hot Wheels Initiative" program for the touring school classes. Corvette clubs are asked to provide single pack Corvette Hot Wheels if possible for the kids. With approval from the SDC board and membership we are hoping to collect a lot of Corvette Hot Wheels to present to the NCM during our trip in June. So far I've received quite a few!!! So if you're at WalMart or Target and see a Hot Wheels Corvette on sale for a few dollars, consider getting it as a donation from SDC to the NCM.

Upcoming events include the Bash - April 25-27; the Museum in Motion tour to the Daytona Rolex 24 (which always sells out) - but, if you've ever thought about attending the 24 Hours of Le Mans in France, the NCM has a great tour! I did it several years ago and it is an amazing event for die-hard race fans!!!

And remember. . . Consider joining the National Corvette Museum. Individual membership is \$65/year. Hmmm - sounds like a great idea for the New Year!!! See me or go on-line for details. Thanks!

SDC RAISES \$391 FOR SALVATION ARMY RED KETTLE CAMPAIGN

On Dec. 7th and again on Dec. 13th SDC volunteers manned the Red Kettle and Rang the Bell for the Salvation Army. By donating a total of only 16 hours, the volunteers acquired donations totaling \$391.04. Special Thanks to the following for donating their time: **Art Salyards, Larry Bernet, Bill Flamm, Pete Micale, Barry Goodhart, Bruce Kleckner, Kerry Koch, John Lecce, Mickey and Lucy Fink, and Ken Speicher.**

Anyone wishing to do so, can contribute directly to The Salvation Army in Reading.

BIRTHDAYS

Shawn Auman	1-3
Brian Blankenbiller	1-4
Ginny Willard	1-10
Paulette Moore	1-10
Jean Miller	1-15
Carole Kalbach	1-15
Mike Hetherington	1-16
Scott Weaver	1-17
Dianne Suchon	1-21
Joe Morroney	1-21
Bill Flamm	1-24
Thomas Snyder	1-25
Art Salyards	1-26
Teri Fisher	1-30

ANNIVERSARY

None

NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

E-mail is the very best way to submit information. Our e-mail address is sdcnews@yahoo.com . Deadline for submission is **noon on the 26th** of each month.

All input must be in some digital format .txt .docx for example. Questions e-mail or call Joe Golt





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MEETING PLACE

Alvernia University

44TH ANNUAL IN-VETTE-TATIONAL NEWS

by Bob Messner

Our 44th annual In-Vette-Tational car show will be held on Saturday July 20, 2024 again at the Oley Valley Fairgrounds. I am looking forward to beginning my eighth year as our club's In-Vette chairman and celebrating this great club tradition in conjunction with the exciting activities being planned by our 60th club anniversary committee. Be sure to mark your 2024 calendar with the In-Vette and Club Anniversary event dates to participate.



The In-Vette Committee is getting organized and will begin planning and meeting monthly to present another successful and fun event. We welcome any club member or sponsor who wishes to join the committee or just share positive ideas towards making our car show even better than before. This is a great opportunity for new members to become involved in our team work, get to know everyone, and share in the fun.

Please email me at bobmessner1@gmail.com or stop me anytime to discuss your interest and ideas. Remember that our club member's and club sponsor's participation in planning, attending, and promoting our club's In-Vette-Tational generates our club's largest source of income to our club's treasury. In addition to gaining the reputation of being our area's best car show, the In-Vette has become a genuine fun community event.

I encourage you to be a participant in this year's In-Vette-Tational where we showcase and share our passion of our Corvettes, support our community's veterans, businesses, and encourage donations to our primary club charity, the Skyline Drive Corvette Club's Scholarship Program. In addition let's do it for the fun! In 2023 our In-Vette Committee proudly received \$2,700 from generous donations from Club Sponsors, local and national In-Vette Sponsors, and individuals that requested their donation to be used directly for the Skyline Drive Scholarship Program for supporting our local youth.

Betsy and I wish each of you and your families a very Healthy and Happy New Year. Remember 44th Annual In-Vette and 60 years of Skyline Drive Corvettes, be part of the fun!

PRESS THAT PARKING BRAKE

The manual parking brake is going the way of hand-cranked windows, ashtrays, and using a key to start a car—replaced by a small switch you can activate with just the tip of your finger. But is an electric parking brake capable of bringing your car to a complete stop the way a manual hand brake can? To find out, Consumer Reports' technicians took several cars out on the test track to see what happens when a driver pulls the electronic parking brake while driving.

A total of nine cars, SUVs, pickups, and EVs were tested at 5 mph, 20 mph, and 60 mph in a straight line and in turns. They were also evaluated in dry and wet surface conditions.

"We found that the electronic parking brake does stop the vehicle," says Mike Crossen, Consumer Reports' auto technician. "When the parking brake engages, it can best be described as a noisy stop. The overall experience falls somewhere between a panic stop and normal braking." *Continued on next page*



WEBSITE AND CALENDAR INFO

Reminder, if you do not receive the newsletter via the email invite you may always go to the website on the MEMBERS PAGE and view or download it there. If for some reason you can not get into the members only page send me an email and I'll look into why. ALSO the event calendar on the website is powered by google calendar. If you have a gmail account you would be able to download the calendar to your phone or tie it to your google calendar. By doing this you will not need to check the website calendar it would be updated automatically on your phone as it is updated. IF you would like this feature email me your gmail account address to DCICadet@comcast.net or thru the website contact page and I will invite you to join the calendar



60TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

Gettysburg	April 13 & 14
NCM trip	June 9th – 15th
Picnic@ Evergreen Club	Aug 17th
Jamestown NY Trip	Sept 8th to 12th
Covered Bridge Tour	Oct
Longwood Gardens	Dec

Gettysburg will be a weekend event. April 13 & 14, 2024. You do not need to stay the weekend to participate in any of the activities. We will caravanning down to Gettysburg in the am. We'll tour the battlefield museum and do a battlefield bus tour with a park guide. The cost of the tour depends on the number of people. In the evening there will be a kickoff dinner.

It is important that if you're interested in going and did not sign the signup sheet at last nights meeting to email or call Ted to be put on the list. We would like to get those interested signed up sooner rather than later to know the size of group we will need to make reservations for. You will make your own hotel reservations. Call the 1863 Inn of Gettysburg to make those reservations. We have a block just say your with SDC. The room is \$135 plus taxes. There are ghost tours in the evening if you're interested and plenty of shopping. Reservation info: 1863 Inn of Gettysburg 866-953-4483

NCM Trip:

The National Corvette Museum trip is Sunday, June 9th returning home the Saturday 15th. We will take two days to get into Bowling Green with a stop or two along the way. We'll spend two full days in Bowling Green leaving on Thursday morning heading up to Louisville and Church Hill Downs. After CHD we'll head north towards Dayton OH. In Dayton on Friday, we can visit the US Air Force Museum. Heading Home on Saturday. Costs are not secured as of yet we are still securing room blocks. Once we have the rooms secured, we will give that information to the group and you will make your own reservations. This way you have much more flexibility with your payments.

Most if not all activities will be paid for thru the club as for any meals that we may need to pay for via the group. Once we have all these costs tied down, we will announce them. If you are not signed up on any of the trips yet and would like to do any or all of them, please be sure to get on the sign-up sheet ASAP. It is a lot easier making reservations when you know how many you're making them for.

If you are unsure if you are signed up please check the members only page of the website. The lists are there for you to check. Come January/February we will send emails to those on the NCM list with all the detailed information we have. At that point we will want a commitment yes or no and a deposit.

If you would like to get on a list contact: Ted Stalnecker, Thru the website or DCICadet@comcast.net or



Press that parking brake continued:

Using the parking brake is an effective way in an emergency to gradually slow your vehicle and bring it to a controlled stop, though a bit more slowly than pressing hard on the brake pedal. The techs noted that the Ford F-150 hybrid took longer to stop than the other vehicles, most likely due to its weight.

In an emergency situation, you need to hold the brake switch until the vehicle comes to a complete stop—rather than just pushing or pulling it once, as you would when parking. Some vehicles will show a warning on the dash to indicate the brake is engaged. If you release the switch, the brake disengages; this prevents dramatic braking from an unintended application. Once you stop, the parking brake remains active; then you can release and drive away or put the transmission in Park.

With EVs, such as the Lucid Air, Rivian R1T, and Volkswagen ID.4, you press and hold the Park button to engage the electronic parking brake. EVs are in Park once fully stopped after using the parking brake.

Even though the electronic parking brake is capable of stopping your vehicle, you would only want to do this if there was some failure with the brake system, or if there was something trapped under the brake pedal. The parking brake is applied independently from a vehicle's central braking system, making it a backup option should your regular brakes fail. Most brake failures come on gradually. Or if there is a sudden failure, often depressing the pedal a second time will provide some stopping power.



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EVENTS CLUB SPONSORED

JANUARY CLUB MEETINGS

The January **membership** meeting of will be held on the 8th at Alvernia 7PM

The **Board of Directors** meeting will be held at Fisher on the 15th at 6:00pm

NEED SOMETHING TO DO, EARLY JANUARY 2024?

By Bruce Kleckner

Well, here are two of my favorites. Both events take place at the Lebanon Valley Expo Center, 80 Rocherty Road, Lebanon Pa, 17042. That's about a 45-minute drive from my house in Shillington.

On **January 6&7** we have "Dragfest Indoor Drag Racing Showcase \$ Custom Car Show". I have ben there several times, nice selection of race and show cars. It's indoors, nice and warm, with some vendors. \$20 admission fee.

One week later, **January 12 & 13**, is the "27th Annual Cabin Fever Expo". This is a must see for any-one who has ever picked up a wrench or built a model airplane, car, truck or boat. Machine tool hobbyists will also have plenty to look at. There are gas and steam engines, hot air engines, steam and electric boats in the large indoor boat pond.They have a dirt pile as big as a pick-up truck, with R.C. construction equipment creating a working quarry scene. A room size roadway is there for the big R.C. trucks to navigate.

Over 100 vendors will sell you, new or used machinery, books, plans, software and lots more. All of this is related to the model hobbyist. \$15 admission fee.

Both of these events are present on the internet. There are restaurants nearby, among them, The Quinton Tavern and the Blue Bird Inn. See you there.

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REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE

You will need a "Save-A-Tape" card. Simply ask for a free card at any Redner's Market. Redner's will donate 1% back to SDC. Bring Redner's register receipt tapes to each regular club meeting or mail Diane Suchon 415 Omicron Place Wernersville, PA 19565-9231