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CLUB MEETINGS RETURN TO ALVERNIA

The October meeting will return indoors to Alvernia. See montage PAGE 11

ELECTION UPDATE

The election for club officers and board members is held at the November general meeting. Nominations will close at the October general meeting. If you would like to be on the ballot for the upcoming 2027 elections for the SDC Board or SDC Officers of the club, please contact Charlie Schmidt at 610-587-1782 or email at charliecws06@gmail.com no later than Oct 12. All positions are available.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

by Ken Honsberger

It's election time for officers and board members of the club. This is your opportunity to get involved. Our mission is simple: keep the fun alive — in the cars we drive, the events we host, and the club we build together. That takes a committed team of dedicated individuals who share that vision.

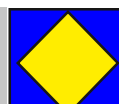
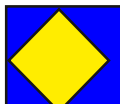


If you have been interested in how the club works or looking for a way to get more involved consider running for the board. As Brian said at our last monthly meeting, it would be great to see some new faces involved!

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

Your membership will expire on December 31. You need to fill out the form at the end of this newsletter and send to the Vice President Norm Burton. If you don't do that by December 31 you will incur a \$5 late fee and you will lose your tenure towards lifetime membership.

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NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

E-mail is the very best way to submit information. e-mail address 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

INTERNET ADDRESS

www.skylinedrivecorvettes.org

FACEBOOK PAGE

Skyline Drive Corvette club

NEW MEMBERS this month

No new members Current membership is **244**

THANK YOU FROM JOY GOLT

I am so appreciative of all the cards, emails, and text messages that I received from members of the SDC Family. It has definitely been a long journey to regain my health. Your support makes it easier for me as I make this journey. Hopefully, by early December it will be done and over. Thank You so much!

**CORVETTES AT CARLISLE — A RECORD-SETTING WEEKEND!**

What a weekend at Corvettes at Carlisle! Dozens of Skyline Drive Corvette Club members—longtime members and lots of new faces—stopped by our patriotically decorated club tent throughout the weekend. Our new location was a hit, providing a nearly 360-degree view of the fairgrounds and becoming a great home base for members each day.

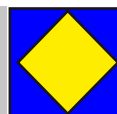
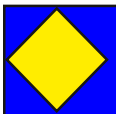
SDC members were all in! Brian Fisher participated in the People's Choice Award, while Bob & Betsy Messner, Teri Fisher and Lisa Heck volunteered at the National Corvette Museum tent, and Ron Zitter lent a hand at the NCRS tent. Members attended the Grand Sport Registry Party, listened to Wes Wong's moving remembrance of 9/11, and took in seminars covering everything from Corvette repairs to new product announcements.

Saturday morning brought another special moment when John Secoges was presented with the Club Champion Award in front of the Grandstand Stage, representing Skyline Drive Corvette Club among the many clubs attending Carlisle. John also participated in the impressive Corvette American Flag display, and eight SDC members capped off the weekend by taking part in the downtown Carlisle Corvette Parade.

Of course, some of the best moments were simply relaxing at the club tent, catching up with old friends, meeting new members and enjoying the Corvette camaraderie.

And what a year to be there! Corvettes at Carlisle set a new record with 3,239 Corvettes registered for the Fun Field. Add in three days of sunshine, comfortable temperatures and a nice breeze, and it was about as perfect as a Carlisle weekend can get.

Many SDC members have already registered for next year, and we're already thinking about ways to make our club's presence even bigger and better. Mark your calendars for August 26–28, 2027, and plan to join us at Corvettes at Carlisle!



46TH IN-VETTE-TATIONAL FINAL REPORT AND TROPHY WINNERS LIST

by Bob Messner

The following is my final report of our 46th In-Vette-Tational as I reviewed at the September 14, 2026 Membership Meeting, recapped here for those unable to attend that meeting. A successful car show on a rainy day proves our commitment to our Club and Corvettes when combined with our team work, shines brighter than the weather. The dedication of Skyline Drive Corvette Club members is unmatched! My thanks goes out again to all participants for making our show very successful despite the weather. Congratulations to each of our trophy and raffle winners! Our 2026 In-Vette-Tational Winners's List is attached at the end of this newsletter and will be added to our club web site. Extra 2026 In-Vette-Tational dash plaques are available for anyone that would like one, contact me by text at 484-269-4218 and I will have one for you at our next membership meeting.



161 cars and trucks registered (136 – pre-registered and 25 registered on the day of the show) – actual car and truck attendance is unknown. For reference, 2025 – 223 registered – weather steady rain showers. Highest attendance ever was in 2022 – 324 registered – perfect weather.

All In-Vette-Tational financial accounting and Scholarship Fund donation checks are processed through our club treasury and managed by our club treasurer Ted Stalnecker. This includes receiving and documenting all 2026 In-Vette-Tational income and expense payments as provided to Ted by the In-Vette-Tational Committee members throughout the year. Expense receipts are also provided. In-Vette-Tational income and expenses are organized into the appropriate categories indicated in the Treasurer's Profit and Loss statement, available to all members. A summary of the In-Vette-Tational portion of that statement is shown below. Special thanks on behalf of the In-Vette-Tational Committee goes out to Ted for his time, support, excellent accounting and management of all In-Vette-Tational and Scholarship funds.

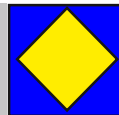
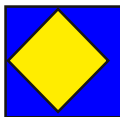
\$11,365.33 – Total 2026 In-Vette-Tational and Scholarship Income. This amount includes \$3,150 of SDCC Scholarship donations (soliciting of Scholarship donations was by the In-Vette-Tational Committee marketing efforts – Thank you Donna Baumener). All Scholarship donations will be used for the Scholarship Fund as requested by each of the donor. Distribution of all SDCC Scholarship funds are determined by the SDCC Board of Directors.

\$8,215.33 – Total 2026 In-Vette-Tational Income (Total income \$11,365.33 minus \$3,150 SDCC Scholarship donations)

\$5,181.69 – Minus total 2026 In-Vette-Tational Expenses (receipts for all expenses are provided to and maintained by the Treasurer)

\$3,033.84 – Total 2026 In-Vette-Tational Proceeds not including SDCC Scholarship donations

All SDCC members congratulate and extend out total support to our new 2027 In-Vette-Tational Co-Chairmen Jim Johnson and Noel Torchio. Our 47th In-Vette-Tational will be an exceptional success under their leadership with the total support of our members and sponsors. In addition to my new role as the SDCC Ambassador to the National Corvette Museum I look forward to supporting Jim and Noel on the 2027 In-Vette-Tational Committee.



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

by John Secoges

It's been a busy and successful few weeks for Skyline Drive Corvette Club! We wrapped up another very successful Corvettes at Carlisle, with a great turnout of SDC members enjoying the show, club tent, activities, and plenty of Corvette camaraderie.

But the driving season isn't over yet! As we head into fall, we're looking forward to scenic drives and backroad adventures as the leaves begin to change color. There are still plenty of opportunities to get those Corvettes out, enjoy time with fellow members, and make a few more memories before winter arrives. Keep an eye on the calendar—there's more to come!

Please consider volunteering a little of your time to assist with planning or helping at future events this fall, winter and spring. Even a small commitment can make a big difference—and fresh ideas and extra hands are always welcome!



Past Events

September 19th – 250 America – Bell Tour of Pennsylvania

Our caravan hit the road to visit 3 of the 120+ artist-designed bells created as part of Pennsylvania's celebration of America's 250th anniversary. We visited three bells...FirstEnergy Stadium, Lebanon Valley Welcome Center and Hershey's Chocolate World. Last stop was Nissley's Vineyards for food, wine tasting and a car show. A great turnout, some fantastic backroad driving, plenty of chocolate, a little wine, and—most importantly—a lot of laughs with fellow club members.

Upcoming Events

October 25th – Murder Mystery Dinner at Bube's brewery (Mt. Joy, PA)

Limited seating for this special event. Cost includes a five-course dinner, the entertainment and a tour of the Catacombs. See flyer in newsletter.



PARADE UPDATE

by Ken Speicher

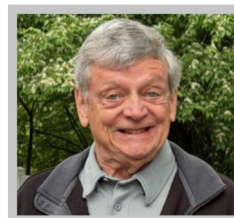
Exeter Homecoming Parade on Thursday, Sept. 24th: SDC provided 10 cars to carry the Homecoming Court. Nice weather and large turnout

Temple Halloween Parade on Saturday, Oct. 3rd at 6:00 PM: Presently have 7 cars planning to participate.

Spring Twp. Halloween Parade on Wed, Oct. 14th at 7PM: Currently have 7 cars planning to participate.

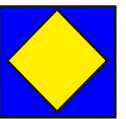
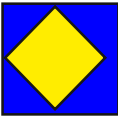
Sign up at the next membership meeting or contact Ken Speicher at kspeicher@comcast.net or 610-334-1457.

Note: SDC is not providing cars for the Reading High Homecoming Parade this year on Oct. 16th because many of us will be at the OCMD Corvette Show.



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

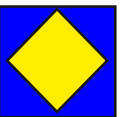
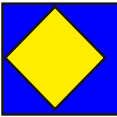


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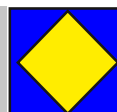
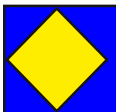


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MEETING PLACE

Alvernia University

If you know of a club member who is sick or has had a death in the family, please notify the Corresponding Secretary

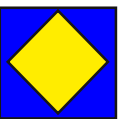
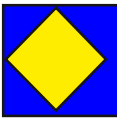


Pennsylvania Bell Tour

Photos courtesy John Secoges

EVENT SIGN UP

Sign -up sheets for our events will be on the front table at our general club meetings at Alvernia. If you are new or have just never tried an event with the club, come out and see how much fun we have as a club.

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484-671-2343

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club

If you know of a member who is hospitalized, had surgery, or lost a loved one, please notify Tara Moyer

EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular meeting will be on th 12th @ Alvernia 7pm. Board of Directors meeting will be held at Fisher on th 19th th at 6pm

SDC LADIES LUNCHEON

The October luncheon will be on the 26th at the Wyomissing Family restaurant at noon. Contact Sue Snyder at 532rnsas@comcast.net to be added to our email list and receive a monthly reminder.

TEMPLE HALLOWEEN PARADE, OCT 3

6PM. Sign up at the next membership meeting or contact Ken Speicher at kspeicher@comcast.net or 610-334-1457

SPRING TOWNSHIP HALLOWEEN PARADE, OCT 14

7PM. Sign up at the next membership meeting or contact Ken Speicher at kspeicher@comcast.net or 610-334-1457.

OCEAN CITY WEEKEND, OCT 16-17

SDC is staying at The Commander Hotel in Ocean City MD. Some members will be arriving on October 15 and staying a total of 3 nights. You can choose any number of nights to stay or choose any other hotel in the area if you prefer. The deadline to get special rate has expired.

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER, OCT 24

see page 4 and flyer EON

CHRISTMAS PARTY, DEC 6

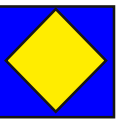
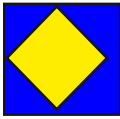
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FROM THE INTERNET**TOYOTA BUYING 400,000 FACTORY ROBOTS**

Toyota is going on a robot buying spree. It's going to add 400,000 to its factories worldwide. That includes traditional robots, co-bots and humanoids. Toyota will get 150,000, while suppliers in its keiretsu like Denso and Aisin, will get 250,000. In order to make accommodations for the robots, Toyota expects to spend \$6.4 billion a year starting in 2028 to modernize its manufacturing operations. But here's the thing, the robots will be a relatively small part of that investment. The bigger cost with automation these days is getting it all connected into one giant digital system, with access to data across the company, where AI can monitor and improve it. Or, to use the tech jargon, going from data lakes to a data ocean. .



SDC BOARD MINUTES, SEPT

BOD members present: Brian Blankenbiller, Ken Hoppes, Peg Kercher, John Secoges, Bruce Kleckner.

BOD members absent: Ken Honsberger, Jim Johnson.

Guests: Donna (unknown), Craig Kercher.

Brian Blankenbiller chaired this meeting. Brian called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Despite having two members absent (Ken and Jim) we had a quorum and continued with the meeting. Approval was given to the August meeting minutes and the August financial statements. Motions were made by Ken and Bruce and approved by unanimous vote.

Old business was postponed due to pressing new business. Brian led a lively discussion of Corvettes at Carlisle and the In-Vett show. We decided that things went well at both events (despite the rain at the show). Both events were a success.

A "Golf Scramble" will be organized by Brian, details to follow. This event will need some SDC volunteers (non-golfing) just like a car show but without the cars. Norm Burton will be fine tuning the distribution of membership cards. Ken will be in contact with our new associate sponsor, Precise Building.

It's time to gather nominations for club officers, President, BOD, etc. Peg and Ken both accepted nominations for the BOD. Brian closed the meeting at 8:00. Submitted by Bruce G Kleckner, acting recording secretary

REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

We're Meeting Indoors!

Indoor Meetings Start at
7 PM!

**ALVERNIA UNIVERSITY
STUDENT CENTER**
400 St. Bernardine Street
Reading, PA 19607



WHERE WE MEET

- ✓ Enter Student Center through the double handicap accessible doors.
- ✓ Take stairs on immediate left in glass tower or continue straight to elevator.
- ✓ Take stairs/elevator to the **SECOND FLOOR**
- ✓ Meeting room is straight ahead. See you there!

 **STAY CONNECTED. STAY INVOLVED.
SEE YOU AT THE MEETING!**

PARK ANYWHERE HERE!

-  Large Parking Lot Available
-  Student Center (Meeting Location)





Indoor meetings every: January, February, March, April & May. Then again for October, November & December.



LOCATION: Bube's Brewery & The Catacombs

ADDRESS:
102 North Market Street
Mt. Joy, PA 17552

DATE: Saturday October 24, 2026

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER

**SKYLINE DRIVE CORVETTE CLUB
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE EVENT**



Cocktails: 5:00 PM

Dinner and Show: 6:00 PM

THEME:

The Murderous Mystery of Dr. Stanley la Strange

The mad scientist, Dr. la Strange will reveal something that will change human history forever... Is it the miracle he has sought and spent his fortune on for so long or is it an evil the Doctor uncovered from the darkest depths of the farthest reaches of the world? The Doctor has brought many notable adventurers, explorers and colleagues together for his great unveiling... What will it mean for those that attend this evening? Are you brave enough to solve The Murderous Mystery of Doctor Stanley la Strange?

COST:
\$75 per person + Gratuity.

Cash bar for all alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be available.

MENU:
Five course dinner includes appetizers, soup, salad, main, and dessert & coffee.

Main Choice of:
(Selection will be made when you make your reservation)

- Flat Iron Steak
- Chicken Breast with Apricot Glaze
- Mushroom Risotto

FOR RESERVATIONS:

To make reservations call Kelly at Bube's at **1.717.653.2056** between the hours of 10am and 4 pm Monday through Friday. Tell her you are in the **Skyline Corvettes** party.

Reservations must be made by September 20. If made after that date, we cannot guarantee that you will be seated with the group.

FOLLOWING THE DINNER:

We will be given a guided tour of the Catacombs.



This should be fun as we try to unravel the mystery of Dr. Stanley la Strange!

MEMBERS
\$25.00

WELL BY THE TIME YOU FINALLY GET TO READ THIS
THE "SUMMER of 2026" WILL BE OVER... BUT WAIT....
IT'S TIME TO MAKE YOUR PLANS FOR THE

NON-MEMBERS
\$50.00

2026 SDC Holiday Party

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6, 2026

DOORS WILL OPEN AT 4:00 P.M.

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2026

HEIDELBERG COUNTRY CLUB

1 CLUBHOUSE DRIVE BERNVILLE, PA 19506

NAMES: _____

MEMBERS ATTENDING _____ @ \$25 \$ _____

NON-MEMBERS ATTENDING _____ @ \$50 \$ _____

TOTAL \$ _____

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING AN ITEM OR TWO
TO THE PARTY TO FILL THE

"BAGS OF CHEER"

SUCH AS A BOTTLE OF WINE, CRACKERS OR OTHER
PARTY ITEMS THAT WILL FIT INTO THE BAGS.

TARA WILL BE RECRUITING THE ELVES TO ASSEMBLE THE BAGS.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: "SDC"

BOB HECK

2 PENNS COURT, MORGANTOWN, PA 19543

OR I WILL GLADLY ACCEPT CHECKS AT ANY MEETING OR EVENT.

***** If you wish to have other people sit at your table, the 1st person
of the party should grab all of the name cards to reserve those
spots at your table. Please do not use chairs to save spots.*****