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FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Brian Blankenbiller

Hey Gang! Hope everyone had a great summer with all the activities SDC had! And we still have plenty in store for '26! Huge thank you to to everyone who has put them together!

With us getting into the Fall months, means it's soon time for the Elections for 2027 so if you want to volunteer for a position, let know when it's time to get your name on the ballots, always looking for new faces and ideas, only way SDC gets better! Save the wave!!!



WOW, LOTS OF NEW MEMBERS this month

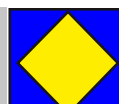
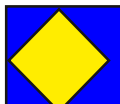
Shelia and Jim Hauser from Birdsboro, they have a 2021 HT vert
Reese Hannis from Reading, he has a 2017 Z06 Cpe
Justina Ott from Sinking Spring, she has a 2024 **pink** Cpe
Tim Suglia from Birsboro, he has a 23 Cpe and a 97 Cpe
Luis Aponte and Maria Vazquez from Hamburg, they have a 2014 Cpe
Felix Rivera from Shillington, He has a 1976 Coupe
Ted and Linda Bingaman from New Berlinville, they have a 2006 Cpe

Current membership is **244**

ELECTION REMINDER

The annual election for club officers and Board of Directors will be hld in November. Please consider running for an Officer or Board of Director position. More information will be available in the October newsletter

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

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EVERY CORVETTE HAS A STORY**One C7 Z06. Three Owners. One Corvette Club.**

Every Corvette has a story. Some begin on the assembly line in Bowling Green, travel from owner to owner, and eventually disappear into someone else's garage. But every once in a while, a Corvette's story stays close to home. Such is the case with a beautiful 2016 C7 Corvette Z06 that has now had three owners since new.

What makes its history particularly special is that all three couples know each other, all are members of the Skyline Drive Corvette Club, and each has played a part in keeping this Corvette's story alive.

Harry & Janet Blankenbiller — Where the Story Began

The story begins in November 2015, although Janet Blankenbiller remembers that Harry's interest in the car started several weeks earlier. Harry had spotted the Z06 online and couldn't stop talking about it. "From that time on I kept constantly hearing about how beautiful she was and how it was exactly the car he would have ordered," Janet recalls. At first, Janet didn't think much of it. Harry loved cars — lots of cars. If he had his way, she jokes, they would need a garage capable of holding 100 of them.

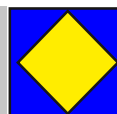
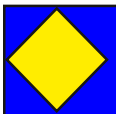
Classics, new cars, different colors...there was always another car that caught his eye. At the time, Harry and Janet already owned a 2008 C6, so Janet assumed this particular Z06 was simply another one of Harry's automotive wishful thoughts. Then his questions became a little more serious. Harry started wondering aloud about how long the car had been sitting at the dealership and what kind of deal they might be willing to make. That was when Janet realized this might be more than just talk. Harry contacted Valley Chevrolet in Wilkes-Barre, a deal was made, and on November 13, 2015, Harry and Janet brought home their new 2016 Z06. And Janet had to admit Harry had found something special.

A white Corvette with a red interior was the perfect combination for the Blankenbiller family, and this one certainly looked the part. More importantly, it soon became part of their Corvette life and part of the Skyline Drive Corvette Club family. Several years later, another generation of Corvette was calling. With the new mid-engine C8 available to order, Harry and Janet placed their order in November 2020.

Fellow club members Andy and Louise Sabol already knew about their plans — and Andy had made it known that if the Blankenbillers ever decided to part with the C7, he and Louise would be interested. Louise had always loved the car. With a C8 on order, Harry decided the time was right. The Z06 moved from one Skyline Drive garage to another and became Andy and Louise's Corvette.

Andy & Louise Sabol — A Special Second Chapter

Andy and Louise had known the Z06 long before the keys were theirs. They had seen it at club activities, knew Harry and Janet, and knew the history and care behind the car. When the opportunity came to become its second owners, the Corvette never really left the family — it simply moved to another Skyline Drive Corvette Club member's garage.

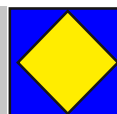
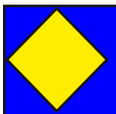


Tom & Susie Frank — Keeping the Story Going

Tom and Susie Frank had admired the Corvette from the very beginning. "We loved the color combination from day one when Janet and Harry first debuted it in the Skyline Drive Corvette family," Tom recalls. They had been looking for a long time for the right Corvette, and this particular C7 checked a lot of boxes — the color combination, automatic transmission, Z06 package, styling and, of course, the performance. But there was something else that couldn't be found on a window sticker or option list: they knew the car's complete history. They knew the people who had owned it. They knew how it had been cared for. They had watched it throughout its life within the club.

When Andy and Louise moved on to their C8, Tom had already shared with Andy that he and Susie would be very interested in becoming the Z06's third owners. Eventually, that opportunity came, and once again the keys changed hands while the Corvette remained within Skyline Drive. Then, in April, this Corvette's story took on an especially poignant new chapter. Tom and Susie made the trip to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, in the Z06. It was a trip Andy himself had planned to be part of, driving his new C8 Callaway Corvette. Tragically, Andy passed away unexpectedly shortly before the planned trip. So when Tom and Susie headed south in the Z06 that had once belonged to Andy, he was very much on their minds.

They were traveling to the National Corvette Museum — a place particularly meaningful to Andy because of his service as Skyline Drive Corvette Club's Museum Ambassador — on a trip he had been looking forward to making alongside them. Andy should have been there in his Callaway. Instead, his former Z06 made the journey. For Tom and Susie, the miles to Bowling Green became about much more than a Corvette road trip. "Susie and I are honored to continue enjoying the living history of this special C7 Z06 Corvette," Tom says.

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

"Knowing the previous two owners, how it was taken care of, and knowing it is still within the Skyline Drive Corvette Club makes it even more special."

For Tom and Susie, becoming the third owners isn't simply about buying another Corvette. It is about becoming caretakers of the next chapter in a story they have watched unfold since the car was new — and preserving the memories of those who came before them.

"We want to thank Harry and Janet Blankenbiller for selecting such a great C7 Z06, and Andy and Louise Sabol for keeping its living history moving forward. We are grateful to all of them for giving us the opportunity to continue this special story."

More Than a Car

There are faster Corvettes. There are rarer Corvettes. There are Corvettes with fewer miles or longer option lists. But some things can't be measured in horsepower, mileage or production numbers. For more than a decade, this white-over-red 2016 Z06 has been part of the Skyline Drive Corvette Club family. Three couples have held its keys. They have driven it, cared for it, shared it with friends and created memories with it. Some of those memories are happy. Others have become more meaningful with the passage of time.

Harry and Janet discovered it.

Andy and Louise gave it its second chapter.

And Tom and Susie are now its caretakers, adding their own miles and memories while preserving everything that came before — including the memory of a friend who should have been alongside them on that April drive to Bowling Green.

The owners have changed. The garage has changed. Corvette generations change. But this Corvette has never really left the Skyline Drive family.

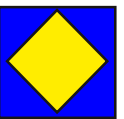
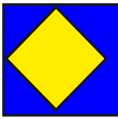
And every time it takes to the road, its story continues.

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THANK YOU FROM RYAN KRAFT

Ryan Kraft was a scholarship recipient at the In Vette. He sent the following thank you note.

Skyline Drive Corvette Club,
Thank you so much for the
Scholarship! I really love what you
guys are doing and I appreciate all
of the help. I will be using the Scholarship
to help pay for school thank you again!
— RYAN KRAFT



ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

by John Secoges

As summer begins to wind down, our Ice Cream Run season is coming to an end, but there is still plenty to do! Several car shows remain on the calendar, and the Activities Committee continues to work on additional social activities to keep our members connected throughout the year. We could use your help! 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

August – Ice Cream Runs!

Good crowds and lots of new members at the August Ice Cream Runs. The “2026” Ice Cream Run season is coming to an end but stay tuned for a possible pop-up ice cream run this month!

August 27- 29th – Corvettes at Carlisle!

Due to newsletter deadline, details (and lots of photos) will be in the October newsletter.

Upcoming Events

September 19th – 250 America – Bell Tour of Pennsylvania

Caravan to visit 3 of the 120+ bells crafted by local artists as part of America 250th celebration. First bell and starting point is at FirstEnergy Stadium. Several stops including Chocolate World in Hershey (with time to shop) and lunch at Wine and Wheels (Nissley Vineyards). Roughly 120 miles of driving over 3 hours (not including stops).

October 24th – 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 Thur, Sept 24th at 6 PM

Temple Halloween Parade on Sat, Oct. 3rd at 6:00 PM

Spring Twp. Halloween Parade on Wed, Oct. 14th at 7 PM

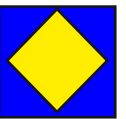
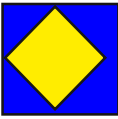
Sign up at the next membership meeting or contact Ken Speicher at kspeicher@comcast.net or 610-334-1457.



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.s..

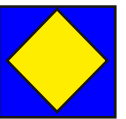
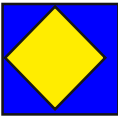
WEBSITE AND CALENDAR INFO

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

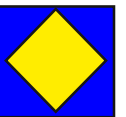
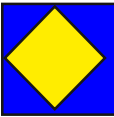


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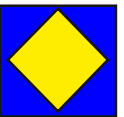
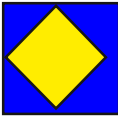
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If you know of a
member who is
hospitalized, had
surgery, or lost a loved
one, please notify
Tara Moyer

EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular meeting will be on Sept 14 @ Evergreen 7pm. Food is served at 6pm. The menu is buy your own Wings, Cheesesteaks, Salad and Chips--Hotdogs, Hamburgers. Board of Directors meeting will be held at Fisher on Sep 21 th at 6pm

SDC LADIES LUNCHEON

The September luncheon will be on the 28th 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.

ICE CREAM RUNS no more this year**BELL TOUR OF PA, SEP 19**

See page 5 and flyer EON

EXETER HOMECOMING PARADE, SEP 24

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

BIRDSBORO WOMENS CLUB SHOW, SEP 27

See flyer EON

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 5 and flyer EON

CHRISTMAS PARTY, DEC 6

see flyer EON

EON= End Of Newsletter



LOCATION: Bube's Brewery & The Catacombs



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

DATE: Saturday October 24, 2026

SKYLINE DRIVE CORVETTE CLUB
ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE EVENT

MURDER MYSTERY DINNER



Cocktails: 5:00 PM



Dinner and Show: 6:00 PM

Join your fellow SDCC members and solve the mystery of Dr. Stanley la Strange. This is a public show however all our people will be seated together.

THERE ARE ONLY 16 SPOTS RESERVED SO BOOK NOW!

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?



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.

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

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!

★ SKYLINE DRIVE CORVETTE CLUB'S ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE PRESENTS ★

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Pennsylvania
★ **TOUR** ★
AMERICA 250 CELEBRATION

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— WINE & WHEELS —

Join us for a scenic caravan as we visit **3** of Pennsylvania's stunning America 250 Bells, shop at Hershey's Chocolate World and finish the day at Nissley Vineyards for Wine and Wheels!



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FirstEnergy Stadium



Lebanon County
Visit Lebanon Valley
Office



Dauphin County
Hershey's
Chocolate World



SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19TH

- ✓ Visit 3 of the current 120+ America 250 Bells
- ✓ Scenic caravan with multiple stops
- ✓ Ample parking at each location
- ✓ Last stop..wine, food trucks, craft beers and cars!



★ **Contact: John Secoges at john@secogesphoto.com to sign up!** ★

Caravan Departs from FirstEnergy Stadium at 9AM

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.*****

28th annual
birdsboro
CAR SHOW

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***** Sunday - September 27, 2026 - 8:30a to 2:30pm *****

Daniel Boone High School 501 Chestnut St, Birdsboro

- o Food
- o Awards, awards & more awards
- o Raffles & 50/50
- o Door Prizes
- o Family friendly event
- o Kids be the Judge - choose a favorite
- o Crafts & Vendors

Pre-Registration [by 9.21] \$10 Day of Show \$15

Complete this form and mail payment to: Woman's Club of Birdsboro PO Box 42, Birdsboro PA 19508
OR email the completed form to wcbirdsboro@gmail.com and pay ahead by Venmo: @birdsboro-womansclub

For more info on this event or being a vendor email or contact Jodie 302.250.3028

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