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**Ken Hoppes and Brian Blankenbiller, Ken Honsberger** was away



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## SAM BEAM 1951-2025

Lifetime member Sam Beam passed away on December 21. He was only 74.

Sam was always involved with SDC. He served as President in 2003 and 2004.

He was also an active member of the Rajah Shrine, where he served as past president and treasurer of the Rajah Shrine Club. Sam especially enjoyed his time as a Shrine Clown, participating in parades and visiting children at the hospital.

Sam will be missed and SDC extends condolences to his wife Linda and all the Beam family



### BIRTHDAYS

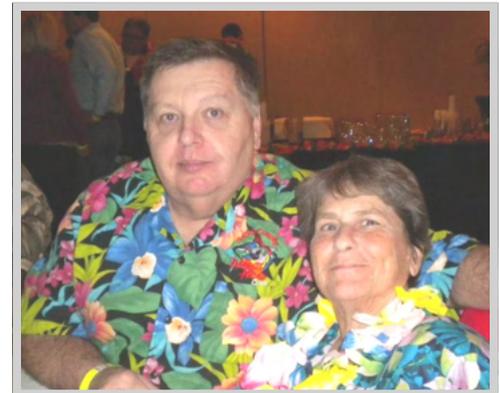
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### ANNIVERSARY

None



Sam as a clown



Sam and wife Linda

### NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

E-mail is the very best way to submit information. e-mail address isdcnews@yahoo.com . Deadline for submission is **noon on the 26<sup>th</sup>** 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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### Face book page

Skyline Drive Corvette club

## FOR SALE

We have 6 mini duffel bags (3 blue & 3 red) available for \$15 ea. Contact Brian Fisher or Bob Heck, first come first serve.





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**MEETING PLACE**  
Alvernia University



# ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE UPDATE

By John A. Secoges — Activities Committee Chairman



2025 kept us on the go, and 2026 is shaping up to be just as exciting. With 20 ice cream runs already on the calendar and a full slate of tours and social events currently in the planning stages, there's plenty to look forward to. Stay tuned—more great activities are on the way!

## Upcoming Events

February 28th - Reading Royals - Saturday, Feb 28th.

SDC Night at the Reading Royals will take place along with Pink in the Rink Night! Tickets are approximately \$26 per person. I worked with the ticketing office to improve the seating from last year—securing higher rows and keeping our group together. We now have two rows of 10 reserved. Sign up online, and your ticket will be delivered digitally.

March 7th - Cooking lesson - The Culinary Classroom

The culinary classroom is in a beautiful house in the Greenfields area off of Route 183 in Bern Twp. The kitchen is modified with several cooking stations and an area to enjoy the food you make. **ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT!**

April 15th - Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser

Annual SDC fundraiser. Flyer will be included in next month's newsletter.

## Coming in 2026...**BUCKLE UP!**



2026 is shaping up to be one of the most exciting and action-packed years ever for the Skyline Drive Corvette Club! The Activities Committee has been hard at work building a calendar packed with variety, energy, and unforgettable experiences. With more than 20 ice cream runs, scenic drives, and local outings, there will be plenty of opportunities to get your Corvette out on the road and enjoy great company along the way.

Looking for signature experiences? 2026 delivers in a big way with a club trip to the iconic Indianapolis 500, engaging museum tours, and a mystery dinner show. Families will love a fun-filled day at Knoebels, while automotive enthusiasts won't want to miss the exploring Michigan's Lower Peninsula in August, highlighted by the legendary Woodward Dream Cruise. Add group outings to Reading Royals hockey game and Reading Phillies baseball game, and the calendar quickly fills with must-attend events.

Social events continue to be a major focus, keeping members connected year-round. Hands-on cooking class, winery and brewery tours, casual dinners, and other creative gatherings ensure there's always something happening—even in the quieter months. Whether you're a longtime member or new to the club, 2026 is your invitation to get involved, meet new friends, and experience everything Skyline Drive Corvette Club has to offer. This is the year to participate, sign up early, and make lasting memories together.

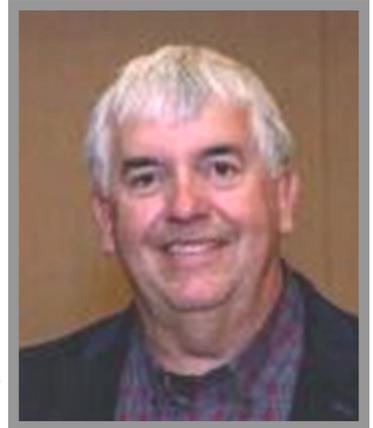


# 46TH ANNUAL IN-VETTE-TATIONAL NEWS

by Bob Messner

Happy New Year everyone! Opportunities to participate in club activities this year will again be plentiful, including our 46th In-Vette-Tational held on Saturday July 18. This year's In-Vette-Tational theme will highlight our country's 250th birthday. I welcome all ideas to support our theme, send me an email if you have an idea to share. This year will be my tenth consecutive year as our In-Vette-Tational Chairman, leading our collaborative efforts to repeat our success of past shows.

Jim Johnson will continue assisting me with the leadership of the In-Vette-Tational this year. In addition both Jim and I welcome Noel Torchio who recently volunteered to become part of our 46th In-Vette-Tational leadership team. My plan for 2026 is to finalize the transition of my current position as Chairman to both Jim and Noel's leadership for our 47th In-Vette-Tational. Please join me along with our 2026 Board of Directors, Club Officers, and the In-Vette Committee to extend our support and appreciation to Jim and Noel.



Donna Baumener will continue her important role this year as our In-Vette Marketing Director interfacing with our In-Vette Sponsors and Vendors. John Secoges continues as our Club's Scholarship Program Liaison with Berks County Vo-Tech's teachers and students. John also coordinates our club's scholarship award presentation and student participation in the In-Vette-Tational. Rich Bare has volunteered to take over Andy Hill's role working as our Show Car Parking co-leader along with our long time parking expert Mich Zeigler. They spend hours in advance of our show planning and painting parking lines on the show field. Thanks goes out also to Bob Heck and his assistants who greet and direct all show and spectator vehicles entering our show.

A key part of every car show is the selection and presentation of trophies. Our club's In-Vette-Tational has an exceptional reputation of awarding the highest quantity, quality, and unique trophies of any local car show. The behind the scenes selection and purchase of our trophies happens flawlessly each year due to the excellent commitment of Ken Speicher and Art Salyards. I am also looking for volunteers to work with Ken and Art this year to learn their process in support of a future transition of managing our trophies. Contact us if you can assist. Registration, Vote Counting, Tricky Tray Auction, Wheelbarrow of Cheer, Vendor Set-up, and other important Committee volunteers beyond those mentioned here also make our club's In-Vette-Tational a success. Each deserve recognition also, I will highlight details of their roles in future articles.

Mark your calendar on July 18 to attend out In-Vette-Tational and join our Committee's team work to make our club's car show again the best in the area. The 46th In-Vette Committee is getting organized and will begin meeting monthly to present another fun event. All meeting dates and location are included on our club's website event calendar. I welcome and encourage any club member who wishes to join our committee this year to be part of the fun. No need to attend every meeting, just be there when you can, share your support, ideas or join any sub-committee of your interest. This is a great opportunity for new club members to become involved and contribute to our club while getting to know everyone and share in our fun.

Please email me at <<mailto:bobmessner1@gmail.com>> bobmessner1@gmail.com or stop me anytime to discuss your interest in being a member of this year's In-Vette Committee. Have an idea to make our car show even more amazing, I would be excited to hear about it. Remember that our club's In-Vette-Tational generates our club's largest source of income to our club's treasury and Scholarship Fund with a reputation of being this area's best car show. I look forward to having you on the Committee as we plan to showcase our passion for Corvettes, support our community's veterans, businesses, and encourage donations to our Skyline Drive Corvette Club's Scholarship Program in Memory of Barry Goodhart supporting our local youth.



## SAVE THE WAVE

By Bruce Kleckner

After WWII, as GIs came home, they brought with them European sports cars, MGs Triumphs, Jaguars etc. These cars were somewhat rare sights on the road, and when they passed each other, they would wave. Can you see where this is going? As Corvettes came on the scene, they adopted the wave, as a way of recognizing a fellow enthusiast. (Thunderbirds also wave, but never to a Corvette). I remember this interplay, as I own both, as so do several other members of SDC. Waving to another Corvette on the road is a long-standing SDC tradition, that is why we urge you to "save the wave"!



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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

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

by Brian Blankenbiller

Hoping everyone had a very Merry Christmas! After a very successful 2025 for SDC I have the following wishes for the Club. PLEASE get active and PLEASE let us know what you feel are any issues that need to be addressed and also any ideas that would make the Club better.

Also, to our members who are in charge with any of our activities, welcome anyone, who wants to get involved with your activity, with open arms. As long as we continue doing this, the Club will continue to get better and better!!! Here's to the best 2026 that



**SDC RAISES \$356 FOR SALVATION ARMY**

By Ken Speicher

Although one of our four dates to "Ring the Bell" for the Salvation Army was cancelled due to a scheduling error, SDC was able to raise \$355.77 to help the Salvation Army. Many thanks to those who volunteered their time to help in this effort.



**NCM AMBASSADORS REPORT**

By Andy Sabol

The NCM only displays a small fraction of their cars in the museum. The others are stored at multiple locations, not to be seen until their turn in the museum.

They started construction on a new building to house all their stored cars. It will be on their campus, walking distance from NCM. Once complete all stored cars will be moved there, and they will have enough room for all donations for many years to come.

The new building will not be part of the NCM admission, but it will be open to tours.

They also bought a local property that was used for camper/trailer sales. This property had a huge macadam lot that will be used for parking during museum events. This will eliminate having to park on the grass. Bash registration will open in Jan.

NCM/MIM events so far are listed page 8



**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





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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 SPONSORED**

**JANUARY CLUB MEETINGS**

The January meeting will be Alvernia on the 12th at 7 pm

The **Board of Directors** meeting will be held at Fisher on the 19th at 6:00pm

**DRAGFEST, JANUARY 10-11**

Dragfest at the Lebanon Exhibition Center. An indoor car show, featuring drag race cars. Last year there were several Corvette drag cars.

**CABIN FEVER, JANUARY 16-17**

Cabin Fever. A machinist hobby show. Something for everyone: an indoor pond with R/C boats, a room full of miniature steam powered machines, a multi-track train room, miniature airplanes, small gas engines, that run! Hobbyist CNC machines for sale, machine tools for sale, a tool auction site, and finally, the most popular room, a big pile of DIRT! Okay, it's not so much the dirt, but the R/C trucks and earth moving equipment that moves the dirt. Front end loaders, drag lines, bulldozers, dump trucks, and an elevated that R/C tractor trailers operate on.

Food is available on-site and several nice restaurants in the area. You can call me if you want more details 610-777-8878.

**SDC LADIES LUNCHEON, JAN 26**

The Ladies Loving Vettes will pause for the holiday season. Starting in 2026 we'll resume on January 26, weather permitting. Notification will go out by email if the luncheon needs to be cancelled.

**HOCKEY GAME, FEB 28** See page 2 and EON

**COOKING CLASS, MAR 7** See page 2 and EON

**TEXAS ROADHOUSE DINNER, APRIL 15** more info to follow

**INVETTE, JULY 18** see page 3

**MICHIGAN TRIP, AUG 4-15** See November 2025 newsletter

EON = End Of Newsletter

**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



## NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM EVENTS

**JAN**  
**21**  
Wed

**2026 Museum in Motion Daytona Rolex 24 Tour**  
Jan 21 – Jan 26 **all-day**

**APR**  
**23**  
Thu

**2026 Michelin NCM Bash @ National Corvette Museum**  
Apr 23 – Apr 25 **all-day**

**APR**  
**26**  
Sun

**2026 MiM Dragon Run Presented by Michelin**  
Apr 26 – Apr 29 **all-day**

**JUN**  
**2**  
Tue

**2026 Museum in Motion Charlotte Experience**  
Jun 2 – Jun 6 **all-day**

**JUN**  
**23**  
Tue

**2026 MiM Branson Experience**  
Jun 23 – Jun 26 **all-day**

**SEP**  
**3**  
Thu

**2026 National Corvette Museum Anniversary @ National Corvette Museum**  
Sep 3 – Sep 5 **all-day**

**SEP**  
**13**  
Sun

**2026 MiM National Parks Tour**  
Sep 13 – Sep 23 **all-day**

**SEP**  
**24**  
Thu

**2026 MiM New York**  
Sep 24 – Sep 28 **all-day**

**OCT**  
**24**  
Sat

**2026 MiM Italy**  
Oct 24 – Nov 1 **all-day**



# Skyline Drive Corvette Club

***Saturday, February 28th, 7:00 PM***

**JOIN THE SKYLINE  
DRIVE CORVETTE  
CLUB AT THE  
READING ROYALS ON  
2/28!**



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