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OUR NEW NCM AMBASSADOR

Bob Messner has been named the SDC ambassador to the National Corvette Museum. The spot has been vacant since the untimely passing of Andy Sabol. Bob will step down as Invette chairman. **Jim Johnson** and **Noel Torchio** will take over as the In-Vette co-chairs.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

by Ken Honsberger

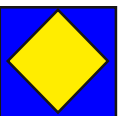
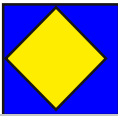


First, Congrats to Bob Messner and the entire IN-VETTE-TATIONAL team for the outstanding job at this year's show. Despite the weather, as always, the show was extremely well organized and everyone had a great time. The opening ceremonies were great and the overview of the Fife & Drum corps and the history it played in our Revolutionary War was fascinating. We also got to see our very own Ted Stalnecker as a snare drummer with the group ripping off some spectacular paradiddles and double stroke rolls. If you're a drummer you know exactly what I am talking about! We'll have more on the financial aspects of the IN-VETTE next month.

More congrats in order to Bob Messner who has been named as our club's new ambassador to the National Corvette Museum. Bob and I had the opportunity to talk with Bryce Burklow while he was with us at the IN-VETTE and we have many opportunities to expand our relationship with the museum. Bob is an outstanding choice for this role and we look forward to our continued partnership with the museum. The board did vote to purchase the portable billboard that has been used in the past to promote the IN-VETTE as the vendor had it for sale.

We have also established an MVP award to be awarded at the Christmas party to one member of the club that has gone above and beyond the call of duty working for the betterment of the club. We'll have more details on that later. Enjoy the rest of the summer!

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E-mail is the very best way to submit information. e-mail address sdcnnews@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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FACEBOOK PAGE

Skyline Drive Corvette club

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

NEW MEMBERS this month

Phil and Bonnie Versace from Wyomissing, they have a 98 Pace Car
Charles and Sherry Gundlach from Reading, they have a 23 Stingray
Herm and Brenda Winkler from Florida, they have a 14 Z51
Jack and Karen Williams from Reading, they have a 2005 Corvette

Current membership is **232**

PARADE UPDATE by Ken Speicher

Sunday, June 28th: Shillington Community Days 50th Anniversary Parade. We had nice weather and 20 cars from SDC, some carrying "Queens".
Saturday, July 4th: Wyomissing Independence Day Parade. We had beautiful weather and 28 cars from SDC, with several carrying dignitaries.

**Trophy Sponsors:**

A special "Thank You" goes out to all the members, businesses and friends who contributed to the In-Vette trophy costs. A record \$1,470.00 was contributed which represents 68 % of our total trophy costs..

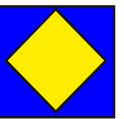
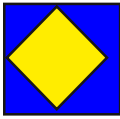
WEAR THIS SHIRT

Did you buy one of these beautiful-looking shirts at the Museum table during the IN-VETTE? Gotta believe many of us bought the shirt as it sold out at the show.

If you did, please wear your shirt to our August 10th meeting at the Evergreen Club. The Museum would love to have a picture of all of us wearing our shirts. Who knows, we may wind up in a museum display.

**UPGRADED CLUB LOGO**

Our club logo has been upgraded, check it out on page 14.



46th ANNUAL IN-VETTE-TATIONAL NEWS

by Bob Messner

Our 46th In-Vette-Tational is now in the books! Undeterred by nature's rain and a weather forecast typically unfit for any car show, our dedicated members hosted another extraordinary event. As always watching the teamwork and organization of everyone doing their part in the In-Vette-Tational is always impressive. We avoided the start of the rain as we proudly stood with flags in hand to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary. The reenactors of the First Pennsylvania Regiment of the Continental Line along with the Brandywine Colonials Fife and Drum Corps were inspiring as they brought the fiery spirit of 1776 to life while marching to the beat of fifes and drums. The soldiers joined with SDCC member First Sargent Gary DeCola, retired, as Gary spoke words honoring all of the current and past service men and women protecting the freedom and security of our country. A special moment for each of us as we stood in unity and gratitude to listen to the words of the United States national anthem sung by Deanna Witzel. Just prior to her last notes we heard the First Pennsylvania riflemen fire three shots from their long rifles to salute America's historic milestone.

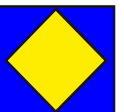
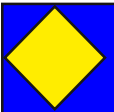


It was an exceptional honor to welcome the President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum, Bryce Burklow along with the National Corvette Museum car show coordinator, Shannon Glass. The rain continued outside but the activities inside were busy with multiple vendors, the Tricky Tray Auction, Vehicle Registration, and the Wheelbarrow of Cheer raffle tickets being sold. The buzz of Corvette enthusiast's conversation and shopping activity focused on the National Corvette Museum Store merchandise being viewed and purchased. SDCC sends special thanks to, NCM Store Assistant Manager Maddie Weirich along with the help of Shannon. Their enthusiasm combined with Bryce's commitment and leadership to travel many miles to attend our 46th In-Vette-Tational speaks volumes about the integrity and history of our club that combines Corvettes with fun and an aspiration to give back to our community.

Skyline Drive Corvette Club Scholarships in memory of Barry Goodhart were awarded by Skyline Drive Corvette Club Scholarship Chairman, John Secoges to Ryan Kraft from Berks Career & Technology East Center and Steve Gonzalez Mercado from the Reading Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center. The combined efforts of John, all club members, Scholarship Sponsors, along with a portion of the In-Vette-Tational proceeds, proudly supports our local community youth to continue their education in the automotive field. Ryan and Gonzalez's hand crafted trophies were some of the best ever awarded at our In-Vette-Tational. Congratulations and great job Ryan and Gonzalez!

Included in the 50 trophies awarded at the In-Vette-Tational were people's choice trophies for Corvettes, Non-Corvettes, and Truck classes, a National Corvette Museum trophy, a AACA Museum trophy, a Bob Fisher Chevrolet trophy, a SDCC President Choice Trophy, a John Catalano Memorial Outstanding Vehicle trophy, and the Barry Goodhart Best of Show Trophy. Best of Show was awarded this year to William Carpenter of Fleetwood, Pa for his 1955 Chevrolet Belair. No car show compares to Skyline Drive Corvette Club's In-Vette-Tational thanks to the efforts of many.

We honored two of our charter members by displaying John Catalano's and Barry Goodhart's corvettes side by side on the show field in tribute to their initial contributions to our club. My special recognition goes to our club members, sponsors, and the 28 members of the 2026 In-Vette Committee who made a rainy day a success representing the high spirit of the Skyline Drive Corvette Club and the 250th Anniversary of the USA. Hats off to our entire In-Vette Parking Team, Registration Team, over 30 vendors who endured a full day of being out in the rain without a complaint and keeping the day safe for everyone. My appreciation and gratitude to every member of SDCC for honoring me with an award of appreciation for 10 years of leading the success of our In-Vette-Tational. I am also honored to follow the legacy of our past Skyline Corvette Club Ambassadors of the National Corvette Museum. Thank you for trusting me to represent each of you as our next National Corvette Museum Ambassador.

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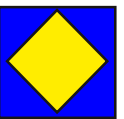
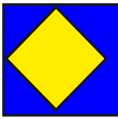
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If you know of a club member who is sick or has had a death in the family, please notify the Corresponding Secretary



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ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

by John Secoges

August is another action-packed month for Skyline Drive Corvette Club, with plenty of ice cream runs, local car shows, and the premier Corvette event of the year—Corvettes at Carlisle! If you've never experienced the country's largest and best Corvette gathering, this is the year to go. Stop by the new Skyline Drive Corvette Club tent area to relax, catch up with fellow members, and join in the many club activities planned throughout the weekend.

If you can only attend one day, make it Friday, August 28, when you'll also witness the spectacular Red, White & Blue Corvette American Flag display. Don't forget to sign up for the Grand Sport Registry Picnic on Thursday and the always-popular Downtown Carlisle Parade on Saturday. We hope to see you there!



Past Events

July – Ice Cream Runs!

Hot weather and great attendance...including some new members and new locations!

July 24th – MECUM Auto Auction (Harrisburg)

LOTS of club members enjoyed the day at the auction! Unknown at the time of this writing if anyone left with more sets of keys than when they arrived.

Upcoming Events

August – Ice Cream Runs!

Lots of local favorites again this month...including the Sunday afternoon Pennside Drive in on August 23rd. There will be between 4 and 6 ice cream runs the next few months. Invite any potential new members along!

August 27- 29th – Corvettes at Carlisle!

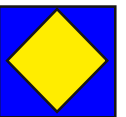
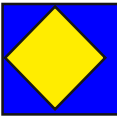
Plans are being made for an even bigger club participation. Inviting as many club members as possible to our club tent on Friday, August 28th. Tent in new area, Corvette Flag, wear Red, White and Blue, club photo at noon! More details to follow.

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).

WEBSITE AND CALENDAR INFO

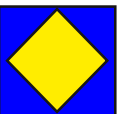
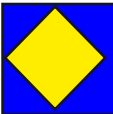
Reminder, if you do not receive the newsletter via the email invite you may always go to the website on the MEMBERS PAGE and view or download it there. If for some reason you can not get into the members only page send me an email and I'll look into why. ALSO the event calendar on the website is powered 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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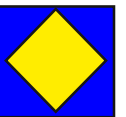
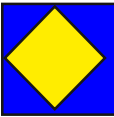
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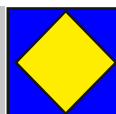
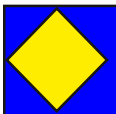


Wyomissing 4th of July Parade

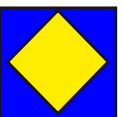
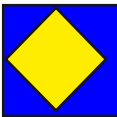
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member who is
hospitalized, had
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EVENTS

CLUB MEETINGS

Regular meeting will be on Aug 10 @ Evergreen 7pm. Food is served at 6pm. The menu is Herb Roasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Veggies, or Baked Ziti, Meatballs, Salad and Garlic Bread Bowl, soda included. Board of Directors meeting will be held at Fisher on Aug 17th at 6pm

SDC LADIES LUNCHEON

The August luncheon will be on Aug 24th 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

See flyer EON

MICHIGAN TRIP, AUG 4-15

This trip is all set.

CORVETTES AT CARLISLE, AUG 27-29

See page 5 and flyer EON

BELL TOUR OF PA, SEP 19

See page 5 and flyer EON

BIRDSBORO WOMENS CLUB SHOW, SEP 27

See flyer EON

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.

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FROM THE INTERNET

What is the average income of a Corvette owner?

The median household income for a modern (C8) Corvette owner is reported to be approximately \$214,000 per year. Buyers of older generations generally report lower household incomes, starting around \$125,000 to \$150,000

General Demographics

Home Ownership: Over 98% of Corvette owners own their homes rather than rent.

Retirement Status: Earlier generations (C4 through C6) skew heavily toward retirees over the age of 65, whereas the C8 has drawn a younger demographic with an average buyer age in the mid-50s

A NEW LOOK. SAME LEGACY.

Skyline Drive Corvettes Club Logo Refresh

We're proud to unveil a refreshed version of our classic Skyline Drive Corvettes logo. Honoring our history while enhancing the details, clarity, and colors for today and the future.

ORIGINAL LOGO (Historical Design)



- Outdated illustration style
- Lower resolution and detail
- Flat colors and limited depth
- No longer ideal for modern print, apparel, or digital use

REVISED VERSION (Enhanced Detail & Full Color)



- Enhanced detail throughout
- Fuller, more dynamic landscape
- Rich, vibrant color palette
- High-resolution artwork for all future applications

WHAT'S NEW IN THE REFRESH?

- ✓ **Enhanced Detail** – Sharper lines, more depth, and improved clarity.
- ✓ **Reading Pagoda Spotlight** – Central focus on our iconic local landmark.
- ✓ **Brighter Colors** – Richer and more vibrant for greater visual impact.
- ✓ **Future Ready** – High-resolution artwork designed for print, apparel, digital, and everything in between.
- ✓ **True to Our Roots** – Maintains the timeless look and feel of the original design.

WHY THE REFRESH?

Our original logo has been a proud part of our club's identity for decades. This refresh preserves the timeless spirit of the design while ensuring it meets the quality standards needed for today's apparel, signage, websites, social media, and more.

This refreshed logo will represent our club with pride—on shirts, decals, banners, websites, and all of our future memories on the road together.

*Same Passion.
Stronger Together.*

Thank you for keeping the tradition alive and driving it forward!



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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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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



Join your fellow club members for a weekend of Corvettes, camaraderie, and patriotic pride at Corvettes at Carlisle!

THURSDAY

AUGUST 27, 2026

OPENING DAY

- ★ **Club Tent Set-Up**
Help us get our new location looking great for the weekend!
- ★ **Grand Sport Party (Off Location) at 6PM**
Sign-up with the Grand Sport Registry for an evening of fun, food & friends!

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GRAND SPORT
REGISTRY

FRIDAY

AUGUST 28, 2026

- ★ Wear your best **RED, WHITE or BLUE** for our group photo at **NOON!**
- ★ See **American Flag Display** made entirely of Corvettes.
- ★ **Bring a food item** to share with fellow members at the Club Tent!
- ★ Enjoy the show, the cars, the people, and much more...
...STAY TUNED!

SATURDAY

AUGUST 29, 2026

FINAL DAY

- ★ Sign-up and join fellow members in the downtown Carlisle parade.
- ★ **Engine rev tribute to those we have lost at NOON.**
- ★ Parade in the heart of the downtown historic district with other SDC members!



LET'S MAKE THIS A WEEKEND TO REMEMBER!

★ *See you in Carlisle!* ★

OUR CLUB TENT – NEW LOCATION!



Stay tuned for updates on our prime location in the Corvettes at Carlisle Showfield!

QUESTIONS?

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28th annual
birdsboro
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HOT RODS * CLASSICS * CUSTOMS * JEEPS * TRUCKS * BIKES



***** 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

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Skyline Drive Corvettes

August

Ice Cream Runs



August 4th

Candy's Homemade Ice Cream

(1085 Pottsville Pike, Shoemakersville, PA 19555)

August 12th - LUNCH (Noon)

Fox Meadows Creamery

(2475 West Main Street, Ephrata PA 17522)

August 15th (5PM)

Kauffman's Bar-B-Que Restaurant

(6213 Oley Turnpike Rd, Oley, PA 19547)

**Just
Added!**

August 23rd LUNCH (Noon)

Pennside Drive In

(916 Carsonia Ave, Reading, PA 19606)

August 25th

Jenn & Jessie's Ice Cream Parlor

(798 Memorial Hwy, Oley, PA 19547)

*Locations and dates are subject to change.
ALWAYS check the SDC website calendar first.*