

## JUNE MEETING AT SHILLINGTON PARK

The June 14 membership meeting will be held at Shillington Park. The park is on E Broad street in Shillington. Google it for directions. Meeting will start at 7pm. There will be no food. It is recommended to bring chairs and masks to maintain social distancing.

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

*by* Randy Chapman

Greetings fellow SDC members. We have been having an up and down weather season so far. 90 one day and 70s the next. Thankfully we can drive our Corvettes in most any weather. Thanks to the activities committee for planning the ice cream runs. And thanks to Brian Fisher for adding them to Facebook.

I hope all of you have sent in your registrations for this year's InVette. Don't forget to volunteer for the activities as well. Just an hour helps the club out. I know the Allentown Area Corvette Club show is fast approaching. I am hoping for a big turnout for their show. I also know Sue Snyder was looking for a few Corvettes for a small parade in Shoemakersville also on June 5, 2021.

Next time you are out shopping, consider purchasing something for our many fundraising opportunities. I saw wine for \$ 9.99 a bottle at Sheetz recently. PA has lottery tickets in many different amounts and a gift certificate for our tricky-tray auction would be welcomed. Next meeting will be an outdoor one. Bring your own chair.

## AMBASSADORS REPORT

General Motors has delivered 6,611 C-8 Corvettes as of the end of the first quarter. Unfortunately, BGA has had 3 shutdowns since February 2021. They are currently shut down from May 24, 2021 until June 1, 2021 due to an unnamed parts shortage. Hallmark is releasing a 2020 Corvette Christmas ornament for \$ 19.99 through the Hallmark Online Shop. Just in time for Christmas 2021. This year's Indy 500 PACE CAR C-8 will be driven by Danica Patrick. It is a white 2021 convertible. An article appeared online from the GM Authority about Jack and Dor DeLong's recent do-

nation of their C-5. A Dale Earnhardt tribute was airbrushed on the underside of the hood. There is a YOUTUBE video out regarding the donation.

Paul Koerner, World Class Corvette mechanic, recommends that all C-8 owners change their transmission filter at 7,500 miles or before their first year anniversary with the car. One year plus a day doesn't work so well. The NCM store continues to after free shipping on orders over \$ 75. November 4 through 6, 2021 is NCM's Vets N Vettes event. The annual Ambassador's Convention is usually around the same time. I will be attending the convention this year.



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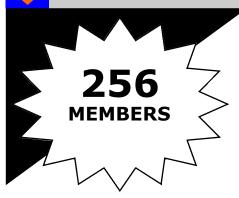
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## No **NEW MEMBERS** this month



## **ROCKHOUND INFO**

SDC's 41st In-Vette-Tational Shirts and Caps are now Available Order online from Rockhound Apparel's Marketplace Just click on the SDC In-Vette-Tational Logo

#### BIRTHDAYS

### ANNIVERSARY

Karen & John Thies 6-1 Kathryn & Lawrence Hertz 6-6 Suzanne & Kim Petsch 6-11 Peggy & Craig Kercher 6-12 Stacy Ann & Michael Basile 6-17 Maria & Richard Hernandez 6-17 Janet & Charlie Schmidt 6-18 Melanie & Joe Morroney 6-22 Diane & Dennis Marsteller 6-26 Ginny & Joe Willard 6-27



Shirts - A subtle pixelated pattern gives this snag-resistant, moisturewicking polo a look that's sophisticated enough for the office or the weekend. Created for modern comfort and performance. The ladies' style has a Johnny collar with 1 dyed-to-match-button and loop closure; the midsection is tapered rather than full-cut. The men's style has a self-fabric collar with collar stand. 4.8-ounce, 100% polyester jersey,Sizes from XS – 4LX Priced from \$24 - \$28 depending on size

Cap - 100% Cotton Twill; adjustable; cloth back (not net) \$16

Go to Rockhound Apparel's website - rockhoundapparel.squarespace.com

- Click on "MARKET" at the top of the page
- Scroll down and click on the In-Vette logo

OR Go directly to the SDC store – rockhoundapparel.squarespace.com/ skylinedrive

The online store will remain open until Midnight Sunday June 13, 2021 to take orders.

Rockhound Apparel will notify you when your order is ready at the end of June. If you do not opt to have it shipped to your home, you can pick it up at Rockhound's shop in Robesonia.

I am willing to pick up orders from Rockhound and distribute them at SDC's July meeting. However, keep in mind that if you don't show up for the meeting, they will not be delivered to your home. If you would like me get your order, please text or email me so I can make a list of whose order I need to get. (**Donna Baumener** – (484) 955-7053; ala-don83@comcast.net)

#### **NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES**

Anyone is welcome to submit items or articles for publication in the newsletter. Please try to be brief and to the point. 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 26**<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Hand written document are accepted for small items. Verbal input is discouraged, as it is impossible to know what message the author has in mind. Questions e-mail or call 610.678.3310.





Skyline Drive Corvettes 41st Annual In-Vette-Tational – Saturday July 17, 2021

We are looking forward to a great day of amazing cars, fellowship, and most of all fun and great weather. On behalf of your entire In-Vette Planning Committee we invite you along with your friends and family to enjoy this great club tradition. Every SDC member's support to our In-Vette-Tational along with the generous contributions of our sponsors makes it possible to provide Scholarships to our local youth with a goal to have a career in the automotive field.

We proudly recognize and congratulate the achievements of our 2021 Scholarship Award winners. Each winner was selected by their Vo-Tech Instructors in conjunction with a lot of time and communication from club members Barry Goodhart and Harold Hoch. Special thanks to Barry and Harold for representing the entire Skyline Drive Corvette's membership during this interface with our local Vo-Tech Schools.

#### Mike Althouse

Automotive Technology Center at the Berks Career & Technology Center - East Campus

Robert Hamaker Auto Body Training Center at the Reading Muhlenberg Career Center

Israel Gutierrez-Adame Automotive Technology Center at the Reading Muhlenberg Career Center

Each Scholarship Winner will be attending the In-Vette along with their family to be presented their Scholarship Awards. Each winner will be given a 41St In-Vette-Tational Hat and Lanyard. They will also be selecting a show car of their choice and present that car owner an award designed and fabricated by Vo-Tech School they are representing.

Your In-Vette Committee is looking forward to each member's support and attendance. Pre-register today using the registration form on the In-Vette flyer attached at the end of this newsletter. For additional opportunities to support your club's In-Vette contact Bob Messner at bobmessner1@gmail.com

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## LOTTERY TREE

We need your scratch off Lottery Tickets for our Lottery Tree! Here is some extra incentive to get everyone bringing in those scratch off tickets for our Tricky Tray Auction tree. Everyone that buys \$5.00 worth of 50/50 tickets at our April, May and June meetings will have the opportunity to trade in their scratch off tickets and get additional 50/50 tickets for FREE. First, buy your \$5.00 of 50/50's. Then see Janet with your scratch off tickets for the tree. The more tickets you donate, the more chances you have to win the 50/50 drawing. Below is the chart on how it works. Bring in a \$1.00 scratch off ticket and you will receive 2 additional 50/50 tickets. Bring in \$2.00 worth of scratch offs and receive 3 additional 50/50 tickets. Bring in \$3.00 worth of scratch offs and receive 5 additional 50/50 tickets. Bring in \$4.00 worth of scratch offs and receive 6 additional 50/50 tickets. Bring in \$5.00 worth of scratch offs and receive 7 additional tickets.

The only catch is you must buy your 50/50 tickets first to be eligible. Those people that do not want to purchase the scratch off lottery tickets or forgot them can buy their 50/50 tickets first and give the cash equivalent of the scratch offs and we will buy them for you.. The Pa Lottery site offers coupons on tickets, buy one get a free ticket usually of lesser value. These coupons have an expiration date. If you have any question Janet Schmidt will be happy to help answer them.







#### by Bob Messner



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## **MEMBER PROFILE, MICKEY FINK**

A couple of weeks ago I received a call from Barry Goodhart about doing a profile of my life. I really was not excited about doing it but out of total respect for Barry and his family I decided to let the people in the club know who I am. Love You Barry.

My connection to cars began at a young age. When I was only 6 or 7 years old my father built a go cart for my brother and I and within the next year or so we also had a blue 1/4 midget. I started working at age 12 in the basket room at Antietam Pool so I always had extra money to play with and we bought a 65cc Honda at that time. When I was 15 my parents bought my brother and I, who was a year older than me, a new 66 Mustang GT for a graduation present and within a couple of months we traded it in for a brand new 1967 Corvette 427 HP fast back with side pipes. Before I was 17 my brother and



I both had speeding tickets and I was scheduled to lose my junior license for a year due to going 95 mph in a 60 mph zone. The car insurance was so high we could not afford it and had no choice but to sell the car.

I then got into buying and selling cars, went into the army, owned a motorcycle shop called Chopper Engineering and built a 1950 Harley Davidson Panhead Chopper that I ran New Jersey plates on. Also, I had a head on collision with a car on my 750 Norton Comanche motorcycle, was unconscious for over a week and almost died, and then got married a year later. The marriage only lasted 7 years but I have 3 beautiful daughters who make me very proud. Also from the time I graduated high school I worked a full time job with my parents at Fink and Fink Diaper Rental Service. I was a very busy person with a worsening drinking problem. When I was 40 years old I received a DUI and almost lost the business. It was a family business that was started by my grandmother on Chapel Terrace in East Reading in 1946.

Depression and losing the business would have meant the end of me. I lost my license for 90 days and had to hire a driver to drive while I sat along side of him telling him which way to turn as I continued to make all my daily deliveries. My weekly routes were between 500 and 600 miles and I delivered as far as Easton. At one point I had over 300 customers. As a result of the DUI, I got sober and this June 13th, 2021 I will celebrate 30 years of sobreity.

I ran the diaper service up until 1996 as a recovering alcoholic wanting to drink all the time due to having a business where I received no vacation or days off because of having a weekly pick up and delivery service. I could not even get sick because I had no back up driver. I was the truck driver, machine operator, bookkeeper, machine service and repair guy and a recovering alcoholic. I drove through every snow storm to make my deliveries sometimes driving 12 to 14 hour days. One year the Reading Eagle even did a story on me about my weekly delivery service and delivering in snow storms. When I shut down the business in 1996 due to everyone using disposable diapers, I went to a training school in Elizabethtown PA to get a class A license.

My 1st run with US Express was to California with a twin berth condo and a 55 foot trailer. The trainer was a creep and had me do just about all the driving while he watched TV. I hated it so much that I quit when we got back to Ohio. I then got a job with a local company driving gasoline tankers, played the stock market as a daily trader, lost my shirt and had to remortgage my house. In the year 2000 I met my soul mate in church while making Easter Candy, got married, and learned how to trade stocks. Due to staying sober, turning my life over to God, learning to be a daily stock market trader and marrying a supportive girl, I now have a great life, several pristine cars and a brand new 2021 Corvette C8 Z-51. That's my story and I am sticking to it.

## FOR SALE

CORVETTE PARTS: C4- wheels, rear wheel bearing, hatch gasket, cabin shade cover, 96 GM service manuals, C6 - factory exhaust, console and instrument pods - FREE. 5'x9' tilt bed utility trailer - \$150, other tools (garage and wood working). Call 610-678-8822 - moving sale.





## **MAY 10 MEETING PHOTOS**

Courtesy Harold Hoch



Scholarship winner **Robert Hamaker** with instructor **Todd Cassler**. Automotive Collision Repair Technology student at the Reading-Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center, home school is Muhlenberg High School. He will be attending the Automotive Training Center (ATC) in Exton.



Scolarship winner **Israel Gutierrez-Adame** with instructor **Zak Yankowski**. Automotive Technology student at the Reading-Muhlenberg Career and Technology Center, home school is Berks Catholic High School. He will be attending the Automotive Training Center (ATC) in Exton.



Scholarship winner **Mike Althouse** with instructor **Gayle Leinbach** (left). Automotive Technology student at the Berks Career and Technology Center East in Oley, home school is Gov. Mifflin High School. He will be attending the Universal Technical Institute (UTI) in Exton.



New member **Gary Umbenhouer** of Douglassville, owner of a 2014 Corvette



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## FISHER

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#### ASSOICIATE **SPONSORS**

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Classic Auto Mall 6180 Morgantown Rd 610-207-6100

**Hvde Villa Auto Parts** 215 Wilson St 610-929-4329

#### **INTERNET ADDRESS**

ttes.org

#### **MEETING PLACE**

Alvernia University



#### **REDNER'S** SAVE-A-TAPE

You can help SDC raise some funds by shopping at Redners. To participate, you need to have 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 Warnersville, PA 19565-9231

# EVENTS GLUB SPONOSRED

#### JUNE CLUB MEETINGS

The June 14th General Membership Meeting to be held at Shillington Park, E Broad St, Shillington, 7:00 PM. Bring your mask and a chair. The **Board of Directors** meeting will be held at Fisher on the 21st at 6:30pm

ICE CREAM RUN, JUNE 2 Fiores Grill and chill (old Ceegees) 5:30

## **ALLENTOWN SHOW, JUNE 5**

Breakfast at Crossroads 7:30, caravan at 8:30, also see flyer

## ICE CREAM RUN, JUNE 6

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## SHOW OF WHEELS CAR SHOW, JUNE 12

see flyer in this newsletter

www.skylinedrivecorve **ICE CREAM RUN, JUNE 16** September farms, Honey Brook 5:30

**CLASSIC AUTO MALL SHOW, JUNE 19** No info available

ICE CREAM RUN, JULY 1 Jen and Jessie, Oley 5:30

HAWK MTN. CLUB, JULY 3 Fleetwood Park

## YORK COUNTY SHOW, JULY10

Markets at Shrewsbury Show (yorkcorvetteclubpa.net)

### **INVETTE-TATIONAL, JULY 17** see flver

## OCEAN CITY WEEKEND, OCT 15-17

We have the new contract for the SDC group rates at the Howard Johnson Oceanfront Plaza. For members that have never attended the Free State Corvette Weekend, our hotel is right on the Boardwalk at 12th Street. The weekend includes many activities all based around our love for Corvettes. There are Car Rally's, the Corvette Show, The Parade on the Boardwalk and vendors.

The rates are as follows: Standard Room \$94+tax; Side Oceanview \$104 + tax Oceanfront \$144 + tax

Members must call 800-926-1122 to be included in our reserved block of rooms at these rates. The block will be held for our members up until September 14, 2021 but we only have 25 rooms in the block. 1st night + tax due at reservation with balance due on arrival. Cancellations can be made up to 72 hours before arrival. Questions? Call RANDY KERSCHNER 484-769-3055



# SKYLINE DRIVE CORVETTE CLUB of Reading, PA

Corvettes, Along with All Makes & Models of Cars & Trucks - Antique, Custom, Classic & Street Rods

Welcome !

Saturday July 17, 2021 Oley Fire Company Fairgrounds 26 Jefferson St. Oley PA 19547

Rain or Shine



# Registration 9am - noon Awards at 2pm

Fun, Vendors, Live Music, Food, Tricky Tray Auction, Door Prizes, 50/50, and Dash Plaques

PROCEEDS GO TO THE SDC SCHOLARSHIP FUND



SUPPORTING YOUTH THAT CONTINUE THEIR EDUCATION IN THE AUTOMOTIVE FIELD



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Make Checks Payable to: Skyline Drive Corvette Club and mail to: Craig Dever 834 Broadcasting Road, Wyomissing PA 19610 1437



#### THE 41TH ANNUAL IN-VETTE-TATIONAL CORVETTE SHOW SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021 Oley Fairgrounds We appreciate your support of our Tricky Tray Auction

Give your business great exposure! This will be a LARGE (elebration with over 300 attendees Visiters from Berks County, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia Main Chib sponsor is Bob Fisher Chevrolet Other sponsors: Stoult Auto Sales, Classic Auto Mall, Calen Hall Restaurant, Hyde Vilh Auto Parts Dona tions help us sponsor scholarships for Six students attending Berks East, Berks West, and Muhlenberg Career and Technology Centers for post secondary education in the automotive field. Items you might consider dona ting could be gift certificates, items you manufacture, company promotions or monetary support. You may arrange pick up of your donation by July 10, 2021, by calling 484-797-7451 (leave a message including your phone number), or mail your donation to Andy Stalnecker 43 Bechtel Rd Boyertown, PA 19512 Address for Checks: Skyline Drive Corvettes, Inc. PO Box 14231,

Reading, PA 19612-4231

Skyline Drive Corvette Club members also volunteer their time and talents to other local fund raisers...

Keystone Soldiers and Freedom Steps Animal Rescue League Bethany Children's Home Toys for Tots PA Breast Cancer Coalition Berks & Muhlenberg Career and Technology Centers Pagoda Fire Tower Restoration Salvation Army

Thank you for helping us in the past and to a successful show and continue to support Berks County in 2021.

Sincerely,

Andy Stahecker

In-Vette-Tational, Auction Committee Chair

One of the largest and oldest Corvette Clubs in America SDC, Box 14231, Reading, PA 19612-4231



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