



Steel Town News



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October 2025



Submitted by: [Perry Minnis](#)

From the Prez:

Hello fellow members. I want to remind everyone that we have a full indoor schedule in October starting with our cruise to Oglebay, WV. Details of the cruise appear elsewhere in this newsletter. We will follow that event with our "Movie Night" at the Strand Theater in Zelienople, PA featuring the movie "The Quest."

Also in October, we will hold our Annual Board Member Election Meeting. **Please** plan to attend and help us determine who will be "honored" to join our board for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. I may make lighthearted comments on being a board member, but I want to be serious for a moment about the responsibilities of Board Members. They are a dedicated group of outstanding members who choose to give up some of their personal time to help make our organization the very best it can be. They attend Board Meetings, they have monthly responsibilities associated with their positions, and they attend peripheral club functions, (e.g. picture taking events with many of our charities), and reading new proposals that may amend the way our club functions. They deserve our thanks and gratitude for all they do, much of it behind the scenes. **If I might be so bold, next time you see a Board Member, thank them for their dedication to the STCC.**

In November, we start the month with our participation in the annual "Veteran's Day" parade in downtown Pittsburgh. We will hold our member "Charity Auction" meeting on November 18th. We will auction off many wonderful items to raise money for "Santa's Kids" organization, one of our major charities.

December events include the annual Christmas/Awards Party at Rockefeller's Grille on December 6th. On December 16th we will hold our "OOPS"/Cookie Exchange/Ugly Sweater Meeting" at Al's Café. Please refer to the Newsletter Calendar of Events for specific dates and locations.

I want to thank Dave Seibel, our Program/Events Chair, as well as all the Members who participated in our Summer Schedule of Events and those that *will* participate in our upcoming activities. We had a full schedule of events, cruises, and shows that made for a great summer of activities. You, our members, have contributed to this successful season through your participation. We had some wonderful turnouts at all our Cruises and Member Meetings. Let's keep this momentum up for the remainder of the year!

Thank you all,

[Perry](#)

2025 STCC Calendar

October 5	Cruise – Fall Cruise to Oglebay, West Virginia	Dick O'Rourke
October 19	Movie Night: -- Strand Theater <i>"The Quest"</i> (a Corvette Movie 7:00 pm)	Dave Oreski
October 21	Member Meeting: – Monte Cellos, Ross Township – <i>Election Night</i>	Dave & Carol Seibel
November 8	Veteran's Day Parade - Pittsburgh	Paula Lewis
November 18	Member Meeting: – Al's Café / Charity Auction	Perry Minnis
December 6	Christmas/Awards Banquet – Rockefeller's Grille, McKees Rocks	Rick & Marion Tartaglione
December 16	Member Meeting: – Al's Café -- Cookie Exchange/Ugly Sweater/OOPS Award	Chris Fiedler

Remember to read THIS schedule thoroughly each month for additional events!

If you have an idea for an additional Event/Cruise throughout the year, please contact Dave Seibel at contact@steeltowncorvetteclub.com.



Steel Town Corvette Club 45th Annual *All-Chevy Show – Sunday, July 26, 2026*

Next year's event will be held outdoors at the
Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department
 370 Commercial Street, Bridgeville, PA 15017
 One mile off I-79 at the Bridgeville Exit 54 or
 Heidelberg/Collier Exit 55

Sponsored by Colussy Chevrolet
*Celebrating 107 years as the oldest family-owned Chevrolet Dealer
 in the country!*

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the
Date*

Special Celebrations:

October Birthdays

6 – Judy Alvarez
7 – Richard Little
11 – Becky Baker
13 – Paula Fielder.
15 – Larry Lang
18 – Janet Greenberg
19 – Don Lindich
21 – Ruth Benson
21 – Frank Malara
22 – Wayne Anderson
23 – Tracie Degnan
23 – Scott Malone
25 – Lee Marks
25 – Joe Berrick

October Birthdays (continued)

25 – David Langbein
25 – Susie Nardoizzi
26 – Bill Childers
27 -- Randy Materewicz
29 – Rick Conwel

October Anniversaries

1 – Jim & Irene Rozum
4 – Butch & Joanne Kowiatek
5 – Jim & Sue Kroner
14 – David & Martha Bobeck
18 – George & Lory Husar
19 – David & Carol Seibel
25 – Frank & Sara Malara
25 – John & Loriann Putzier



STCC Welcomes New Members



John & Joanne Caton John and Joanne are owners of a C6 Black Convertible. They live in the Gibsonia area.

Jim & Irene Rozum Jim and Irene are owners of a 2014 White Corvette Stingray LT2. They live in the Imperial area.

Frederick Talak & Miffy Morgan Frederick and Miffy are owners of a 2016 Red Corvette Stingray. They live in the Cecil area.

We warmly welcome John & Joanne, Jim & Irene, and Frederick & Miffy to our STCC Corvette Family.

By [Mick Yarina](#), Points Chairperson

What are points and how do you earn them? The Point System is designed to acknowledge the members who have been most active in supporting our Club. The point system is rather straightforward, rewarding those who show the most Club enthusiasm and those who are involved in making the Club a success. The Club year runs from November 1st to October 31st. The Board of Directors assigns point values for various levels of participation in the club during that period. Members can even earn points when they receive awards at car shows. Board members (including alternates) and their spouses are excluded from point's awards. Since the members who have earned the most points are honored at the annual Awards Banquet Christmas party, there will not be a Tally this month of the points leaders.



Courtesy: TorqueNews.com

Fall Cruise to Oglebay, West Virginia

Sunday -- October 5th, 2025

Submitted By: [Dave Seibel](#)



Oglebay Park Glass Museum



The Palace of Gold



Generations Restaurant/Pub

The last cruise of the season will be held on Sunday -- October 5th, 2025. ALL members will meet at the Bridgeville Rest Stop on Route 79 South at 8:30 am and leave at 9:00 am to cruise to Oglebay Park Glass Museum. We will arrive at 10:00 am when the Museum opens to watch an Artisan blow glass into Christmas Ornaments and Paper Weights. To tour the Museum, the cost is \$12.00 per each member. ***Oglebay Park Glass Museum is located at 465 Lodge Drive, Wheeling, West Virginia 26003.***

We will leave at 11:30 am to go to The Palace of Gold. We will arrive at 12:00 pm to tour the facility and grounds. To tour the Palace, the cost is \$12.00 per each member. ***The Palace of Gold is located at 3759 McCreary's Ridge Road, Moundsville, West Virginia 26041.***

We will leave at 1:30 pm to drive to Generations Restaurant and Pub for a late lunch/early dinner. ***Generations is located at 338 National Road, Wheeling, West Virginia 26003 (304) 232-7917.***

There will be a sign-up sheet at September's Meeting. This a rain or shine cruise. If it rains, bring your daily driver OR your Corvette. *There is NO Steeler Football on this date, so everyone can attend.* Thanks in advance for your participation in this and ALL the cruises this year.

Hosted by Dick O'Rourke.



Note: When we leave the Bridgeville Rest Stop, we will be participating in a scavenger hunt! We will be looking for signs, landmarks, and all sorts of things along the way to Oglebay. So, keep your eyes open and you may win a prize – which will be given out at Generations.



Italian Sons and Daughters of America
Western PA District
Pittsburgh Columbus Day Parade



Dear Friend of the Columbus Day Parade,

It's time to start planning for the 38th Annual Columbus Day Parade. We need your support. The parade is completely funded by the support of our sponsors and donors. Each year, we strive to provide the Pittsburgh region with one of its best parades, and we remain one of the only a handful of cities in the United States that hosts this annual event. We want to continue this proud tradition, and we are asking you for your support.

The Parade will be held on Saturday, October 11th, 2025, at 11:00 am along Liberty Avenue in the City's "Little Italy" neighborhood in Bloomfield.

This year we will honor Anthony Accamando, Jr. as our 2025 Grand Marshal. We invite you and members of your organization or business to participate in the parade by marching or riding along with us.

Staging the Columbus Day Parade requires oversight and hard work from our parade committee and dozens of volunteers. In addition to the manpower, a successful parade requires planning and financing. Your donation will support funding the bands, performers, floats, equipment rental, insurance permits, and city services that are needed to make this a wonderful multi-cultural event.

Attached is the Sponsorship Information and a Participation Form. Please complete the form and mail to ISDA. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. Hope to see you on October 11th!

Thank You,

Ed Manfredi

Pete Machi

Steven Massaro

Parade Chairman

"The Huckster"

Massaro

Construction Group

Mark Machi

Tony Ferraro

And the entire Columbus Day Parade Committee

NOTE: See above information for the Columbus Day Parade on Oct 11th, 2025. If you are interested in participating let George Coppola know at contact@steeltowncorvetteclub.com. More information will be provided at a later date.

Steel Town Corvette Club Movie Night

“The Quest”

Submitted By [Dave Oreski](#)



Steel Town Corvette Club is presenting a Movie Night on Sunday night, October 19th, 2025, starting at 7:00 pm at the historic *Strand Theater*, 119 North Main Street, Zelienople, PA 16063. The Strand Theater, one of the oldest theaters in Pennsylvania, was built in 1914, featuring silent films as well as Vaudeville-style shows on its small stage. After a long run of plays, movies, and musicals the Strand closed in the mid-1980s and sat abandoned for over 20 years. In 2001, the Strand Theater Initiative was formed in hopes of saving the structure. By 2006, enough funds were collected to start the renovation process. In June 2007, work began on the interior of the theater. A

complete rebuilding of the structure began in March 2008. The theater re-opened in July 2009. It is now an acclaimed venue for theatrical performances.

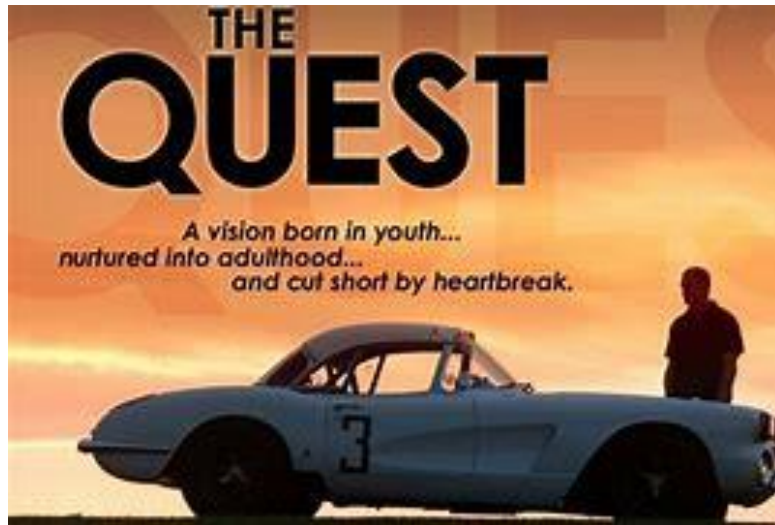
The featured movie is “*The Quest*”, a must-see movie for all Corvette enthusiasts. “*The Quest*” chronicles the beginnings of Corvette Racing at the famous 24 Hours of Le Mans Endurance Race in France. Corvettes first appeared there in June of 1960. The film re-caps that historic race and what happened to both the Corvettes and their drivers. Following the race, all four Corvettes were lost for decades. Collectors, restorers, and enthusiasts came to recognize the historical significance of these cars and comprehensive search efforts were put into place. Three of the four 1960 Le Mans Corvettes were eventually located. “Corvettes at Carlisle” promoters Lance and Chip Miller set a personal goal of finding the last missing Corvette -- the 1960 class-winning #3 Corvette -- acquiring it and restoring it. The goal was to return it to Le Mans with one of the original drivers, legendary racer John Fitch, to mark the 50th anniversary of the car’s win. “*The Quest*” reveals a series of intermingled stories that all feed into the emotional tale of a son doing what he felt compelled to do in honoring his father’s wish. Told by many of the people directly involved, “*The Quest*” uses archival materials to weave a story never told in its entirety...until now.



Tickets, **\$10.00 per person**, are available from Steel Town Corvette Club, c/o David Oreski, 235 Spang Road, Baden, PA 15005. Checks should be made out to “Steel Town Corvette Club”. All tickets are advance sale. *No tickets sold at the Strand Theater*. See the [event flyer](#) for additional ticket ordering information.

Steel Town Corvette Club Presents

Submitted By: [Dave Oreski](#)



Four Corvettes raced at the 1960 24 Hours of Le Mans Endurance Race but the whereabouts of only three were known. Many decades later, Lance and Chip Miller of “Corvettes at Carlisle” decided to find the class winning #3 1960 Corvette and restore it to as raced condition. Depending on their success at finding and restoring the #3 Corvette, their ultimate plan was to return to Le Mans for the 50th anniversary of the #3 Corvette’s historic victory with the car and one of the original drivers of the car.

“*The Quest*” is a riveting story told by those who experienced it all firsthand.

7:00 pm – Sunday, October 19th, 2025

The Strand Theater, 119 North Main Street, Zelienople, PA 16063

Limited number of tickets: **\$10.00** in advance. **No** tickets sold at the theater.

Ticket order forms *must be* received by September 30th, 2025

Make checks payable to “*Steel Town Corvette Club*”. Mail check and order form to: Steel Town Corvette Club, c/o David Oreski, 235 Spang Road, Baden, PA 15005

Information: David Oreski (412) 427-3375 E-mail: contact@steeltowncorvetteclub.com

Name: _____ # of tickets _____

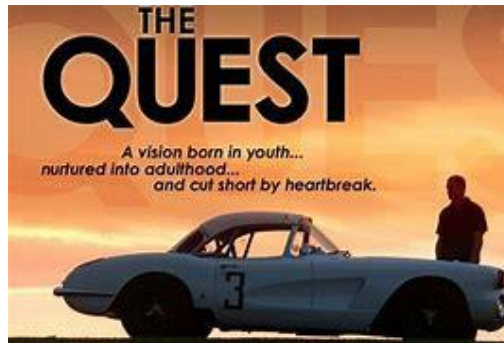
Address: _____ @ \$10.00 ea.= _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Corvette Club: _____

Steel Town Corvette Club Presents

Submitted By: *Dave Oreski*



If you are planning to attend Steel Town Corvette Club's Movie Night, Sunday evening, October 19 at the Strand Theater, 119 North Main Street, Zelienople featuring "The Quest", following is some useful information to insure you have a wonderful experience.

RESTAURANTS



Della Terra

100 North Main St.

(724) 473-0630



Good Fellas Pizza & Pasta

124 North Main St.

(724) 473-0446



Shu Brew Ales & Food

205 North Main St.

(724) 766-4426



Kaufman Tavern

105 South Main St.

(724) 452-8900

Free parking is available at the Town Center Municipal Lot located behind the Kaufman Tavern. Enter from South Clay St.

Also, plenty of on-street parking is available.

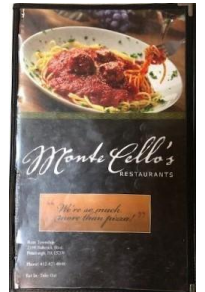
The Strand Theater opens its doors at 6:30 pm for open seating. The movie "The Quest" begins at 7:00 pm. **NO** tickets sold at the door.

The Concession Stand will be open featuring popcorn, chips, candy, water, soft drinks, and adult beverages.

Any questions or for additional information contact David Oreski at (412) 427-3375. Please **do not** contact the Strand Theater as Steel Town Corvette Club is producing this event.

October 21st, 2025 -- Member Meeting Monte Cello's Restaurant and Lounge

Submitted By: *Dave Seiblei*



Monte Cello's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria

2198 Babcock Boulevard

Ross Township, PA 15209

412-821-0600



The Board of Directors are calling on **ALL** members to attend the October 21st, 2025 meeting for the Elections of a few Board of Directors members that terms are expiring the end of the year. We will meet at Monte Cello's Restaurant and Lounge located at 2198 Babcock Boulevard, Ross Township, 412-821-0600, for a delicious Italian dinner and drinks from the full menu.

Dinner will be from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm followed by a short meeting; then the voting will begin to fill the positions to complete the Board of Directors.

Please call me and leave a message or text me at 412-956-6211 by October 16th, so I can inform the restaurant the number of members attending. I will text you back that I received your message or text to *confirm* I received it.

Thanks to **ALL** members attending this very important meeting. We, the Board, need **ALL** member's input to keep this club very successful.

Thank You,

Dave and Carik Seibel



Steel Town Corvette Club *Cordially invites you to our*

Annual Christmas Party & Awards Banquet

Saturday 12/6/2025 6 P.M. to 11 P.M.

Where: **Rockefeller's Grill Banquet Hall in Kennedy Square**
1833 McKees Rocks Road 412-403-3317
McKees Rocks, PA 15136

Please **submit check and submission slip** below by **11/15/2024**

to Marian and Rick Tartaglione at a meeting or Mail to: 107 Doray Drive, Pgh, PA 15237

Details:

Cocktail hour 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Dinner Buffet Served at 7 p.m.

Mixed Greens Salad & Freshly baked rolls served at the table,

Buffet features:

Chicken Romano, Baked Scrod, Beef Tenderloin with mushrooms in au jus,

Green Beans Almandine, Baked Penne.

Included freshly brewed coffee/decaf/assorted teas, freshly brewed iced tea and fountain drinks,

Cash Bar featuring Top Shelf liquor/Wine and Beer

Dancing with DJ Rick Wirth following Awards Presentation

Door Prizes *** Favors**

Price: \$25 per person or \$20 per person if paid by 10/10/2025

(no exceptions)

clip below and return with your check **payable to STCC**

Payment Must be received no later than 11/15

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Name(s) of Guests

Amount paid/Cash or Check #

Date

Please print and return form with check or cash.

20th Annual Ohio Corvette Club Alliance Corvette Gathering/Hugh White Chevrolet Lancaster, Ohio – September 7th, 2025

Submitted By **Perry Minnis**

On Saturday, September 6th, Mike Stephan led Three Rivers Corvette Club (TRCC) and Steel Town Corvette Club to the Ohio Alliance Corvette show in Lancaster, OH. STCC and TRCC have, for many years, supported the Ohio Corvette Alliance gathering of Corvettes held in Lancaster, OH. This year's show was held on September 7th, 2025. Hundreds of Corvettes lined Main Street in Historic Downtown Lancaster for the annual Corvette Gathering. The show is presented by the Ohio Corvette Club Alliance which is comprised of many Ohio Corvette clubs (i.e., Cleveland, Lancaster, Akron, etc.). Participants get to view hundreds of Corvettes, shop automotive vendors, food trucks, stop in downtown restaurants and shops, and much more. Free admission for spectators, door prizes, silent auctions, music, food, and lots more.

STCC has partnered with Three Rivers Corvette Club (TRCC) on this cruise from Pittsburgh to Lancaster, Ohio. At the request of some of the participants, Mike planned a wonderful cruise through some less traveled local routes and small towns to reach Lancaster. The STCC participants were Perry & Gail Minnis, Bill Englert, Bill Childers, Eli & Beverly Zorich, George & Lory Husar, Nick and Joan Krizmanich and Dave Oreski and Karen Buell.

We arrived at Hugh White's Chevrolet dealership in Lancaster at roughly 11:30 where a prepared luncheon, sponsored by the Lancaster Corvette Club, was available to all the show participants.

The majority of the STCC participants chose to have lunch at the local Red Lobster restaurant instead. After lunch, some of us visited the Olde Shoe Factory Antique Mall, a three-story facility with numerous displays of antiques and collectible items.

Upon leaving the mall, we checked into the Holiday Inn Express, the host hotel for the Ohio Alliance show. At 6:00 pm, we met many other show participants in the hotel's dining area for an evening Wine and Cheese Party. This is an annual event sponsored by the Alliance. We were able to meet and talk with many other car club members, most of whom were members of the many Ohio Corvette clubs who form the Ohio Alliance. After the party some of the STCC members met for dinner at the Texas Road House restaurant near the hotel.

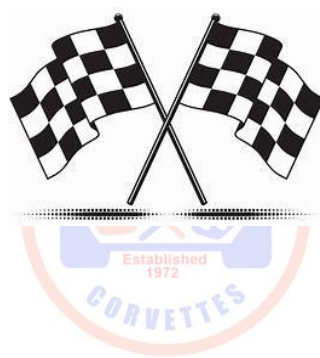
On Sunday, we all met at 8:00 am and cruised to the show together. The weather couldn't have been better. It was sunny, no rain and temperatures in the low 70's. Arriving early allowed us to park our cars in our normal spot, by the Provisions Bakery & Deli. This put us in a very visible location at the show and gave us easy access to the restaurant and to the rest room facilities across the street from the Glass Museum.

Lancaster's entire Main Street is closed for the show. The approximately 400+ Corvettes that entered the show were parked the entire length of Main Street and on most of the side streets. This was accomplished by having the majority of the participants back in on both sides of the street. I was again allowed to park parallel to the curb thus giving the Vetmobile full visibility to show visitors. I estimate 100 children had their picture taken with Batman sitting in the driver's seat while standing next to the Vetmobile. I continued our past practice of giving each child who had their picture taken a Hot Wheel Corvette as a gift. Thanks to Eli, George, and Nick for helping.

All in all, it was a great ride with great weather, lots of super cars to see, plenty of places to shop, and good places to grab a bite to eat. This trip is one I look forward to each year and I would encourage you to join us in this fun event.

Perry

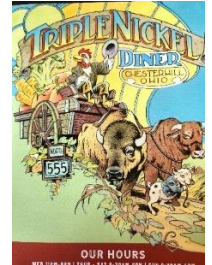




Saturday, September 13th, 2025

Triple Nickle (RT 555) Cruise

Submitted By: [Gary Degnam](#)



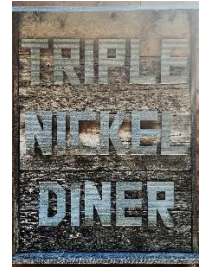
On Saturday, September 13th, 17 cars headed out from Bridgeville to Zanesville, Ohio to start the third annual Triple Nickel Cruise. After a spirited ride on Route 70 W, we did a pitstop and gas up at Sheetz in Zanesville, Ohio, which is the start of the 555. Mother nature blessed us with a beautiful sunny day to cruise down the Triple Nickel, arriving at the Triple Nickel Diner for a great homemade lunch outside under a gazebo. After lunch, the drive back up, the Triple Nickel was smooth, and everyone made it back to Pittsburgh safe and sound.

I am glad to see this cruise *is* growing and can't wait until next year when we have even a bigger group, cruising the Triple 555....

Be safe

Gary Degnam contact@steeltowncorvetteclub.com -- 2017GSZ07







Member Meeting Changed to Al's Cafe September 16th, 2025



Submitted By: *Stu Benson*



AL'S CAFÉ
440 McMURRAY ROAD
BETHEL PARK, PA
412-833-4099



On Tuesday, September 16th, 2025, Steel Town Corvette Club had its monthly Member Meeting at Al's Café in Bethel Park, PA. Not only did we have a passel of Corvettes come which populated the parking lot with gorgeous cars but at least fifty-eight members and guests attended and enjoyed the hospitality of Al's Café.

Al's allowed us to order off the full menu, pay individual checks, had ample parking, and no deposit or "minimum" was required. All these things have become more difficult to arrange at various establishments which:

- ◆ they have increasingly required limited menus or a buffet,
- ◆ a minimum charge incurred as a guarantee (which the club cannot do for regular monthly meetings),
- ◆ refusal to do individual checks but wanting to just provide one bill for the organization or host to pay,
- ◆ many facilities do not have ample-enough parking for our Corvettes (which we require not only a space for the car, but enough space so doors may be opened without "dinging" against the car next to them).

President Perry Minnis and Activities Director Dave Seibel had several announcements regarding activities recently undertaken and ones coming up (all of which are reported separately in this newsletter and not duplicated here) as well as Treasurer Frank Holby providing a Treasurer's report and President Perry providing a comparison to our financial status one year ago. Due to the rain on the day of the All-Chevy Show, we did not enjoy the full number of "drive in cars" that had not pre-registered such that while the show was successful, we could not recoup the funds lost from those "absent" cars and the people in them that would have purchased any of the various types of raffle tickets that help make the show fully financially successful. As a result, Perry shared that the Board of Directors will be meeting to have to scrutinize and adjust charitable donations this year since we cannot give what we do not have.

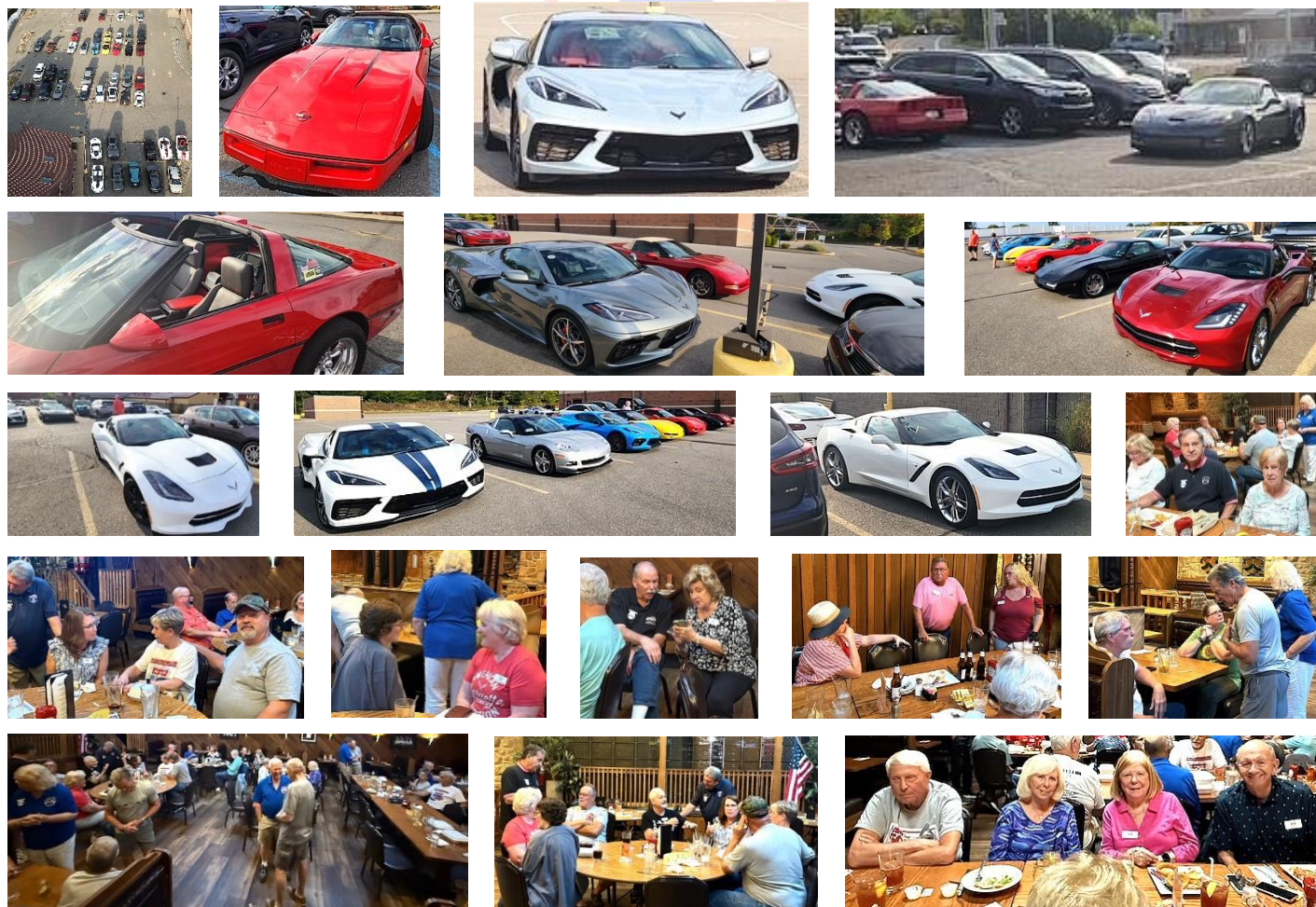
Al's Café did a great job in taking orders and getting the food out to us in a fashion that no one felt left out or ignored in terms of speedy service. Stu Benson helped organize the meeting (with the assistance of Dave Seibel, due to having to move the meeting a little over a month away due to new financial requirements we could not meet at the originally scheduled venue) and appreciated the members contacting him to pre-register. Indeed, perhaps for the first time in our STCC history, we had no "walk in" member(s) since everyone in attendance did pre-register. While we had several no-shows from those who did pre-register, there must have been valid reasons for those few. While Stu learned of a few reasons of non-attendance from others who conveyed messages to Stu at the meeting (e.g. the other person was ill), this is a reminder that if anyone pre-registers and finds even at the last minute that they cannot attend, please call or text the host to let them know so we can inform the restaurant of "our number" even when we are there and even if extra place settings are already set out. This lets the restaurant know not to keep wait staff there to have to attend to maybe ten more members who had said they would be coming. Just pretend it is your party event and you would want to know such things.

STCC purchased two gift certificates for Al's Café and special raffle tickets were provided to the members in attendance that had pre-registered. This is now the protocol for STCC member meetings and it is obviously resulting in success in getting pre-registration. But, if you cannot attend and you registered, remember to let the host know since STCC does not want to penalize pre-registrants who find they cannot later attend since we all have things that "come up in life" that alter plans at the last minutes: health, family, work, and other issues. We also enjoyed the monthly celebration of STCC birthdays with cake provided gratis to all in attendance.

Stu Benson is giving consideration to again be a host for a member meeting in 2026 and doing a September meeting at the Middle Road Inn in Glenshaw, PA since that facility currently meets all our criteria. While getting there would involve some rush hour traffic for those coming from the South, it could be arranged as a cruise with some back roads to minimize the congestion. This year, however, construction was ongoing at the Veteran's Bridge that affected ramps to Route 28 and no access from Route 28 to the bridge at the time of the meeting planning and he felt this resulted in the Middle Road Inn being an unsatisfactory destination because of those needing to go home to South of the city.

Let Stu Benson know your thoughts in coming months about using this venue for 2026 and if it can work for those from the south, we can book it early in 2026. We had a meeting or two at the Middle Road Inn some years back and we got a private room downstairs and it went well. The restaurant – a family-owned and operated establishment - remains a nice destination and if you want to go to dinner some night or even just have an afternoon tip 'o the cup. Check it out - has good food, fair prices, and a nice selection of libations.

The 50/50 was won by Randy Baker and the winners of the 2 Al's Gift Certificates were Suzie Young and Nick Krizmanich.





STCC Pizza in the Park / Club Picnic September 21st -- Scott Township Park Lodge

Submitted By: [Perry Minnis](#)

Well, we had another wonderful day for the STCC combined STCC Pizza in the Park/Club Picnic event. The combined event was held at the Lodge in Scott Township Park on Sunday, September 21st. We couldn't have chosen a better venue on a warm sunny day. The air-conditioned Lodge provided a wonderful venue for 45 members, some "oldies but goodies" and some "newbies", to get together, enjoy pizza from Beez Bistro and the many side dishes and desserts brought by those in attendance. There were so many desserts, it was hard to choose what to grab first (so, of course, some of us tried them all).

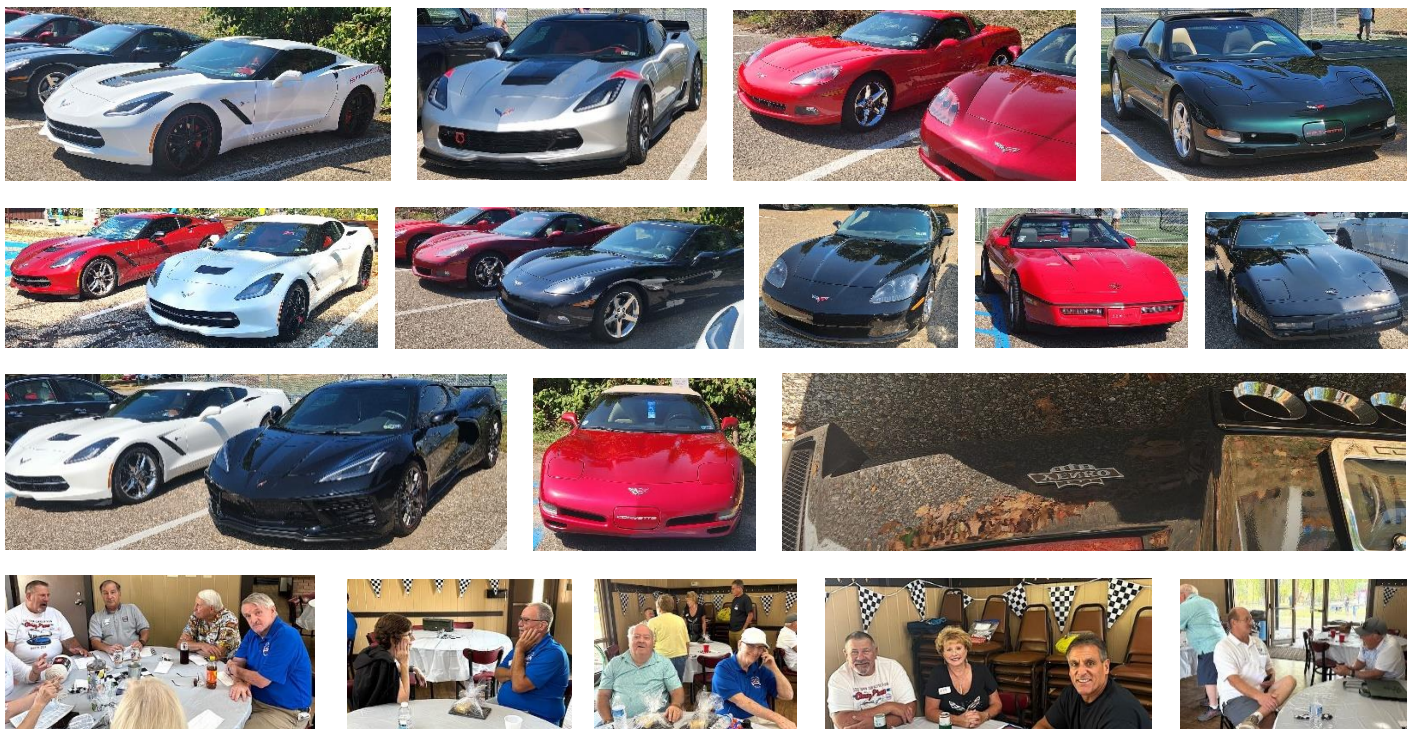
Prior to everyone's arrival, Gail Minnis, Eli Zorich, and yours truly spent the morning preparing the Lodge for the party. Tables were decorated including a Charcuterie Board center piece that were made by one of Perry's daughters. Corvette models adorned the large Fireplace Mantel and Racing Flags were hung around the perimeter of the room. Chris Fiedler put the final touch on the decorations by putting up our STCC banner just outside the door to the Lodge.

I want to thank Gail Minnis for coordinating the entire event. She did all the shopping, purchasing tablecloths, plates, forks, knives & spoons and made sure there were plenty of snacks at each table and still managed to bring a variety of four dozen homemade cookies for dessert!

Gail also placed games at each table. The participants at each table played the game until there was a winner at each table. The winner was then given the Charcuterie Board center piece as their prize. Mick Yarina made sure there were a large variety of pizzas from BEEZ Bistro

The weather co-operated, providing us with a beautiful sunny day. A good time was hopefully had by all. I want to extend a big *THANK YOU* to all the members who not only attended the event, but who brought all the great salads and desserts. The comraderie was at an all-time high. What a super bunch of people and just another reason to feel proud about being an STCC member.

We are looking forward to next year's picnic and hope to have it at this same facility, hopefully more members can make it next year and enjoy this event.





Quaker Steak & Lube September 21st – 40th Anniversary Corvette Show

Submitted By: [Paula Lewis & Lory Husar](#)

Due to the threat of inclement weather for the Annual Quaker Steak & Lube Corvette Show normally held in late April, the 2025 show was postponed. Shenango Valley Corvette Club rescheduled the show for Sunday, September 21st. Unfortunately for STCC, the show fell on the same day as our annual Picnic in the Park. Although the club did not make the annual caravan to the show this year, two members did cruise together to attend. The weather was warm and sunny with a great showing of Corvettes for their 40th Anniversary.





Salute to All STCC Members Who Have Served in the Military

Requested By [Lory Husar](#)



STCC Members

STCC is planning a salute to **all** members who have served in the Military. We want to Honor ALL Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force and Coast Guard Veterans in an upcoming Newsletter. Please submit a Photo in Military uniform, *if available*, and dates with Branch of Service to our newsletter editor, Lory Husar, for inclusion in a **future** STCC Newsletter, contact@steeltowncorvetteclub.com.

Thank You,
Lory Husar



Why Some States Don't Require Front License Plates

Submitted by: [Eli Zorich](#)

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Like most things in life, the reason some states no longer require front license plates starts with money: It's less expensive for states — and drivers — to deal with a single plate instead of two. Of course, there are some exceptions to this motivation. Pennsylvania, for one, temporarily required just one plate in 1944 to save metal during World War II, and it went back to the single-plate system in 1952 for the same purpose during the Korean War. And the Keystone State has kept things that way ever since, though State Sen. Katie Muth was working to change that as of mid-2025.

Beyond financial considerations, there's the matter of maintaining a vehicle's design integrity. The short story is that a lot of people just don't like the way cars look with metal license plates sticking out like a sore thumb on their stylish front bumpers. It's further worth noting that manufacturing twice the number of plates has a non-trivial negative impact on the environment.



Safety can be a concern as well, especially due to the increased availability of advanced driver assistance systems. Features like forward collision warning, adaptive cruise control, automatic emergency braking, and more require front-facing sensors that need to be unobscured by license plates to work properly. That tech can be difficult and expensive to repair, too.

Front license plates help with law enforcement and plate-reading



Front license plates can play an important role in law enforcement, and that's one of the top reasons that many states continue to require them on both the front and back of vehicles. The obvious benefit is that the front plate gives officers another opportunity to get the exact number and year right. It works the same way for witnesses and victims — they may get only one view of a vehicle involved in criminal activity. And if they only see the front when a license plate is only on the rear, they may not be able to read and identify it.

You know who else likes to get two chances to look at your license plate? Plate-reading companies that use the images for things like tolls, camera-based speed traps, and seeking partnerships with dashcam companies. So, if a vehicle only has a rear plate and that gets missed by a camera, the state could be missing out on some significant revenue sources.

It's also worth touching on the new wave of digital license plates, which are now legal in states like Arizona, California, Michigan, and Texas. Currently, they're only allowed on rear bumpers for reasons having to do with the technology. So, if you're in a state that requires two plates and allows digital ones, such as California or Texas, you'll be riding with a metal (or sticker-style) front plate and a digital one in the back.

Exactly which states require front license plates

We'll finally get down to brass tacks here and report on which states require which plates. Please remember, though, that state requirements can always change — and in both directions. While one Pennsylvania lawmaker wants to bring back front plates, folks in Virginia are trying to get rid of them (and trying to force reckless drivers to install speed limiters).

With that said, **Washington, D.C., along with 29 states, require cars to display license plates mounted at both the front and rear:**

That, in turn, leaves 21 states that currently only require rear license plates:

Both the Front and Rear	Rear Only
♦ California	♦ Alabama
♦ Colorado	♦ Arizona
♦ Hawaii	♦ Alaska
♦ Idaho	♦ Arkansas
♦ Illinois	♦ Delaware
♦ Iowa	♦ Florida
♦ Maine	♦ Georgia
♦ Maryland	♦ Indiana
♦ Massachusetts	♦ Kansas
♦ Minnesota	♦ Kentucky
♦ Missouri	♦ Louisiana
♦ Montana	♦ Michigan
♦ Nebraska	♦ Mississippi
♦ Nevada	♦ New Mexico
♦ New Hampshire	♦ North Carolina
♦ New Jersey	♦ Ohio
♦ New York	♦ Oklahoma
♦ North Dakota	♦ Pennsylvania
♦ Oregon	♦ South Carolina
♦ Rhode Island	♦ Tennessee
♦ South Dakota	♦ West Virginia
♦ Texas	
♦ Utah	
♦ Vermont	
♦ Virginia	
♦ Washington	
♦ Wisconsin	
♦ Wyoming	



C8 Corvette Z06, ZR1 Refueling Fire Risk Fix Should Be Ready Soon!

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By [Brett Foote](#) - September 16, 2025

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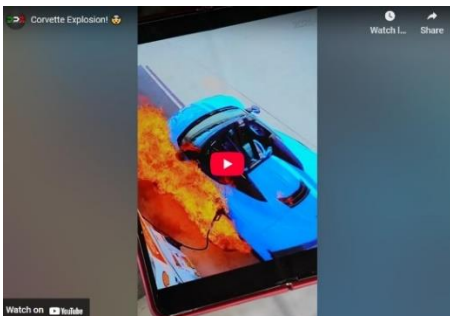
General Motors recently **issued a stop-sale and voluntary recall** for the C8 Corvette Z06 and ZR1 after discovering that those models – which are equipped with a left-side radiator/fan combination – were experiencing a “refueling fire risk,” which could occur if excess fuel spills into the fuel-filler pocket during refueling and leaks onto an ignition source. This action came as photos of fire-damaged Corvettes were circulating on social media and **on CorvetteForum**, causing a bit of a frenzy, which coincidentally is also what **prompted GM to look into this matter** in the first place.

GM ultimately determined that a total of 23,656 2023-26 Corvette Z06 and 2025-26 Corvette ZR1 models were impacted by the refueling fire risk issue, which were produced between May 11, 2022, all the way up to August 14, 2025. The recall and stop-sale don't apply to the North American **Stingray** or **E-Ray**, as the former doesn't have a left-side radiator/fan combo, while the latter hybrid Corvette utilizes a different type of cooling system that isn't impacted by this particular issue.

After conducting some extensive testing, GM came up with a fix for this particular issue – it will instruct dealers to install a shield designed to divert spilled fuel away from hot ignition sources. Trouble is, we've been waiting weeks for this remedy to arrive, leaving C8 Corvette Z06 and ZR1 owners forced to follow a few important steps when refueling their vehicles. Now, however, it seems as if we're getting close to that repair's arrival.

[MidEngineCorvetteForum.com](#) recently reached out to GM and were able to obtain a statement from the automaker on this matter, which gives us hope that this particular recall fix is close. “GM has developed the recall remedy (an insert/shield to divert spilled fuel) and is working to quickly source production and deliver it to dealers,” the automaker said. “When parts are available, GM will inform affected vehicle owners of remedy availability and encourage them to make appointments with their local dealerships. In the meantime, vehicle owners can visit [gm.com/service](#) (<https://experience.gm.com/ownercenter/recalls?vin=>) and enter their Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) for recall information.”

It's worth noting that GM had to develop and test this fix before rolling it out, which is what's taking a little time – after which it has to produce enough of the shields to take care of all impacted models, which total over 20,000 units, as previously mentioned. Soon, those parts will be available, and dealers can install them not only on customer cars, but also, vehicles that are already in stock and are part of the stop-sale.



To watch the video of: “Corvette Explosion”: (approximately 0:27 seconds long).

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In the meantime, GM has instructed owners to follow a few key steps to mitigate any potential refueling fire risk:

- Follow all owner's manual refueling instructions.
- Keep an eye out for fuel pumps that may be faulty or broken.
- Make sure the fuel nozzle is fully inserted into the vehicle's fuel pipe.
- Don't keep trying to top it off (stop at the first click), and don't overfill your tank.

9/17/2025 UPDATE: Yesterday, we embedded a video by Corvette salesman and YouTuber **Rick Conti** that claimed to give an early look at Chevy's fix for the recall. Mr. Conti also claimed that vehicles on the production line were being fixed. GM's PR department just called CorvetteForum to let us know that **the images Mr. Conti shared are NOT the recall shield**. Instead, they're actually just standard brackets that you'll find on every C8 Corvette ZR1. Mr. Conti has removed his video from YouTube and GM is working with him on making some sort of retraction.

2026 Corvette E-Rays, Z06s and ZR1s Are Being Invoiced and Scheduled to Ship to Dealers

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By [Keith Cornett](#) -Sep 20, 2025

Chevrolet started the [2026 model year](#) on July 30th and now nearly two months later, the first 2026 E-Rays, Z06s and ZR1s produced have finally been invoiced and will begin shipping to dealers.

That's the word we got Saturday morning from a Chevrolet dealer and that means those 2026 Z06s and ZR1s leaving the factory have already been fitted with their spilled fuel diverter that is the remedy for the [Stop Sale Order](#) that was issued on August 21st.

Since the model year changeover at the end of July, the Stingray has been the top produced model with Roger Kiel's C8 Production tracker showing a total of 3,115 Stingrays already built for 2026. The Chevrolet live inventory tracker shows there are 1,585 new 2026 Stingrays that are currently available at dealerships across the country.

In addition to those Stingrays, there have been 1,242 Z06s produced, followed by 189 E-Rays and 185 ZR1s. None of these models are showing up yet on the Chevrolet Live Inventory Tracker.

We assume that will probably change by Monday with the new 2026 inventory showing up on the Chevrolet Live Inventory tracker as those cars are loaded and shipped from the Bowling Green Assembly Plant.

We still don't know why the E-Rays were held for so long, as they were not part of the Stop Sale Order or Recall over the same risk of fire that paused sale of the other two C8 widebodies. It would be interesting to know if Chevy intentionally kept the production levels down during these last two months, and we'll see for ourselves if the daily production numbers begin creeping back up to the 15-25 units per day which is where they were at the end of the 2025 model year.

Hands-On with the 1965 See-Thru Corvette Sting Ray!

Submitted by: [Lory Husar](#)



By [Joe Kucinski](#) - September 16, 2025

This 1965 See-Thru Corvette is not only street-legal and drivable, but home to a rare engine used by Zora Arkus-Duntov himself!



We have written quite a bit lately about Corvette paint colors. We covered the full selection of paint [colors offered on specific generations](#). And we have listed what we felt were some of the [best and worst colors of all time](#). But what do you say about a Corvette that has no color? That is the dilemma we faced after recently spotting the 1965 See-Thru Corvette Sting Ray at the [2025 Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance](#). Sure, this car has a few specks of green here and there, but there are basically no body panels to paint. Well, what you say about a car like this is “wow!”

In 1985, **Kevin Mackay** opened Corvette Repair in Valley Stream, New York. Mackay is a certified Corvette fanatic. Over the years, he and his team have restored some of the most iconic Corvettes ever created. He wrote a book called *The Corvette Hunter*, and the forward for that book was written by baseball legend and car collector, **Reggie Jackson**. In that book forward, Jackson refers to Mackay as the “Mr. October of Corvettes.” Among the many incredible Corvette projects, the three see-through Corvettes he built might be the most unique.

Three See-Thru Corvettes

The Corvette at the Radnor show was a 1965 Sting Ray. We will discuss it in more detail in a moment. But it's worth mentioning that Mackay built two other see-thru Corvettes. One is a 1953 Corvette that rides on chassis number 3. The other is a 1969 Corvette with a rare factory L88 engine under the hood. Mackay built these cars because he wanted to showcase what his team was capable of doing. And because he wanted his projects to stand out.

Mission accomplished.



1965 Sting Ray with Smuggled Engine



This car is powered by the first 427 heavy-duty Mark IV engine. Literally.

Here's the backstory. **Zora Duntov** wanted to use the 427 Mark IV to race in Sebring in 1965. At the time, there was a corporate ban on racing, so Duntov smuggled the engine out of the experimental department at Chevrolet Engineering and had it installed in a 396 Corvette convertible. The car was shipped to a Chevrolet dealer in Texas, where the 427 was removed and installed in a Corvette Grand Sport Coupe. During testing, the Grand Sport clocked 180 mph on the back straight at Sebring.

That very engine is now in this see-thru Corvette.

It Drives

Building a Corvette like this for display purposes would be impressive enough. But this car is actually drivable. Although it's probably not something you want to road trip across the country. But it is street-legal and can be driven around as needed.

What an incredible machine. The rear glass appears to be levitating. The road beneath you is visible thanks to the clear floor. And the longer you look at it, the more special details you find.



One of One

This is not a Corvette that you see every day, and there is not another one in the world. It was not announced as a featured car at the Radnor Hunt Concours d'Elegance, so it caught all of us by surprise. In a show that was jam-packed with rare, wonderful, and valuable cars, this 1965 See-Thru Corvette Sting Ray was an unexpected standout.



What's Dangling from Your Rearview Mirror Could Get You Pulled Over

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Ever dreamt of a red fuel-injected 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible with fuzzy dice dangling in your peripheral vision as you cruise on a California highway? That's history, and not just in California. **In total, there are nine states that explicitly outlaw hanging anything from your car's rearview mirror: Arizona, California, Colorado, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Drivers in Virginia can't hang anything that obstructs a driver's vision, so go nuts with non-obstructing stuff. Florida drivers can hang items such as parking passes, but like Virginia, mirror hangers can't block their view.**

Visibility in general is a concern for lawmakers. Several states regulate the height of hood scoops, usually restricting them to 3 or 4 inches above the hood, meaning you can't just have that giant roots supercharger intake rising over your roofline. Carolina Squats are also increasingly becoming illegal because of their deleterious effect on handling and sightlines. Point being, rearview mirror dangler laws exist to help drivers see what's going on around them. Maximizing visibility protects everyone, from pedestrians to motorcyclists, who are already six times as likely to die in a crash as car passengers.

Let's talk about law enforcement

For some, the subject of rearview mirror laws may seem dull, but there is an important reason why the topic of air fresheners and mirror hangers should be taken seriously: There have been several instances of police pulling people over for "illegal air fresheners" on rearview mirrors, which then led to tragic outcomes. In the case of Phil Colbert in Arizona, the stop ended with a warning, but for Daunte Wright in Minneapolis, the stop ended in his death.



Wright's mother claimed he told her over the phone that he was being pulled over due to the air freshener, while Brooklyn Center police Chief Tim Gannon told reporters (via CNN) that the initial reason for the traffic stop was an expired tag, with the air freshener being noticed later. Either way, the alleged story is that officer Kim Potter accidentally drew her gun instead of her taser and fired a single shot, killing Wright.

Like many lingering issues from early 2020, from supply chain disruptions that hit automakers like Rivian in the gut to fewer people blowing out birthday candles, the pandemic seemingly accelerated the problem. Apparently, people hung masks from their rearview mirrors for convenience, which raised the hackles of safety experts. There were already laws on the books about mirrors and visibility pre-COVID, but it hadn't been a constant issue before, so it wasn't spreading through the public consciousness.

Automakers know that car enthusiasts like visibility



Setting aside issues with law enforcement, debates about freedom of what we do in our own cars and property, and whether hanging stuff from your mirror is legal in your state, being able to see what's happening around you as you drive is probably a good idea. Maybe you have the right to suspend that dreamcatcher from your mirror. But whether you get ticketed for it or not, is it helping you drive better?

As car enthusiasts, we all like increasing our ability to see what's around us. Take A-pillars. Thick A-pillars may make roofs strong enough to keep our heads from getting crushed in a rollover, but also make pedestrians harder to see. Fortunately, automakers are continually looking for ways to give us our cake and eat it, too. Volvo conceived of see-through A-pillars in 2001, Toyota toyed with the idea of mirror arrays that would effectively make A-pillars clear, and Jaguar Land Rover tinkered with cameras and projectors to make A-pillars disappear.

To improve forward visibility, the twin-turbo V6-powered 2025 Infiniti QX80 offers Invisible Hood View, which gives drivers Superman's X-ray vision to see through the engine bay. Buick envisioned backup cameras in the 1956 Centurion XP301 show car, and they have been available to the public since the '90s (in Japan, anyway; North America first got them in 2002), while 360-degree cameras have been around since 2007. McLaren put drivers in center seats in the landmark F1 and the Speedtail, which not only gives the cars exceptional balance (unless you bring a passenger), but also allows a wide, panoramic view of the road ahead. The McLaren Elva and Ferrari Monza even gave buyers the option of enjoying a hypercar with no roof or windshield, arguably the most unobstructed view possible.





Stars, Cars, & Rock Stars



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Watch Shaq Take Delivery of His Stretched C8 Corvette Z06: Video

Unsurprisingly, squeezing a seven-foot frame into a low-slung sports car is no easy feat for NBA legend Shaquille O'Neal.

Luckily, when you've got the resources and the vision, anything is possible. Now, with the help of Effortless Motors, we're watching what happens when Shaq sets out to get behind the wheel the new C8 Corvette Z06.

If the name Effortless Motors sounds familiar, you may remember it from the custom Cadillac Escalade IQ that the shop built for Shaq earlier in the year. Now, the Effortless is back at it, but this time, the build is a little more *involved*, with the team setting out to stretch the Z06 a full 20 inches.

Things don't go smoothly at first, with both side windows cracking on delivery day just as the transport truck is ready to take the car. Despite the setback, the shop decides to bring the car directly to Shaq so he can at least enjoy it for a day before the new windows are installed. At first, Shaq is confused when he hears "no windows," but the team clarifies that the glass is there – it just has cracks from the installation process.



Shaq jokes about how long the project has taken, noting that he was told the car would be ready in "two to three weeks" months earlier. The shop is quick to point out just how involved the Corvette build really is, and that it required some patience to perfect.



When Shaq finally gets behind the wheel of his new Corvette, the excitement is more than evident. Once seated, Shaq declares that Effortless Motors pulled it off, calling himself the "first big dude in a Z06."

Indeed, it's pretty wild to see Shaq fit inside the C8 Corvette. Like most things, Shaq makes the sports car look tiny, but he's clearly enjoying himself as he digs into the throttle, unleashing the 5.5L V8 LT6 situated just behind the stretched cabin.

Check out the full delivery right here:



To watch the video of: "Watch Shaq Take Delivery of His Stretched C8 Corvette Z06: Video": (approximately 8:49 minutes long).

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Abandoned Corvette Shop Looks Like a Horror Movie

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This is a sad sight.



Coming across some [abandoned cars](#) like these [Corvettes](#) is always a sad sight, but a whole shop of them is horrific. After all, the sports cars in different states of disassembly, combined with the dilapidated structure around them, makes it look like a [scene](#) out of the apocalypse.

We can't believe someone fully restored this mangled, abandoned Porsche 993.

For the most part, the space is populated by [C3 Corvettes](#), their fiberglass bodies discolored in splotches as dust has settled thickly on their windshields. There are a few other Chevrolet cars scattered in, like a Caprice, El Camino, and a first gen Camaro.

But the one that has people really talking is a fifth gen Camaro. Probably because most of the people commenting on this series of photos posted in [Reddit](#) recognize that vehicle as a [modern ride](#).



Some people think this wasn't a legit repair shop but instead was a chop shop that was abandoned for fear the authorities were coming. The reasoning for that is supposedly no real business would just leave the cars abandoned. These people obviously haven't heard of such nightmare scenarios for customers of certain mechanics



Others believe the shop is instead a personal collection of vehicles someone hasn't touched in a long time. That's possible, but those countering that theory have tried arguing a private individual wouldn't have a repair shop sign sitting in their collection.

How ignorant most people are to what goes on inside the car hobby can be entertaining.

We have no idea what this collection of Chevrolets, the vast majority being C3 Corvettes, was all about before it was seemingly abandoned. It seems like it could've been some rinky-dink shop – we've seen them set up this way.

The chop shop theory we think is far-fetched. After all, those guys usually would come back once they realize the authorities haven't come in and seized the cars, liquidating all they can before moving shop.

But the private collection theory is also a strong possibility.

All we know for sure is this is one sad, yet fascinating, sight to behold.

Images via LordExplores/Reddit



Never Steal a Car While Naked

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The Auto Wire

By [Steven Symes](#) September 14, 2025



We don't know who needs to hear this, but you should never [steal a car](#) while you're naked, no matter what. Actually, you shouldn't steal a car ever, but doing it unclothed just adds to the [wrongness](#). That didn't stop a man in North Carolina, so there are people who just don't understand this principle.

Guy vandalizes a Tesla and gets instant karma.

That guy, who apparently lives in Raleigh, was walking around naked with a wooden post. He approached a guy who just got out of his car, [demanding](#) the keys. When the victim handed them over, the suspect then hit the victim with the post.

Instead of [just taking](#) that poor guy's car, he then went up to a woman who had witnessed the crime. She was sitting in her car with the windows down, just eating her lunch like a normal person would.

The suspect reached in, pulled the woman out of her car, then tried driving away. Thankfully, he not only carries wooden posts, which is weird, he also doesn't know how to operate a vehicle. The naked guy couldn't figure out how to shift the transmission out of park.

Maybe it was one of those Mopar cars with the dial shifter? Or maybe this guy was on something, because who doesn't know how to work an automatic transmission?

The guy [ran away](#) and hid in the nearby woods for hours before he was found by police. At least he didn't successfully steal either car.

This story helps illustrate the need for people to stay aware of their [situation](#). When you're getting out of or into your vehicle, you're pretty vulnerable to attacks. You usually are distracted by what you're doing, so you fail to see people walking up.

The same thing goes for if you're sitting in your car in a parking lot. People think they're insulated, but especially with the windows down you're a bit of a sitting duck. Staying aware of what's going on around you could help you avoid a situation like this.

Image via Raleigh Police Department/Facebook



Corvettes for Sale: George Barris 1981 Barrister Offered at No Reserve at Larry's Legacy Auction

Submitted by: [Paula Lewis](#)



By [Steve Burns](#) -Sep 19, 2025



One of the [most unique custom Corvettes](#) you'll ever see is up for grabs this week in Chicago. Mecum Auctions is helping to liquidate the Klairmont Collections Automotive Museum via their Larry's Legacy sale.

The Klairmont Museum is a fascinating walk through automotive history, oddities, and customization. The collection was the work of Larry Klairmont and his fiancé and over the years they assembled roughly 300 fascinating cars in addition to countless pieces of automobilia.

The cars are some of the wildest customs you'll ever see like the [Golden Sahara II](#), the [Beatnik Bubbletop](#), the [Studebaker Ice Princess](#), and countless others. The excess is offset by stock classics like the 1963 Corvette Split Window Coupe and a 1954 Corvette roadster. There's even a 1998 Corvette chassis display up for grabs as well. Click here to peep the amazing docket featuring all corners of the automotive world.



The most unique Corvette offered this weekend is the [1981 Corvette Barrister](#) built by legendary customizer George Barris on a stretched Corvette chassis. The striking gold and white custom is believed to be one of 12 built inside his Barris Kustoms shop in the late '70s and early '80s. Barristers were sought after by celebrities around the world. It's been reported that Bo Derek, Sammy Davis Jr, Liberace, and others had an interest in them. Liberace's black and gold example sold for \$51,000 in 2019 and Mecum sold a [blue and white Barrister at Glendale in 2022](#) for \$137,500.

The overall look of each Barrister screams excess and elicits flashbacks to early pre-war classics. The bold exterior features exaggerated fender and hood lines, body length faux side exhaust, and a prominent, vertical gold grill. Chrome wire wheels with gold spinners are wrapped in classy white wall tires.



Inside, the Barrister's Corvette heritage is much more evident. A wood steering wheel frames the custom speedometer and tachometer. The center stack dials have been converted to digital units and are now dressed in the late 70's best wood trim. The seats and door panels have been wrapped in white leather with gold piping. Throughout the entire car, you can clearly see George Barris' touch here.

Under the hood you'll find a dressed-up Chevy 350 wearing a chrome air cleaner lid and valve covers. [The auction listing](#) that the car has been mechanically refreshed and has received a body-on restoration.



Every Barrister Corvette is a bold take on the 3rd generation of America's Sports Car. We know its looks aren't for everyone, but if you want a unique Corvette that your neighbor certainly doesn't have, grab a bidder's pass and head for Mecum's Larry's Legacy auction later this week in Chicago



The Larry's Legacy sale takes this week September 19th – 21st at the Klairmont Collections Automotive Museum found at 3117 N Knox Avenue. Sales begin at 10am both Saturday and Sunday with previews held on the days leading up to the event. For more

information [head over to Mecum's website](#). How much do you think this bold Corvette custom will sell for?

Top 10 OEM Corvette Spoilers & Wings of All Time - RANKED!

Submitted By [Dave Seibel](#)



By [Joe Kucinski](#) - September 16, 2025

We look at factory Corvette spoilers and wings that have been offered over the years and rank them from great to greatest!

Spoiler Alert: The Very Best Corvette Spoilers



There are plenty of things for car enthusiasts to debate. **Turbos** or superchargers? Manual or automatic? Internal combustion or all-electric? Another fun topic to debate is car **spoilers** (which are sometimes, but not always, wings).

Some folks think they make any car instantly cool. Hey, **racecars** have them, right? Others think they are obnoxious and for poseurs. Let's be honest, unless you are aggressively tracking your car, you are not going to come close to exceeding the mechanical grip anyway. The original Lamborghini Countach was designed without a rear wing. But a wealthy owner demanded one, so Lamborghini obliged. Once others saw it, they demanded the same. Even though that particular wing but nothing for aerodynamics. It just looked cool, and people wanted it.

So, what about Corvette? Well, wings and spoilers are fairly new to the Corvette world. It really wasn't until the C6 generation that we started to see them consistently on Corvettes. At least not directly from GM.

The spoilers on the newer Corvettes do serve a purpose beyond just looks, unlike the old Lambo. At least most of them do. But which is the best?

We came up with a list of the ten best OEM wings and spoilers for the Corvette and ranked them from GREAT to GREATEST. There are hundreds of aftermarket options, but we ignored those for the purpose of this list. (As well as Corvette Racing wings and spoilers.)

Let's dive in!

[10. C8 E-Ray Spoiler Extension](#)



This is ranked last because we are not sure it really serves any purpose. On the C8 Corvette E-Ray you can order a spoiler extension. It comes with a clear smoked center bridge with the Jake logo. There are no performance claims for the option, which is why we don't

believe it offers any. But it does look cool and remember that is a big part of the spoiler life. And at just \$425 it is a reasonable price. Have a bit of fun with the car. It is not expensive, or obnoxious and serves no real purpose. For that it lands at number 10.

[9. C6 ZR1 / 427 Rear Spoiler](#)



The C6 ZR1 and the 427 models used a very subtle rear spoiler. Which is literally the last time the word subtle and ZR1 could be used in the same sentence. We like it because it gives the rear of the car just a bit more flair. For fans of powerful cars that don't have to announce it with a giant ironing board on the back, this is the spoiler for you.

8.1978 Rear Spoiler



The 1978 Indianapolis 500 Pace Car and the 25th Silver Anniversary Edition were the first Corvettes with factory rear spoilers. Some earlier cars had a small ducktail at the back, but they were so subtle that we wouldn't really call them a spoiler or a wing. The rear spoiler on these 1978 cars is much more pronounced. That being said, the aerodynamic benefits are minimal. For that reason, they can do no better than the number eight spot.

7. C8 Z51 Rear Spoiler (2020-2024)



The rear spoiler that came on the 2020-2024 Stingray Z51 package works in conjunction with the front splitter. It looks nice and has a modest performance benefit. However, that performance benefit pales compared to the other features in the Z51 package, such as the

upgraded brakes, suspension, eLSD, and so on.

6. C7 Z06 Z07 Rear Wing



Now we are starting to get to wings that generate some meaningful downforce. The C7 Z06 was available with three different aero packages. The most aggressive is the Z07 package that includes a rear wing with a clear Gurney flap. This rear wing was good for between 400 and 500 pounds of downforce. That is a noticeable amount of extra grip, but more was coming.

5. C8 ZR1 Standard Spoiler



With over 1,000 horsepower, the C8 ZR1 can be forgiven for having a massive rear wing. However, the standard spoiler is fairly modest. Yet it is enough to keep the car on the road as it hits a top speed of 233 mph. This might not be the biggest or most powerful wing. But no other wing in Corvette history can travel this fast.

4. C8 Z06 Carbon Fiber Rear Wing



The C8 Z06 Carbon Fiber rear wing brings 734 pounds of downforce with it. That downforce is measured at a speed of 186 mph. When you are travelling that quickly, you are going to want all the grip you can get. This big rear wing helps to keep the car feeling planted even as it approaches 200 mph.

3. C8 ZR1 Carbon Fiber Hood Spoiler



We never said it had to be a REAR spoiler on our list. The C8 ZR1 can be optioned with the ZR1 Carbon Fiber Aero Package. That package adds a front spoiler on the flow-through hood. It aids in cooling and generating downforce. It is a slick piece of equipment and unlike anything we have seen on the Corvette before.

2. C7 ZR1 Carbon Fiber Rear Wing



The C7 ZR1 is a beast of a Corvette. 755 horsepower. 212 mph top speed. An unreal machine that was peak Corvette until the ludicrous C8 ZR1 came along. If the ZTK performance package with a larger wing was ordered, that wing would generate about 1,000 pounds of downforce at top speed.

Insane. But not the best...

1. C8 ZR1 Carbon Fiber Rear Wing



Like the C7 ZR1, the C8 ZR1 can be optioned with a larger carbon fiber wing. But the C8 wing generates a massive 1,200 pounds of downforce. It also creates a good deal of drag, which is why the standard wing car has the higher top speed. But you are never going to see the top speed of either of these cars, so you may as well go with the massive rear wing. It looks intimidating and will help keep you planted on the pavement.



Raceway Corvette Tracking, Event Scheduler, And Track Schedule!

Submitted By: [Gene Kern](#)

As the snow accumulates on the Corvette while waiting for the January/February thaw, my thought has turned to the upcoming season of track events.

Of course, not all groups have published their schedules as of this article. Thus, this month, I will be outlining what is needed for getting on track. Most of these inspections should be done as part of "putting the car back on the road."

A suitable vehicle: Yes, I know that is obvious. The type of vehicle is dependent on the type of event. For most performance driving events, the rules specify the vehicle must be wider than it is high. This rule eliminates normal (standard) pickups, vans, and SUVs for high speed (more than legal highway speed) events.

Brake system: Your vehicle should have significant brake pad remaining. For a high-speed event with significant braking, the brake fluid should be not more than a year old. Preferably newer.

Wheels and Tires: The tires should be in good condition. No cracks, bulges, or other defects. It would be a good idea to have the tires balance checked if you are getting a vibration while driving at the speed limit or above. Wheels should not be out of round. This problem will show up when the balance is checked. Wheels should not have curb rash! With today's typical low profile tires, it is very easy to brush a low curb and scrape the rim.

Suspension and Steering: For some track events, the tech inspection involves grabbing the tire and shaking it to check for looseness or noise. Typically, this shaking is done while the tire is on the ground. Do this for all four corners of the car.

The interior of the vehicle: The interior needs to have all loose items removed when you arrive at the event. For on track and autocross events, you and your vehicle may exceed 1 g of braking or cornering force. Imagine that water bottle getting stuck under your brake pedal the second time you get on the brake to slow down for a corner. The first time it jumped out of the holder and landed on the floor. Cameras and data recorders need to be securely mounted to avoid becoming a missile or being damaged by contact with something hard.

Driver's (passenger's) Head: You will need a helmet with the appropriate Snell rating. Snell ratings are every 5 years (2010, 2015, 2020). Most groups I have run with allow the 2 prior rating years to be used for their events. This year the local groups will allow the 2015 and 2020 rated helmets. Next year, the 2015 will not be allowed. If you are planning to buy a new helmet, buy a 2020 rated helmet it will be good for 10 years (2 rating periods). All groups look for the official Snell label on the inside of the helmet. See the photo of the inside of my helmet for what to look for. Don't want to spend \$200 - \$1500 until you decide you want to continue. PittRace has rental helmets for events at PittRace.



Figure 1: Valid Snell SA2015 Sticker

Known to me sources for helmets:

- [Summit Racing](#) (This could be a cruise to the store.)
- The internet! (Of course)
- [SPS \(Solo Performance Specialties\)](#) This store has a page on how to measure your head for a helmet.
- [Track First, Akron Ohio](#)

Really? All of that? Not really. Except for the helmet issues, what is mentioned above is what you are doing as you wakeup your Corvette from its winter slumber.

Don't want to track your Corvette? Why not?

My next article will describe the types of available opportunities to drive your car at the speed you want without your passenger screaming "SLOW DOWN A(*%^*E".



Figure 2: Not Valid but Helpful Sticker

EVENT SCHEDULER

Date	Event Type	Location	Organization
10 / 04 / 2025	Autocross	PittRace	STC
10 / 05 / 2025	Autocross	North Park Pool Lot	NHSCC
10 / 05 / 2025	Autocross	PittRace	STC
10 / 06 / 2025	Novice HPDE	PittRace	PittRace
10 / 11 / 2025	Autocross	PittRace	STC
10 / 12 / 2025	Autocross	North Park Pool Lot	NHSCC
10 / 15 / 2025	Track Night	PittRace	SCCA
11 / 02 / 2025	Autocross	North Park Pool Lot	NHSCC

TRACK SCHEDULE

Car and track event schedules are now out.

For those of you who know the types of events, I'll list the event dates first. If you are not sure what you will be doing at an event, I'll have the explanations after the event dates.

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I realize that some of the dates above overlap with our Corvette club dates. It cannot be helped.

Event type explanations:

- **Autocross:** Autocrosses are low speed events typically run on parking lots. Cones are setup to define the course to be followed. A typical run lasts 20 – 40 seconds.
- **Novice HPDE:** This event type is an on-track event with classroom instruction and track sessions with an instructor in the car. This HPDE is designed for drivers who have not driven on track. The classroom session typically covers basic car control concepts and track rules.
- **HPDE:** This event type is an on-track event with classroom instruction and track session with an instructor in the car. HPDE groupings are usually divided into Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, and Instructor groups. Novice and Intermediate drivers have instructors until the instructor feels the student can be soloed.
- **Track Night:** Track night is short for Track Night in America (TNiA). This event is an on track event without in-car instruction. Groups are Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced with the driver self assigning based on personal experience. There are 3 30 minute sessions for each group starting at 3 or 4 in the afternoon.
- **Time Trials:** Time trials are competition events.

Web sites for additional information:

Novice HPDE: <https://www.pittrace.com/post/pitt-race-performance-drivers-education>

AutoInterests: <https://autointerests.com/2025-schedule-inside>

Chin Track Days: <https://chintrackdays.com/pitt-race.aspx>

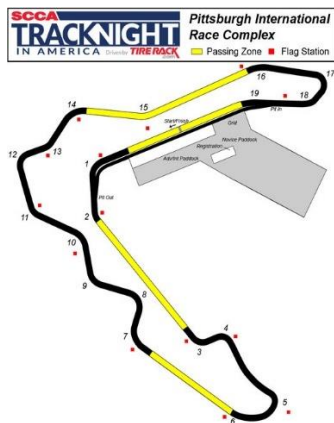
Track Night: <https://www.scca.com/articles/2019231-track-night-in-america-takes-on-2025-with-fantastically-fun-10th-anniversary-schedule>

STC Autocross: <https://stcsolo.com/schedule/>

NHSCC Autocross: <http://www.nhsccl.com/schedule.php>

ARPCA: <https://arpca.com/>

If driving on track is not your thing, try Cars and Coffee. From 9 to 12 every Saturday from April to October. Pittsburgh Cars and Coffee meets at either Generoasta Coffee & Cafe in Warrendale or Dual Devils Garage in Houston. <https://pghcnc.com/calendar/>



Wanna Go Racing?

Submitted By **Mark Snyder**

KEYSTONE Raceway
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2025 SCHEDULE

KEYSTONE Raceway

MARCH	JULY	SEPT. CONTINUED
RACER'S MEETING 15TH	POINTS RACE #8 4TH	2ND ANNUAL ODSS DIESEL NATIONALS 18TH
OPENING DAY & TEST N TUNE 29TH	POINTS RACE #9 5TH	TEST N TUNE 19TH
APRIL	POINTS RACE #10 6TH	TEST N TUNE & 20TH 20TH
TEST N TUNE & SWAP MEET 5TH	TEST N TUNE & GAMBLERS RACE 11TH	20TH ANNUAL PID/KEYSTONE NOSTALGIA NATIONALS 27TH & 28TH
TEST N TUNE & CHASSIS CERTIFICATIONS 12TH	18TH ANNUAL FUNNY CAR NATIONALS & POINTS RACE #11 12TH	OCTOBER
TEST N TUNE 16TH	TEST N TUNE 18TH	TO BE ANNOUNCED 4TH
EASTER EGG HUNT RACE 19TH	TRACK RENTAL (AM) 19TH	TEST N TUNE 11TH
TEST N TUNE 25TH	& HOG'S HEAVEN (PM) 19TH	CLOSED FOR SBRA BRACKET FINALS 14TH
POINTS RACE #1 26TH	TEST N TUNE 25TH	CLOSED FOR MASON DIXON DRAGWAY 15TH
POINTS RACE #2 27TH	9TH ANNUAL 660 JUNIOR NATIONALS 26TH & 27TH	Sorry WE'RE CLOSED 16TH & 17TH
MAY	AUGUST	23RD ANNUAL GHOST GOBLINS & GEARHEADS 24TH & 25TH
TRACK RENTAL (AM) & TRUE STREET TEST N TUNE (PM) 3RD	TEST N TUNE & GAMBLERS RACE 1ST	TEST N TUNE 18TH
TEST N TUNE & GAMBLERS RACE 9TH	POINTS RACE #12 & BUICK DAY 2ND	TEST N TUNE 1ST
POINTS RACE #3 & POWDERPUFF RACE 10TH	TRACK RENTAL (AM) 9TH	TEST N TUNE 8TH
TEST N TUNE 16TH	& TRUE STREET TEST N TUNE (PM) 9TH	ANNUAL RACER'S BANQUET & HALL OF FAME CEREMONY 15TH
TO BE ANNOUNCED 17TH	TEST N TUNE 15TH	SUBJECT TO CHANGE
POINTS RACE #4 23RD	23RD ANNUAL NIGHT OF FIRE & POINTS RACE #13 16TH	
4TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL TRIBUTE & POINTS RACE #5 24TH	TEST N TUNE & GAMBLERS RACE 22ND	
TEST N TUNE 30TH	POINTS RACE #14 23RD	
FORD NATIONALS 31ST	POINTS RACE #15 24TH	
JUNE	TEST N TUNE 29TH	
TRACK RENTAL (AM) & TRUE STREET TEST N TUNE (PM) 7TH	CHEVROLET NATIONALS 30TH	
TEST N TUNE & GAMBLERS RACE 13TH	SEPTEMBER	
TO BE ANNOUNCED 14TH	TEST N TUNE & GAMBLERS RACE 5TH	
TEST N TUNE & GAMBLERS RACE 20TH	BRACKET FINALS WARM UPS 6TH & 7TH	
POINTS RACE #6 & PONTIAC DAY 21ST	3RD ANNUAL WDRA BRACKET FINALS 11TH	
POINTS RACE #7 22ND		
TO BE ANNOUNCED 28TH		

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CHECK IT OUT!

By Bill Englert billenglertjr@gmail.com

It's July, and our driving season is here. Most of our members follow us on Facebook, which provides the most updated information about events and club news. This is the best way to keep informed! "Like" us on Facebook and you'll be in the loop. We have numerous events every season as you know from reading our monthly Newsletter – incredible publication! These two options provide a terrific way to stay up to date!

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Steel Town Corvette Club - Home

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Our site features articles of interest to all Corvette enthusiasts along with updates on our club activities, initiatives, and accomplishments. Of course, we have a variety of club information and photos. You might even find a picture of your car in our photo gallery, which is continuously growing. Or you might come across something of interest that is for sale. For example, right now you will see a brand-new set of wheels and a used set of wheels our members are selling. Check it out!

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Submitted By [Paula Lewis](#)

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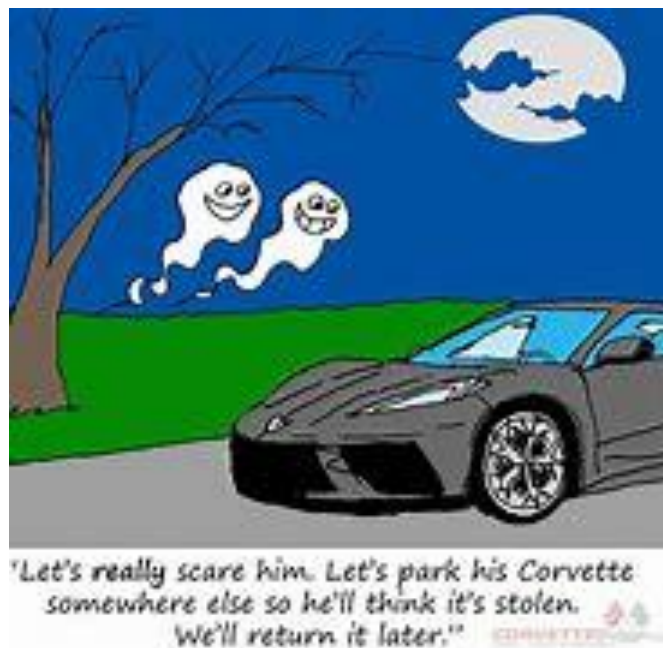
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General Membership Meetings – Meetings and membership dinner cruises are the 3rd Tuesday of every month. **Winter meetings (Oct-March)** are held at **various locations** determined by a volunteer member of the board. **Monthly meeting/Dinner cruises (April/Sept)** are determined by the cruise leader, times vary.

Newsletter Submissions – All articles and pictures should be submitted by the Thursday following the regular Members meeting for the next newsletter. Please send via email to: contact@steeltowncorvetteclub.com

Events – We would love to see all members bring fresh ideas and fun to our monthly events and additional cruises. At any time throughout the year an additional cruise can be approved, so don't be shy, step up and volunteer to host an event!!
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Corvette Funny:



"You said if I could pay for it, I could get a Corvette. Well, all the tech-support I provide has paid off. Let's go car shopping."

(Submitted By Wayne Anderson)

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