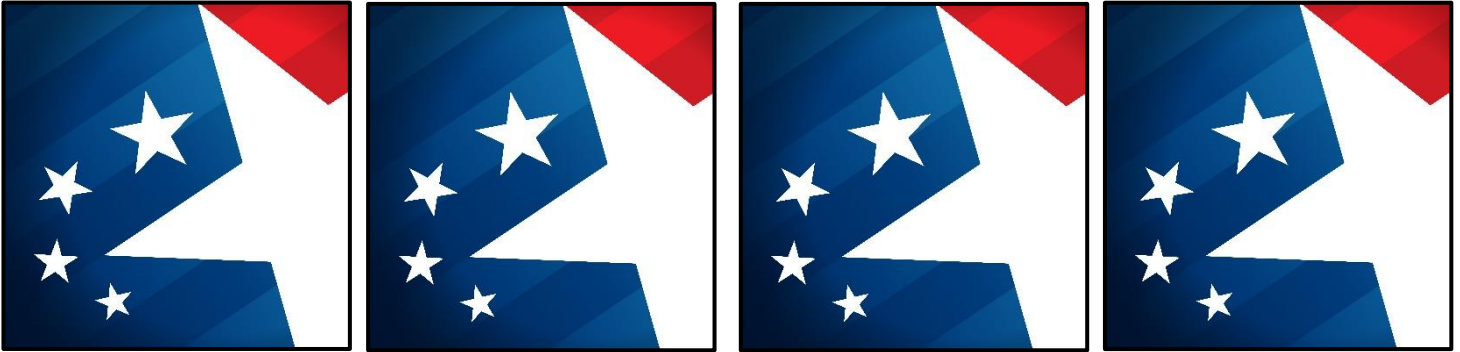




Steel Town News

July 2026



Please submit articles and information for next month's newsletter on or before this month's membership meeting.

FROM THE PREZ:

We are rapidly approaching our 45th "All-Chevy" show. The car show committee, Eli Zorich, Bill Englert and Mick Yarina and I have coordinated our efforts to organize all the various factions that go into making the show a success.

We believe we are on track to achieve another annual successful show. We have pretty much put most of the pieces in place – we have all the T-Shirt sponsors needed as well as the 18 Trophy sponsors, and the sponsors for all the special show awards.

We are still requesting members to step up to the challenge by volunteering to work the various jobs at the show, donate baskets for the Chinese Auction, as well as gather door prizes and goody bag items. Many of these items are well on their way to completion but we still need more assistance with Goody Bag and Door Prize items. Of course, the deciding factor in the success of the show is the weather. Let's pray that the weather cooperates and that we have a beautiful, sunny day.

I hope as many of you who can make it attend, and support, the show. This is one of our biggest money-making events that help us subsidize many club events throughout the year and, more importantly, give us the ability to support the many charities that need our help more now than ever.

I want to thank everyone who, to date, has volunteered to work at the show and I look forward to seeing many of you at the show.

Thank you all,

Perry

JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, July 21



Submitted by Jo Post

ALOHA! Please join us for a “Laid Back Luau” for our July monthly cruise and meeting.

This Steel Town event will hula its way to the back deck of:

Celebrations Banquet Bar & Grill

8110 Steubenville Pike, Imperial, PA 15126

Please wear your most tropical style outfit for a chance to win an amazing prize for the best outfit.

Grass skirts and coconut bras are welcome!

Especially important, PLEASE RSVP ON or BEFORE JULY 17th to have your name entered into a drawing for one of the two gift cards! Please provide the number in your party along with the names of everyone for the drawing!

The fun will begin when we meet at 5:15 p.m. in the parking lot next to Thai Foon, 1950 Settlers Ridge Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 for the cruise. This is in the Settlers Ridge Shopping Center in Robinson Township, at the opposite end from Giant Eagle. We'll rev our engines and leave at 5:30 p.m. for a relaxing, meandering trip through peaceful neighborhoods, small towns and farms to arrive at Celebrations at around 6:00 p.m. for food, drinks and maybe a little hula dance for the daring! Wayne will be leading, but don't worry, he has calmed down a bit since his wild ride last year and, of course, Jo Post will be along to keep everyone safe, if he tries any shenanignas!

You certainly don't want to miss this! ALOHA!



TITUSVILLE & OIL CREEK RAILROAD CRUISE

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Update provided by Nick Krizmanich

Please Note: We are changing the meeting place for the cruise to Titusville due to the construction at the Wexford Exit.

The North Hills group will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Park & Ride off I-79, Exit 83 Evans City. Turn left at the exit stop sign then turn right into the Park & Ride lot.

The South Hills group will also meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Park & Ride off I-79 at the Evans City exit. We will depart at approximately 9:30 a.m. to begin the journey to Titusville.

STCC BLUE SHIRT

By Eli Zorich

The Board is considering another run of the Blue Steel Town collared golf style shirts with the larger logo if there is enough interest. The cost would be approximately \$20 for SM -XL and slightly higher for 2x and 3x. If you are interested either email me with sizes and quantity or see me at the July meeting. After seeing if there is enough interest the decision to order the shirts will be made by the Board.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2026

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	INFORMATION
Saturday, July 4	Brentwood 4 th of July Parade	Brentwood, PA	Details via email & the STCC Facebook page
Saturday-Sunday, July 18-19	Overnight cruise to Titusville Railroad	Titusville, PA	Details via email & the STCC Facebook page
Tuesday, July 21	Membership Meeting	Celebrations Bar & Grill, Imperial, PA	Details via email and the STCC Facebook page
Sunday, July 26	STCC 45 th Annual All-Chevy Show	Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department	Details and registration form on STCC Web Page ALL-CHEVY SHOW
Sunday, August 2	Tapestry Veteran's Car Show	Moon Township	Details via email and the STCC Facebook page
Tuesday, August 18	Membership Meeting	Red Lobster, Route 51south	Details via email & the STCC Facebook page
Thursday-Saturday, August 27-29	Corvettes at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA	Details via email & the STCC Facebook page
Sunday, September 13	21 st Annual Corvette Gathering	Lancaster, OH	Ohio Corvette Club Alliance
Tuesday, September 15	Membership Meeting	Censi's Pizza, Route 19, Wexford	Details via email & the STCC Facebook page
Saturday, September 19	"Triple Nickel" cruise	Ohio Route 555	Details via email & the STCC Facebook page
Sunday, September 20	Lou Gagliardi Pizza in the Park	Scott Township Park	Details via email & the STCC Facebook page
Tuesday, October 20	Membership Meeting	Monte Cello's Restaurant & Lounge, Ross Twp	Details via email & the STCC Facebook page
Wednesday, November 11	Veteran's Day Parade	Pittsburgh	Details via email & the STCC Facebook page
Tuesday, November 17	Membership Meeting & Charity Auction	Al's Café, Bethel Park	Details via email & the STCC Facebook page
Saturday, December 5	Holiday Party & Awards Banquet	Rockefeller's Grill, McKees Rocks	Details via email & the STCC Facebook page
Saturday, December 12	Nutcrackers, Festival of Lights	Steubenville, OH	Details via email & the STCC Facebook page
Tuesday, December 15	Membership Meeting	Al's Café, Bethel Park	Details via email & the STCC Facebook page

TAPESTRY CAR SHOW

Sunday, August 2

By Dave Seibel

Steel Town members come and join the fun at Tapestry Senior Living's 2nd Annual Car and Bike Show. This event is on Sunday, August 2, 2026, from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

One of our members recently rehabbed at Tapestry and wanted us to participate. They would like us to show and talk about our vehicles to all the veterans who reside there.

Tapestry is in the former Embassy Suites Hotel (55 Cherrington Parkway in Coraopolis PA 15108). There will be no meeting place in advance so all members who participate should drive directly to the show.

Thanks to all members who participate and see you at the show.

DIRECTIONS: Take the parkway west towards the Airport and choose Exit 57 to Moon. Take the Thorn Run Road exit then turn right onto Cherrington Parkway. Tapestry Senior Living will be on the left.



AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

By Nick Krizmanich

Hello Everyone,

It's hard to believe that August will soon be upon us. As we are well into the cruising season, let's keep the Corvettes dusted off and keep on rolling. Our club meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18th at the **Red Lobster Restaurant, located at Rt 51 in Pleasant Hills, 259 Clairton Blvd, 15236**. Dinner will be from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. The meeting will start at approximately 7:00 p.m. As always, we should have a great showing. So come along and join in on the good times, and great food.

Please contact me if you're planning on attending the meeting so we can give the restaurant a count of approximately how many people we should expect. NOTE: We will raffle off door prizes to those who have registered in advance.

Contact me by email or text – thanks, Joan & Nick Krizmanich.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY & HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



<i>JULY BIRTHDAYS</i>	<i>JULY ANNIVERSARIES</i>
<i>1 - Gary Degnan</i>	<i>9 - Bob & Sandi Stokes</i>
<i>7 - Libby Pavlakovich</i>	<i>12 - Dave & Lisa Dudkiewicz</i>
<i>8 - Donna Gagliardi</i>	<i>15 - Stu & Ruth Benson</i>
<i>10 - Edward Krakowiak</i>	<i>17 - Rick & Cel Conwell</i>
<i>11 - Eli Zorich</i>	<i>20 - Bill & Jenny Fetcko</i>
<i>13 - Cathy Lunz</i>	<i>27 - John & Joanne Caton</i>
<i>15 - Helga Stanton III</i>	<i>29 - Dan & Kathy Gilligan</i>
<i>18 - Chris Fiedler</i>	
<i>18 - Nick Krizmanich</i>	
<i>19 - Jennifer Childers</i>	
<i>19 - Becky McClelland</i>	
<i>27 - Susan Franczyk</i>	

STCC ALL ABOUT POINTS

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 points awards. The members who have earned the most points are honored at the annual Holiday Party / Awards Banquet.

Description of Activity	PTS
Attending a monthly meeting	3
Bringing a Corvette to a club meeting	3
Attending an approved club event	3
Attending an Approved overnight club event	5
Wearing STCC Logo to a meeting or event	3
Bringing a Corvette to an approved club event	3
Sponsoring a new member	5
Writing an article for the Newsletter (Corvette or STCC related only)	5
Submitting photos to the Newsletter (Corvette or STCC related only)	3
Submitting photos to the Website (Corvette or STCC related only)	3
Submitting an article for the Newsletter (Corvette or STCC related only)	3
Serving as Chairperson for a minor event (cruises, brunches, etc.)	5
Serving as Chairperson and/or Co-Chairperson for a major event (overnights, Holiday Party, Picnic)	15
Serving as a committee person for an event	2
Donating a Gift Basket for All Chevy Show Chinese Auction (2 pts per Basket)	2*
Car Shows	PTS
Best of Show	5
People's Choice	5
Best Corvette	5
Class Winner or equivalent	2
Farthest Distance	1

*Revised 10/1/2023

After twenty-two events for the 2025-2026 time period, the Points Leaders as of June 25, 2026, are:

Marian Tartaglione	96	Steve Tadolini	86	Patricia Tadolini	63
George Coppola	94	Paul Bullock	72	Joseph Ferguson	63
Richard O'Rourke	93	Jo Post	71		
Rick Tartaglione	91	Lynne Coppola	67		



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

*Established in 1972,
Steel Town is celebrating
54 years as one of Pittsburgh's
finest Corvette clubs!*



*This 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 108 years as the oldest family-owned Chevrolet Dealer in the country!

Schedule of Events: (no cars before 8:00 a.m.)

9:00-11:00 am	Registration	<u>Also featuring:</u>
9:00-11:00 am	Arrival / clean-up	T-Shirts to 1 st 150 entrants
11:00 am	Participants Judging begins	50-50 drawings
1:30 pm	Participants Judging ends	Dash Plaques & Goodie Bags
2:00 pm	Chinese Auction	Door Prizes
2:30 pm	Trophy Presentation	Food & Refreshments
Includes Best of Show & People's Choice trophies plus a DJ!		

\$20 advance registration - \$25 day of show (space permitting)

**All Cars are encouraged to Pre-Register by July 18 @ \$20.00 per car
for Express Check-in and a Special Drawing.**

All who pre-register are guaranteed a show t-shirt.

Participant Judging/ STCC members' cars are not eligible for judging.

Free Spectator Admission

Proceeds benefit numerous local charities!

For The Safety of Spectators and Participants DRONES are Prohibited

Steel Town Corvette Club 2026 All-Chevy Show Registration Form

Sunday, July 26, 2026 – Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department

Name (please print) _____ Car Make (Chevrolet)

Address _____ Car Model _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Car Year _____

Email Address _____ Car Class (see below) _____

Phone _____ SHOW SHIRT SIZE: (circle) MD LG XL XXL XXXL

How did you hear about the All-Chevy Show? (circle) Email Flyer Internet Site Word of Mouth

Are you a member of Steel Town Corvette Club? Yes No

Please Note: Cars will be allotted one space, no saving spots, no canopies/tents in parking spots.

STCC reserves the right to deny participation to any individual deemed to be inappropriate, unruly, uncooperative, or disruptive.

Event Contact: Eli Zorich (contact@steeltowncorvetteclub.com)

Official Use Only

Complete Registration Form and mail along with check payable to:

Entered _____

Steel Town Corvette Club

Ck Email _____

317 Pine Valley Drive

Response _____

Bridgeville, PA 15017

T-shirt size _____

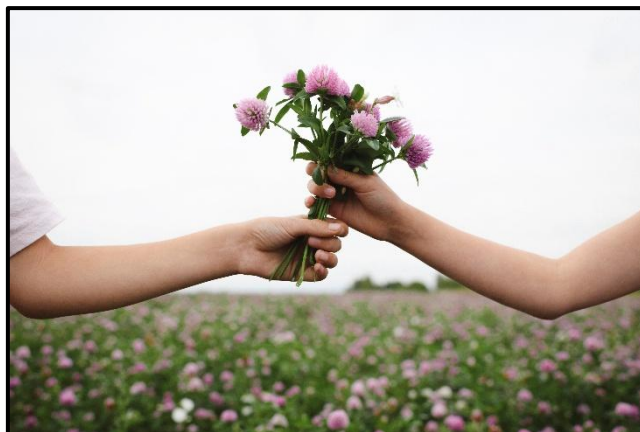
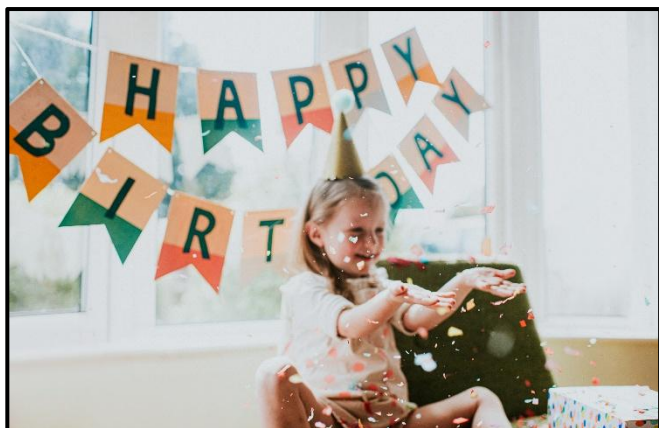
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Any three changes / alterations from stock are considered Modified Class. No Class change once registered.

Class #1	Stock Corvette	1953-1962
Class #2	Stock Corvette	1963-1967
Class #3	Stock Corvette	1968-1982
Class #4	Stock Corvette	1984-1996
Class #5	Stock Corvette	1997-2004
Class #6	Stock Corvette	2005-2013
Class #7	Stock Corvette	2014-2019
Class #8	Stock Corvette	2020-2026
Class #9	Modified Corvette	1953-1982
Class #10	Modified Corvette	1984-2026
Class #11	Stock Chevrolet	1911-1954
Class #12	Stock Chevrolet	1955-2026
Class #13	Modified Chevrolet	1911-2026
Class #14	Stock Camaro	1967-1992
Class #15	Stock Camaro	1993-2024
Class #16	Modified Camaro	1967-2024
Class #17	Stock & Modified Chevy II Nova, Corvair, Chevelle and Monte Carlo	All Years
Class #18	Stock & Modified Chevy Trucks (all years thru 2026) All Chevrolet Models 2007-2026 & Trailered Vehicles	All Years thru 2026

JUNE RECAP

Appearing on the next several pages is a recap of items from June.



<i>JUNE BIRTHDAYS</i>	<i>JUNE ANNIVERSARIES</i>
<i>3 - Bill Ivanusic</i>	<i>2 - Eli & Beverly Zorich</i>
<i>8 – Edward Stiefvater</i>	<i>9 – Dave & Judy Alvarez</i>
<i>9 – Patty Churilla</i>	<i>9 – Rick & Marian Tartaglione</i>
<i>11 - Frank Holby</i>	<i>19 - Ben & Jayne Miley</i>
<i>11 - Jack Robinson</i>	<i>20 - Marc & Randi Berliner</i>
<i>14 - Beverly Zorich</i>	<i>26 - John & Julie DeVita</i>
<i>20 - Larry Gorski</i>	<i>26 – Dale & Diane Harrison</i>
<i>20 - Irene Rozum</i>	<i>27 – Chris & Paula Fiedler</i>
<i>23 - Joanne Caton</i>	<i>28 - Michael & Michelle Dodson</i>
<i>25 – Mark Schneider</i>	<i>29 - Bill & Jennifer Childers</i>

New members: Rick Grandy & Becky McClelland from Bentleyville drive a 1998 Red Coupe

BAIR'S CORVETTES 20th ANNUEL CAR CRUISE - MAY 16

Submitted by Dave Oreski

An ambiguous weather forecast didn't stop Steel Town Corvette Club members from gathering at the Starbucks in Wexford on Saturday May 16 for a cruise to the 20th annual Bair's Corvettes Car Show in Linesville. Beginning with a short ride on I-79, we exited the interstate at the Warrendale exit to continue our trek on Franklin Road at a relaxed pace. The relaxed pace soon became more challenging as we turned onto Rt. 528 in Evans City. Rt. 528 is a twisting turning back country road that we followed to Moraine State Park. Here we enjoyed scenic views of Lake Arthur that complemented the lush green sprouting springtime forest.

After a brief rest stop, we proceeded north on I-79 at an accelerated pace to the Rt. 358 exit for more back country road cruising as we headed to the Linesville Spillway to see the ducks walk on the backs of the fish. This unique memorable spectacle occurs when schools of carp gather so thickly below the Linesville Spillway that the ducks and geese appear to walk across the backs of the carp while competing for bread tossed in by visitors. The Linesville Spillway was built in 1934, and the tradition of feeding the fish at the Linesville Spillway began almost immediately after that when local vendors started selling bread to feed the carp. The Linesville Spillway is the second most visited attraction in Pennsylvania with over 300,000 visitors yearly. Presque Isle in Erie ranks first.

After feeding loaves of bread to the fish and ducks we drove the remaining short distance to the Bair's Corvettes Car Cruise. We were greeted by the new owner of Bair's Corvettes, Joel Kohler, who guided us to our reserved Steel Town Corvette Club parking area. Bair's provided each participant with a goody bag filled with Bair's promotional items and a raffle ticket for door prizes. We walked around Bair's facility enjoying the diverse collection of classic cars, trucks, and naturally, Corvettes.

For dinner we decided to support the Bair Family's fundraising spaghetti dinner at the Bair Senior Center adjacent to Bair's Corvettes. We were greeted at the Bair Senior Center by Brian and Beth Bair who introduced us to Mama Bair (Brian's mother) Jean who regaled us with stories of Brian's youthful days while we enjoyed a delicious spaghetti dinner. Unfortunately, while we were eating the rain came and most of the cruise participants elected to leave. It seems like it rains every year at Bair's.

On a brighter note, Perry won a designer Michael Kors purse and Joan won a beer cooler (guess what Gail and Nick are getting for their birthdays) in the Chinese Auction drawing. Since the STCC member Corvettes constituted the majority of the remaining cars left in the drizzling rain at the show we decided it was time to leave also. Despite the rain, being with your fellow Steel Town Corvette Club members always makes for a great day and an enjoyable time.

CORAOPOLIS MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

Submitted by Dave Seibel

Steel Town Corvette was invited to participate in the 96th Coraopolis Memorial Day Parade on May 25th. Ten members and eight Corvettes met at the Burger King on University Boulevard to drive to the staging area as a group. The weather was a little overcast, but the temperature was perfect. The parade started at 1:00 p.m. and we were located near the end. We followed fire trucks into the procession. The parade route was a little over a mile long and was lined on both sides with families and children watching and gathering up the candy tossed from the vehicles. When we reached the end of the parade route several of us proceeded to Primanti's Restaurant to have a late lunch before departing home.

CORVETTES AT CARLISLE

August 27-29

Submitted By Eli Zorich

As fast as 2025 went August will be here before we know it. We are hoping to get enough members to sign up for the fun field to have Steel Town Corvette club assigned an area in the fun Field. We need at least 5 members to sign up in advance. When registering, under the club affiliation Steel Town is listed in the pull down.

Some of us are staying at the Hampton by Hilton Harrisburg West 4950 Ritter rd. Mechanicsburg Pa. 17055 1-717-402-2021 (<https://hamptoninnmechanicsburg>) which is one exit from the Fairgrounds. If you preregister, please send me an email at ezorich4215@comcast.net so we can see if we get enough members to be assigned to our own area as we had in the past. Always an interesting and fun time!

If you prefer to stay at the Courtyard by Marriott, Gary Degnan has booked a group of rooms. Here is the reservation link and additional information from Gary: [Book your group rate for Steel Town Corvette Club](#)

Event Summary: Steel Town Corvette Club

Date: Thursday, August 27, 2026 - Saturday, August 29, 2026

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate: Courtyard by Marriott Harrisburg

West/Mechanicsburg for 159.00 USD - 169.00 USD per night - Last Day to Book: Thursday, August 13, 2026

OVERNIGHT CRUISE TO LANCASTER, OHIO

Submitted by Perry Minnis



Fellow members, STCC has historically supported the Ohio Corvette Club Alliance gathering of Corvettes held in Lancaster, OH on September 13, 2026. Hundreds of Corvettes line Main St. 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.). View hundreds of Corvettes, shop automotive vendors, food trucks, stop in downtown restaurants and shops and much more. STCC has partnered with Three Rivers Corvette Club (TRCC) on the cruise from Pittsburgh to Lancaster. The cruise will take us through many historic towns on a very scenic, enjoyable route. It is usually a 2-to-2 1/2-hour leisurely drive.

Dave Morgan, President of Three Rivers Corvette Club, has reserved a block of rooms at the Holiday Inn Express for the Lancaster Ohio 2026 Ohio Corvette Gathering. They are now prepared to begin accepting your travelers' reservations. See booking instructions below. To make the process as seamless as possible, use online registration and use the custom link below. You can use this link to book your room at the group rate: https://www.guestreservations.com/holiday-inn-express-suites-lancaster/booking?gad_source=1. Or call the hotel directly at (740) 654 - 4445 Extension 0, Do not push 1 for reservations as that connects you to the Philippines and they don't have access to the Block of rooms. Mention that you wish to book a reservation with-in the "2026 Three Rivers Corvette Club Block." Block Code: TRC. (Note: You will be prompted for a credit card / debit card when making the reservation, but payment will not be processed until the day the reservation is due to arrive.) ****For guests planning to stay only one night, please click on the dates at the top and adjust them to reflect a single night. Otherwise, the system will automatically default to a two-night stay. I typically book a room for Saturday night only (this year on 9/12/26). I usually drive home right after the show on Sunday.

I know this seems like a long way off, but the hotel will book up quickly, so I recommend you make your reservation ASAP! If the Holiday Inn Express (HIE) is completely booked there is another hotel, the Baymont by Wyndham, directly across from the HIE. Phone number is 740-994-4874. This hotel is a 2-minute walk from the HIE. Please let Perry know if you are planning to attend so I can keep track of who to notify with further details as we get closer to the date of the show. Any problems or issues contact me.

COCHRAN CHEVROLET CHEVY FEST – JUNE 13



Saturday, June 13, Cochran Chevrolet in Zelienople hosted their annual Chevy Fest. It was a beautiful day and a great turnout. STCC presented a check for \$500 to representatives of the Mars Home for Youth. The representatives graciously accepted the check and were pleased to pause for a photo with club members.



JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING AT CENCI'S – JUNE 16

Submitted by Dave Seibel



The June member meeting on June 16 was held at Cenci's & Bar in Cranberry. 51 members attended the meeting. The buffet dinner was to start at 6:00 p.m. with a choice of pizzas, pasta, different sauces, meatballs, salads, and appetizers, and soft drinks. There were three waitresses to keep the food and drinks coming when needed.

The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. with Perry calling on Frank Holby for the Treasurer's Report and Eli Zorich for an update on the All-Chevy Show in July. Dave Oreski provided an update on membership, and I gave an update on recent club activities which included the cruise to Bair's Corvettes hosted by Dave Oreski and Karen Buell, the Coraopolis Memorial Day Parade, hosted by Dave and Carol Seibel, visit to the Southwestern Veteran's Center hosted by Stu Benson, the overnight cruise to the US Air Force Museum in Dayton Ohio hosted by Rick Conwell, and the Chevy Fest at Cochran Chevrolet in Zelienople hosted by Eli Zorich.

Upcoming activities included the Brentwood 4th of July Parade hosted by Dave and Carol Seible, the overnight cruise to Titusville hosted by Nick and Joan Krizmanich on July 18-19, and the All-Chevy Show (see activities listing). One highlight was a plaque from the Alison Park Sportsman Club for Kids. Dave and Martha hosted this event and presented the Club with the appreciation plaque.

SOUTHWESTERN VETERAN'S CRUISE

May 30, 2026

Submitted by Dave Seibel

Fifteen members in twelve Corvettes met at the Park and Ride on Washington Boulevard and arrived as a group at the Southwestern Veteran's Center on May 30. We were greeted by Tom Nuhfer, the events coordinator for the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh. STCC provided ice and soft drinks for the show. The weather was perfect at 72 degrees and there were no clouds.

There were several Jaguars participating along with a Lamborghini Countach and a replica Shelby Cobra owned by a neighbor of one of our club members, Steve Tadolini. Our club was approached by a staff member from the Center who asked if we could help accompany some of the veterans around the car show. All our members participated, assisting the veterans. We had a wonderful time exchanging stories about the veterans' service records and their memories. This is the main reason many of our members attend the event every year.

The show was from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., but several vehicles had to leave early for other commitments. I would like to thank Stu Benson and the Jaguar Club of Pittsburgh for inviting us to attend. Unfortunately, Stu experienced some mechanical issues on the way to this event and had to have his car towed.

VINOSKI WINERY – JUNE 7

Submitted by Perry Minnis

While some members were enjoying the Dayton Ohio trip to Wright-Patterson Air Force Museum, several other members who couldn't make the Dayton trip cruised to the Vinoski Winery in Belle Vernon for their Spring Car Cruise. On June 7th, Nick & Joan Krizmanich, Sue Young, Perry & Gail Minnis and Scott Malone cruised to Vinoski's to enjoy a very relaxing day. We delighted in walking the winery grounds and viewing the many classic and sports cars that participated in the Spring Car Show.

Food trucks and, of course, wine were readily available. The weather cooperated with a gorgeous sunny, warm day. After viewing the cars in the show and eating lunch we just sat and enjoyed each other's company. This was a fun event and demonstrated that a good time can be had with very little preparation while enjoying the camaraderie of our fellow members.





VETTES for VETS

Submitted by Jo Post



I will begin collecting backpacks again this year for the “Pittsburgh Back to School Event” through Operation Home Front thru August 15th. This is in coordination with Deb Krall, Operation Home Front providing the children of every deployed service member, from every branch of the military in our local area, that they know need some assistance, with a new backpack filled with school supplies from the Dollar Store. This will ensure the children will start school off with everything they need to participate and learn. I’m hoping that the Board and members continue with this much needed support.

Additionally, there are several ways that individuals can contribute consistently, that will help our military families immensely. Currently, listed below are three of the most pressing ones: ***Let’s roll on this!***

1. **To help our wounded warriors:** continue bringing your old cell phones to the monthly meetings. They will be shipped to our partner recycling company, with all funds sent directly to The Wounded Warriors Project.
2. **To help our deployed troops relax a little with a good movie, when they have off-duty time:** Just bring DVDs – used or new. They will be given to our service members by Deb Krall, Operation Home Front.
3. **For the children – May thru August 15th:** Bring a new, regular sized, gender-neutral backpack or, if you prefer, donate any amount you want to contribute toward a backpack and I will combine the money to purchase additional backpacks in order to supplement any donation that was made by the club, or send another check to Operation Homefront if I reach at least \$100. They need \$2,000 to purchase the minimum number needed. In the past, donations have been given to Perry to be sent along with any donation approved by the STCC Board. If you don’t want to shop, and would like to help, you can donate to Perry or me.

Now you have three great reasons to clean out a few drawers, and some much-needed support to our troops. This is the perfect time to start working on this. Please bring the items to our monthly cruises or meetings, give them to **Jo Post or Wayne Anderson** – We’ll do the rest. Thank you again for all that you do to help others in need!!



THUNDER IN THE GLEN 2026

Watkins Glen, New York

By Bill Englert

Each year *Thunder in the Glen* transforms into a larger and more spectacular event. The first two times this Corvette event was held in Clute Park on the southern shore of Seneca Lake. Watkins Glen Promotions has now adopted the event and added it to its annual summer calendar ([Watkins Glen & Schuyler County Festivals & Events](#)). And the event this year was held right in downtown Watkins Glen on Saturday, May 16th! The main street was closed for 10 blocks. Of course, any event of this kind depends on the weather; and this year the weather was perfect, sunny and 70s.

Last year's estimated total was just over 120 Corvettes. This year there were 227 entrants who signed up in advance for the Premium Pass! This package included: (1) a police escorted procession from Watkins Glen International racetrack to downtown, (2) display parking in the town's main street all afternoon, and (3) a police escorted return through the surrounding countryside back to the track for parade laps.

I volunteered to assist with parking and was assigned to staging at the track Saturday morning. As the participants pulled in, we lined them up on the gravel parking paths behind the grandstands at Gate 2. Just before 9:00 the participants began to arrive and line up for the procession into town. It didn't take long to fill up the lines with all kinds of Corvettes.



Before departing, the local Sheriff addressed the drivers and assured them their trip to town would be supported by deputies all along the route. So, no stopping at intersections! But later he reminded them to **please** obey speed limits and maintain safe distance between cars. Then he admitted: “I know it’s going to be hard but do your best!” It was a very enjoyable cruise to downtown Watkins Glen, and they were ready for the Corvettes.



Downtown this rat rod drew some attention and there was even a car that I suspect would be Mark’s favorite. I was one of the last cars to arrive in town but still got in on the action! All in all, it was a fantastic weekend in the beautiful Finger Lakes region of New York. Can’t wait for next year’s ***Thunder in the Glen!*** Click on the link below for some additional information.

Are you a history buff? Below is more info about Corvette and Watkins Glen!



[\(https://watkinsglen.com/corvette-thunder-in-the-glen/\)](https://watkinsglen.com/corvette-thunder-in-the-glen/)

Locals claim...

“The Story of Corvette Begins at Watkins Glen.”

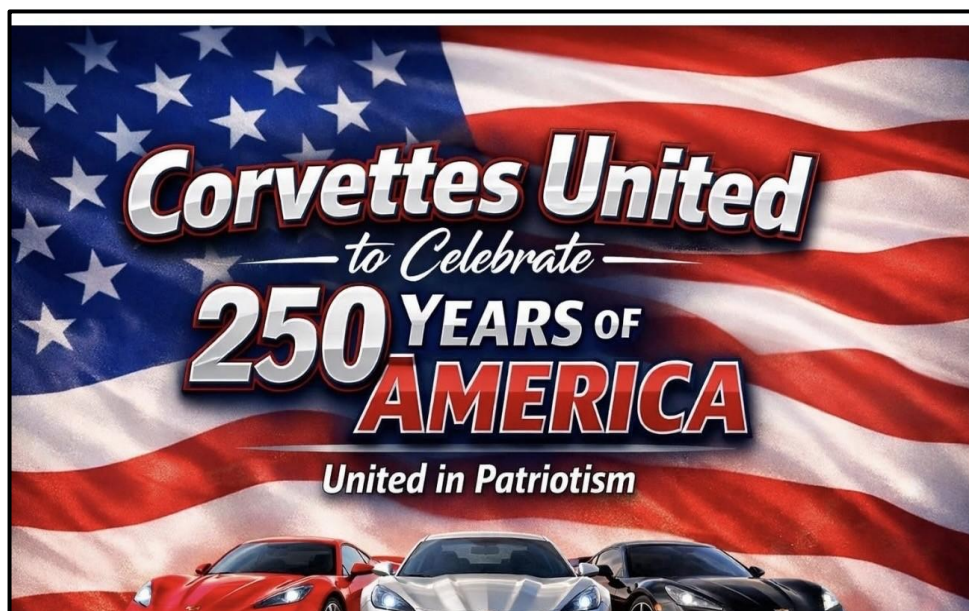
There appears to be considerable documentation that verifies that claim. This quote is courtesy of the National Corvette Museum:

“Harley Earl is the father of the Corvette. The Corvette was his idea pure and simple. He was influenced after World War II watching Jaguars and MG’s run road-racing courses like Watkins Glen. He felt America needed its own sports car, and he convinced GM to develop its own, inexpensive two-seater.”

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General Steel Town Club Information

The Steel Town Board of Directors – Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of every month. Chevrolet in Bridgeville. All Steel Town members are welcome.

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: newsletter@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!! events@steeltowncorvetteclub.com

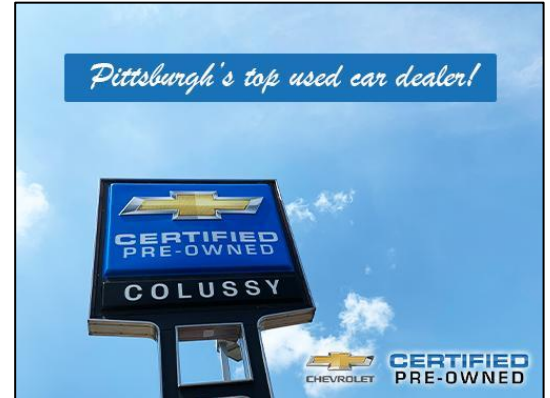
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Steel Town Nametags – We now have a new online ordering process for STCC nametags that allows members to order a new nametag and have it shipped directly. Access the website and template to create nametag(s) here: https://namebadge.com/pre_made/337

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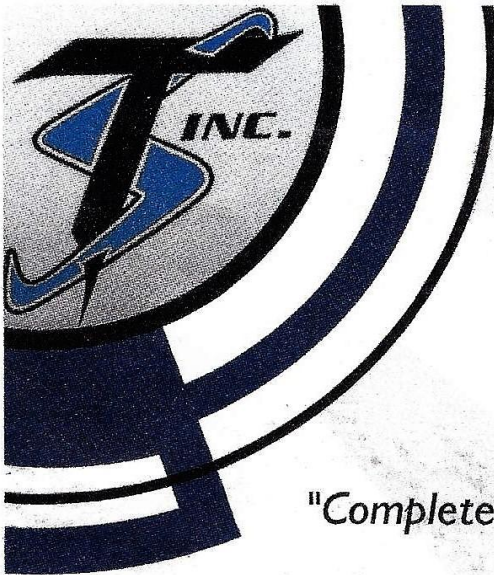
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