

PTSC SPRNG ROAD TOUR 2025

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May 10th brought great weather and beautiful Corvettes to Northern Mercer County and into Crawford County. All roads headed North of Pittsburgh and East from Ohio to exit 121 off Interstate 79 and Jackson Center, PA. We had about 28 folks attend between the ***Shenango Valley Corvette Club*** and the ***PTSC NCRS***. (Note: *PTSC member Art Colussy was also on the tour, but not pictured above.*) Our group was met by organizer Tom Bell and we headed to our first stop Belt Built LLC where we visited a dealership from the 1940's. Now owned by Tom and Shawn Bell, it was IBB's Packard, later, IBB's Oldsmobile which shut its doors in 1982. We viewed some personal collector cars including a 1969 Plymouth Hemi GTX, a 1970 Z-28, Camaros, Mustang, and back to a 1947 Lincoln. We picked up more cars and headed out to our second stop at Bair's Corvettes in Linesville, PA. On the way we had a beautiful country ride past Goddard State Park and Lake Wilhelm. The caravan then continued North to Conneaut Lake and included the now defunct amusement park. The lake is still very beautiful and enjoyed by many.

Many members had memories of the park but, unfortunately little remains. Continuing to Linesville, we arrived at Bair's Corvettes to be guided by Brian and Mary Beth Blair for a tour and light lunch. After which, we then drove to MFG Fiberglass Manufacturing who manufactured parts for Corvettes for years. Other sites now-a-days do much of the manufacturing, but the process was explained and the tour was very insightful of the process. Our next stop was a trip to Cherry Valley Amish Store for some shopping. The ride across the causeway crossing Pymatuning Lake was enjoyable. After shopping and visiting, we headed to our last stop for great dinner at Byler's Restaurant in Jamestown, PA. (As a side note, we drove by Pymatuning State Park where our own Mike Bucheit was park Superintendent in his younger days. Lots of fond memories for Mike.) After a delicious dinner at Bylers, the group headed South to Greenville and back to I-79 South. The weather and comradery of the group made for a great day to drive our cars. ***"We joined for the cars, but stayed for the people", could not have been truer on this day. TB***