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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The new season is expected to really get started this upcoming month with our first outing at the annual Quaker Steak and Lube in Sharon PA, hopefully the Corona Virus will be a thing of the past by then. Right now we are all settled in our homes enduring cabin fever, can't go out to eat, no gathering of more than ten people and now the closure of the liquor stores what will be next. Seriously I hope everyone is doing well and following the recommendation that are in place.

Would like to send a speedy recovery to one of our member, Joette, who fell and had to be rushed to the hospital, Get better soon girl!

Hopefully we will be seeing everyone soon!

Paul Schulze





NPCC 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 15 Board & Membership Meeting
- 18 Spring Fling dinner get together. Location TBD
- 26 Annual Quaker Steak & Lube Corvette Cruise – Sharon, PA

MAY

- 02 CCWP Corvette Show, Pittsburgh Mills Mall
- 16 Bair's 15th Annual Car Cruise – Linesville, PA
- 17 Bowser Chevrolet Spring Corvette Cruise, 9:00 am
- 17 Bellvue Car Cruise, Noon
- 20 Board & Membership Meeting
- 22 Victory Car Cruise Opener – Cranberry, PA
- 24 TRCC 12th Annual All-American Car Show – Sun Chevrolet, Canonsburg, PA
- 28-30 National Corvette Museum, Michelin Bash, Bowling Green KY

JUNE

- 11 Butler Community Car Cruise – Community Alliance Church – Butler, PA
- 13 New Castle School of Trades at noon
- 13 Beaver Falls Car Cruise – Beaver Falls, PA
- 17 Board & Membership Meeting
- 20 Annual Car Cruise at Richland Mall, Gibsonia PA 4:00—8:00pm
- 21 Fathers day car cruise, Hartwood Acres, Allison Park, 6:30pm Marcells Concert at 7:00pm
- 21 Big Butler Parts A Rama – Butler Fairgrounds – Prospect, PA
- 28 Rodfathers Cruise A Palooza – Main Street Downtown Butler, PA 10:00 – 5:00pm

JULY

- 11 Collette Picnic at 11:00am
- 11 Mega Cruise – Butler County Airport
- 11 Tom Henry All Chevy & GM Event – Bakerstown, PA
- 12 Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center Car Cruise, Ross Twmp, 11:00am
- 15 Board & Membership Meeting
- 18 Ambridge Car Cruise – Ambridge, PA
- 17-19 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Historic Races – Pitt Race Complex
- 21 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Waterfront Car Cruise – Homestead, PA
- 22 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Downtown Parade and Plaza Display – Downtown Pittsburgh, PA
- 24 WTAE Summerfest Parade at Kennywood
- 25 **NPCC Picnic – Adams Township Community Park – Noon till ??**
- 25-26 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Race Weekend – Schenley Park
- 26 STCC Colussy All Chevy Show – Bridgeville, PA

PLEASE NOTE WE DO NOT HAVE ALL THE DATES FOR THE EVENTS AS YET. WE WILL UPDATE THEM AS THEY

**NPCC 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS****AUGUST**

- 1 Hot Summer Nights Cruise – Beaver, PA
- 2 Annual North Hills Manorcare Car Cruise, Noon
- 19 Board & Membership Meeting
- 27-30 Corvettes at Carlisle – Carlisle, PA
- 29 Murder Mystery on the Oil Creek Railroad at 4:45pm
- 30 Woodward Cream Cruise, Detroit MI, with COPA
- 30 Moon Township VFD Massive Car Cruise
- TBD Victory Car Cruise Corvette Night – Cranberry, PA

SEPTEMBER

- 3-5 National Corvette Museum, 26th Anniversary Celebration
- 4-6 Back to the 50's weekend at Cascade Park, New Castle PA
- 12 Harmony Township Hot Road Heaven Car Cruise – Wright Chevrolet, Baden, PA
- 13 Evans City Oktoberfest 10:00am
- 16 Board & Membership Meeting
- 19-20 113th Annual Flax Scutching Festival – Stahlstown, PA
- TBD Harmony Township Hot Road Heaven Car Cruise – Wright Chevrolet, Baden, PA
- TBD Best of the Best Picnic

OCTOBER

- 21 Board & Membership Meeting
- 16-17 Free State Corvette Club Corvette Weekend – Ocean City, MD
- TBD Autumn Leaf Cruise

NOVEMBER

- 7 Pittsburgh Veterans Day Parade
- 18 Board & Membership Meeting

WE NEED YOUR SUGGESTIONS

We are looking for new ideas for things we can do this year, even though we love our Vette's and love to show them off, the ideas don't always have to be with our cars (example dinner and movie night). It's really up to you. If you have any ideas please send them to our activities coordinator Joe Molokach at Molokach.j@comcast.net



1001 CORVETTE FACTS

STEVE MAGNANTE'S 1001 CORVETTE FACTS

By Joe Molokach

FACT 34

Because GM's go-to body supplier (Fisher Body) had no experience with fiberglass construction, Chevrolet went to the Molded Fiberglass Company (MFG) of Ashtabula, Ohio, for the Corvette project. Not surprisingly, MFG was already working with the Kaiser-Frasier auto company on its fiberglass-bodied Darrin 161 sports-car project. MFG supplied Kaiser with 10 of the 13 major fiberglass parts used in each body. A miniscule competitor in the grand scheme of things, General Motors allowed MFG to fulfill its obligations to the Kaiser Darrin program while simultaneously supplying bodies for the new Corvette.

FACT 156

Even though virtually every restored 1956-1961 Corvette seen today has a two-tone, contrasting paint treatment applied to the side cove the attractive feature was *not* standard issue. Rather, buyers had to request RPO 440 to get the contrasting cove paint, which cost an extra \$19.40 (\$16.15 after 1957).

FACT 267

The 1963 Grand Sport program was a direct response to Carroll Shelby's AC Cobra. Despite its many advancements, the Sting Ray was still much too heavy to compete against Shelby's repowered British import. At 3,100 pounds, and despite its 48/52 (front/rear) static weight distribution, the Cobras were up to 1,100 pounds lighter. To even the score, a purpose-built racer, sharing almost nothing with the production Sting Ray except body shape, was created. At 2,283 pounds with an all-aluminum 377-ci small-block, the first Grand Sports looked ready to stomp some snakes. However, after only six were built, GM's infamous anti-racing edict came down on January 24, 1963.

FACT 715

Although aluminum wheels were a somewhat exotic extra-cost Corvette item before they became standard in 1984 (hefty steel rims were standard on all Corvettes from 1953 to 1982), 1998 brought the Corvette's first magnesium wheel offering. In keeping with the unfortunate supply-scarcity hassles that haunted the 1963 P48 and 1973 YJ8 alloy-rim programs, the N73 mags also had a rocky launch. Priced at a hefty \$3,000, records indicate that 1,425 of the 31,084 cars built wore them. But for reasons unknown, domestic sales amounted to only 233 cars. The remaining 1,192 mag-equipped 1998 C5s were built for export, where they appeared on roads in Mexico, Canada, Asia and Europe.

FACT 856

The Great Recession left its mark on Corvette sales, which tumbled from 35,310 in 2008 to 16,956 in 2009 despite the excitement surrounding the arrival of the supercharged 200-mph ZR1. Continued uncertainty suppressed Corvette sales through the end of C6 production. Subsequent output was 12,194 in 2010, 13,596 in 2011, 11,647 in 2012, and 13,466 in 2013. One had to look back to the pre-Sting Ray era to find such consistently low production totals.



CORVETTE CORNER—LOOK FORWARD TO TOMORROW

In this crazy world we live in where we are confined to our homes, where toilet paper is more valuable than money and every event we are looking forward to gets cancelled, we sometimes just need some normalcy. Even if it's just a newsletter with all our upcoming events, sometimes we just need something to look forward to, God knows its not our retirement, looking at our 401K's.

I know this corona virus has taken over every part of our lives and we just want to turn off all the news and try to forget about life for a while. So tomorrow, as I'm working at home, I decided to take out the Vette, drive to McDonalds (thru the drive-thru) buy my coffee and breakfast sandwich and cruise McKnight Road.

Lets pray for an end to this misery, hold your loved ones, give your pets an extra treat, tell the kids, grandkids that you love them, get the Vette out, talk with your family and enjoy life.

As Tom Henry said in his email when we told him we had to cancel our meeting "...where going to have one hell of a party when all this is over".

Stay safe

Steve

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2020 Membership Application

Please complete all areas and print clearly New Membership Renewal Over 70

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Cell No.	Cell No.			
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Occupation		/		
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER will be distribution by email: <input type="checkbox"/> US Mail (Black/White) add \$11.00				

CORVETTE INFORMATION		
Year	Model <small>(Coupe -Convertible)</small>	Other Information

MEMBERSHIP TERM		
<i>January 1 - December 31, 2020</i>		
Annual Dues	Single Member	Dual Members
New Membership	\$30.00	\$35.00
Renewal *	\$20.00	\$25.00
Dues Are Non-Refundable <i>Checks will not be cashed until Board approves and accepts membership.</i> *Renewal must be paid by Jan. 31, 2020		

I hereby release the NORTH PITTSBURGH CORVETTE CLUB, INC., its membership and representatives, from any and all liabilities and claims occasioned by or resulting from and during our membership and any activities associated therewith. I hereby state that the license and insurance on my Corvette(s) is in force. I agree that, if accepted, I will abide by the By-Laws of

Signature: _____ Date: _____
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