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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well after missing the last couple of months with no newsletter it's time for one. Everyone has been quarantined for the last few months because of the Corona virus and hopefully everyone has been getting caught up on the "to do" list, I know myself I think I'm good for the next year.

As far as our monthly meeting we will probably have to wait until our usual meeting venues open to sit down serving unless we have an outdoor meeting.

Joe talked myself and Steve to join in a cruise starting at the Beaver Valley Mall, called Lift your Sprit, what a great time. We had police, firemen, EMT's directing traffic. There were around 130 cars on the cruise, anyone that had enough of sitting at home came out. The route was filled with spectators lining the route sitting in lawn chairs, in their yards just enjoying all the different cars. Again what a great time, also thanks to Joe for the invitation.

It's going to be a difficult year with limited access to restaurants and other venues but we will all see this crisis through and make next year even better.

Hope to see everyone soon, stay safe.

Paul Schulze



C8 Production restarts next week. So lets keep our fingers crossed that Joe gets his before the snow starts to fly again.

**NPCC 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS****MAY**

- 16 Beaver Valley Mall "Neighborhood" cruise, noon
- 23 NPCC Enjoy the Sun Cruise, 11:00 am at Starbucks I79 and 910
- 30 Maple Lane Farm Cruise, 11:00am at Highway Equipment Company in Zelienople

**JUNE**

- 05 PA Victory Car Cruise, Cranberry Twp. 5pm
- 13 New Castle School of Trades at noon
- 17 Board & Membership Meeting
- 21 Big Butler Parts A Rama – Butler Fairgrounds – Prospect, PA
- 28 Washington Pa Car Show at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, 8:30 am

**JULY**

- 01 Pittsburgh Mills Ultimate Wednesday night, 4PM
- 11 Mega Cruise – Butler County Airport
- 12 Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center Car Cruise, Ross Twmp, 11:00am
- 15 Board & Membership Meeting
- 18 Ambridge Car Cruise – Ambridge, PA, 9:00am
- 17-19 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Historic Races – Pitt Race Complex
- 21 Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Waterfront Car Cruise – Homestead, PA, 4:00pm
- 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 ??**
- 26 STCC Colussy All Chevy Show – Bridgeville, PA, 8:00am

PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES MAY EITHER CHANGE OR BE CANCELLED ALL TOGETHER. WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO KEEP YOU UPDATED.

You can check for updates at anytime at [carrcruises.com](http://carrcruises.com)



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**AUGUST**

- 1 Hot Summer Nights Cruise – Beaver, PA, 10:00am
- 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, 9:00am
- TBD Victory Car Cruise Corvette Night – Cranberry, PA

**SEPTEMBER**

- 3-5 National Corvette Museum, 26th Anniversary Celebration
- 6 PA Greater Pittsburgh Masonic Center, Ross Twp, 11:00am
- 4-6 Back to the 50's weekend at Cascade Park, New Castle PA
- 12 Beaver Falls Car Cruise – Beaver Falls, PA, noon
- 16 Board & Membership Meeting
- 19-20 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Flax Scutching Festival – Stahlstown, PA

**OCTOBER**

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

**NOVEMBER**

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

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**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

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## 1001 CORVETTE FACTS

### STEVE MAGNANTE'S 1001 CORVETTE FACTS

By Joe Molokach

#### FACT 54

To increase output from 115 to 150 hp for 1953 Corvette duty, the venerable 235-ci Blue Flame inline 6-cylinder engine was fitted with a trio of horizontally mounted (side draft) Carter YH carburetors, with high-flow spilt-outlet iron exhaust manifolds, full-length dual exhaust, a mechanical cam with .405/.414-inch lift (intake/exhaust), dual valvesprings, and aluminum 8.0:1 compression pistons to deliver 150 hp at 4,200 rpm and 223 ft-lbs of torque at 2,400 rpm. Unlike later years where certain Corvette engines were shared with passenger cars, the triple-carbureted 6 was not offered elsewhere.

#### FACT 259

Photos dating from November 1957 show full-size clay models of nearly complete 1963 Sting Rays and provide silent testimony that it took years for automakers to bring their dreams to reality. Today, computers and virtual modeling have significantly decreased the cycle time. The Sting Ray's national press preview took place almost five years later, on August 23, 1962.

#### FACT 401

Half as fast. In 1980, the Corvette speedometer only read to 85 mph. That was almost half the 160-mph gauge-face reading of 1979. It was all part of a federally mandated, industry-wide scheme to discourage fast driving and save fuel. Interestingly, General Motors was ahead of the curve, so to speak. A handful of late-build 1979 models received the Orwellian 85-mph speedometer before it became law.

#### FACT 580

The Bosch Anti-Lock Brake System first seen in 1986 as standard equipment had already been in use on European cars from Mercedes-Benz, BMW, Opel, and Audi. But while (early) competing systems generally monitored wheel speed with sensors mounted to the driveshaft (Mercedes-Benz) or rear half shafts (Audi). Corvette's adaptation of the Bosch system was one of the first to place electromagnetic rotation (speed) sensors at each of the four wheels for more precise data monitoring.

#### FACT 767

With its first-ever Gas Guzzler Tax, 200-mph top speed, 638 horsepower, and \$103,000 window sticker, the poor ZR1 couldn't have picked a worse time to debut than 2009. General Motors was in the midst of a financial meltdown, and government-bail out "car czars" were pressing for a full-scale conversion to hybrid and electric cars. But the stars aligned, and the ZR1 snuck past the chopping block and into the timeline of Corvette legends. It was a close call.



# DO YOU REMEMBER

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By Joe Molokach

People often joke about the age of the average Corvette owner. I'm willing to bet that a lot of my fellow NPCC members remember these oldies!





BEAVER VALLEY MALL "NEIGHBORHOOD" CRUISE



On May 16th, members of NPCC and CCWP participated along with about 130 other vehicles in an event to say thank you to all the people who have "stayed home" over the past few months. The Corvette grupetto of 10 cars met in the parking lot of the Steak and Shake where we made out way over to the main meeting area. At noon time all the cars started to snake their way out and off we went for the next hour and a half driving through the back roads of Peters Twp, Center Twp, Aliquippa, Hopewell, Moon, Baden and Ambridge. It was great to see all the kids and adults out to meet us, we waved, honked and revved those engines as our way of saying thanks. Thank you to all the police, fire and other first responders who where out to police the intersections.





### CRUISE TO THE SUN



#### “Cruise to the Sun”

On Saturday May 23, members of NPCC along with many other Corvettes from other clubs gathered together at the Starbucks just off I79 at the 910 exit to participate in the Cruise to the Sun. We eventually had 24 cars head out together along I79 north. We did pick up a few members at the rest area on I79 and then proceeded on towards Grove City. What a sight when 24 Corvettes processed through the middle of town with their big V8’s burbling in unison. We then drove down to pickup Rt8 in Harrisville then along to Rt528 just past the Old Stone House. A nice twisty road through Moraine State Park then back on Rt422 to Butler. We finished our cruise at our sponsor, Tom Henry Chevrolet, to gaze upon a beautiful 2020 red Stingray Corvette.

All in all it was an amazing day out with friends.

Thanks everyone





### CORVETTE CORNER—IS MY WIFE A CORVETTE JUNKY!

It's weird some days when it's rainy and I'm stuck inside the only thing I think about is the Corona Virus and what its doing to our lives, however when we do get that sunny day with warm temperatures all that worrying seems to disappear. The last few weekends we have had at least one day that was pretty decent and as such I've been out driving. The first couple of times I went by myself taking progressively longer jaunts to Cranberry then Grove City. On my last trip my wife Mary, who's far from being a car nut like myself, said she would like to come along as well, then came the request "oh and by the way you said I could drive it". She was right of course, when I bought the Vette one of the conditions was that she could drive it. Yikes there was no way out.

So off we went, I drove it to a parking area in Cranberry and then we swapped places, admittedly I don't like being a passenger in my own car but sometimes you got to do what you got to do. We took a bunch of backroads home through North Park and McKnight Road and to say the least she loved it. She even commented when she saw Paul's green Vette that if she ever had a Corvette that would be the color. Wow I may have a convert on my hands. All in all she did great and no scratches.

I told her when we got home that she could only come with me on certain days as the rest of the time I would be out there "Picking up Chicks in my Vette". For some reason she just laughed!!

Steve Taylor

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# North Pittsburgh Corvette Club

## 2020 Membership Application

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

Member (1) Name	Birth Date	/	/	
Member (2) Name	Birth Date	/	/	
Mailing Address				
City, State, Zip				
Phone No.	Fax No.			
Cell No.	Cell No.			
E-mail addresses		/		
Wedding Anniversary Date if Applicable				
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
<b>Renewal *</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Dues Are Non-Refundable</b> <i>Checks will not be cashed until Board approves and accepts membership.</i> <b>*Renewal must be paid by Jan. 31, 2020</b>		

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: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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