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Stephen Taylor

Hi all

Welcome to Fall everyone. The September / October events where a lot of fun at the Polo match Cochran did not disappoint with their tent experience and the Titusville and Fall Foliage cruises were well attended great days out. Even though winter is just around the corner it's not to late for some late season cruises so make sure to get out and enjoy your corvettes before the season is over here in the North.

Rob



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NOVEMBER MEETING

**November Meeting Location**  
**Sports Grille**  
**1294 Freedom Road, Cranberry 16066**

**November 20th at 6:00pm**





2024 Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER

7<sup>TH</sup>. BOARD MEETING

11<sup>th</sup> VETERANS DAY PARADE

20<sup>TH</sup>. GENERAL MEETING & ELECTIONS FOR 2025

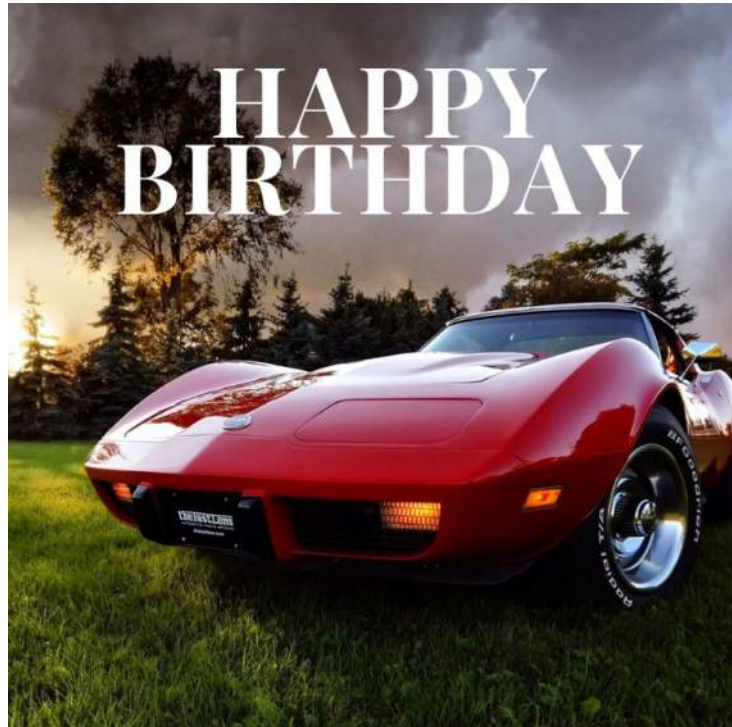
DECEMBER



**BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

**September - November Birthdays**

Gary Beighley  
Chuck Bussick  
Chgad Coleman  
Jimmy Craig  
Tom Franczyk  
Jim Hill  
Gary Laughlin  
Mark Lenchner  
Terry Martin  
Gail Minnis  
Tom Mitchell  
David Mitros  
Joe Molokach  
Brenda Nahrwold  
Rob Park  
Sharri Roudenbush  
Mary Taylor



**September - November Anniversaries**

John & Loriann Putzier  
Michael Steele & Joette Miller  
Al & Lynn Syrek

## Just for a smile



"Not one set of keys to a Corvette. When did my neighborhood get so cheap?"



"Mr. Roberts is out staring at his new Corvette. Can I take a message?"



"Apparently, that zombie prefers a nice Corvette over eating our brains, because he just stole mine."



"I'm restoring a Corvette, but I'm not mechanically inclined. I heard I'll need some tools, so I probably need a wrench and a screwdriver."



**AND THE WINNER IS .....**

Yes, the Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix is over for this year but we have a winner for the PVGP Corvette Z06 sweepstakes. The winner this year is a local guy and actually is a co-worker of Scott Walker, one of our members.

The winner is Jeffrey Mattiuz. Jeff not only won the Z06 but also \$30,000.

But the biggest winner is the Charities of the PVGP. The donations amounted to \$733,000.

Well done everyone!





## WINTER WONDERLAND



The Chevy [Corvette](#) is many things to many people, but it's not the sort of car most people would consider a good car for winter driving. Dealing with the cold usually also means dealing with ice and snow, of course — two states of water that, when placed on the ground in the path of a moving vehicle, generally leave its driver hoping for as much traction and as much space between the vehicle's body and the elements below as possible. That means four-wheel-drive or all-wheel-drive

are generally preferred, as is a lot of ground clearance.

[The Corvette](#), of course, has neither.

Every [Corvette](#) ever to roll out of a GM factory has sent its power to the rear wheels alone, and every one has sat low enough to the ground to scrape squirrel boogers off the pavement with its front bumper. That may change at some point — [future hybrid and EV 'Vettes](#) seem likely to offer AWD to make the most of their power, and [a Corvette-branded SUV](#) may well be in the works — but here in early 2022, every Chevy [with that famous flag logo](#) sits low and send power to the stern.

Still, the latest-generation version does offer one change that could alter its behavior in the snow: the engine now sits between the driver and the rear axle. Does pushing the weight distribution closer to the driven wheels make it better in the slick stuff?

Is anyone actually crazy enough to risk driving their precious Bowtie baby through the shit of winter to see for themselves? Maybe, maybe not. But I figured I owed it to anyone who might be curious to find out, so I scooped up a C8 Corvette with snow tires and headed north to Vermont.

Generally speaking, I'm not a fan of remote starters; warming up cars by leaving them idling without anyone aboard is both inefficient and bad for the planet. That said, the snarl the Corvette's optional performance exhaust lets loose when you use the starter button on the key fob is practically worth the cost of the car. (I only used it when I was already walking to the car to drive off, I swear.)

On the drive up from New York, the Corvette proved a delightful grand tourer, allowing me to knock out hundreds of miles at a time in comfort. (I did stop to stretch my legs once, but that was also to fill up the gas tank; [like EVs, the C8's highway range is just shy of what my trip to Vermont requires.](#))



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The 6.2-liter V8 remains one of the best engines on sale: immensely tractable, with ample torque available all across the dial and a slug of horsepower at the top of the rev range that'll humble most cars on the road. With it under the hood, the Stingray is fast enough to leave everything but supercars in the dust — but it's just as happy ticking along at 1,600 rpm on the highway, getting 25 mpg at 75 mph. And while I'll admit to having shed a tear for the loss of the stick shift in the Corvette, the dual-clutch eight-speed automatic is a revelation, snapping off shifts more intelligently than you ever could whether you

It's pretty damn usable, too. Even with the trunk loaded up with snowmobile gear and winter apparel and the frunk packed with a [Yeti soft cooler](#) to fill with [Alchemist Heady Topper](#), there was still a fair amount of leftover storage space to be found. The cabin's eccentricities — the driver-adjacent infotainment screen, [the button-laden spine separating the occupants](#), the placement of the cupholders and the wireless phone charger — make life inside a bit awkward from time to time...but mostly just for the passenger, and hey, you bought a 'Vette to drive it.

And while the Corvette's proportions arguably lost a bit of old-school cool by going mid-engined (*yeah, I said it, come at me*), there's no denying that its Ferrari/McLaren/Lamborghini-esque proportions suck in eyes like a Dyson grabbing dust bunnies. I saw elementary-school-age boys practically lose their minds over the site of this racy red machine on multiple occasions; adults tended to be a bit less obvious...but only a bit.

This Corvette coupe was the first I'd sampled that didn't come with the \$6,345 Z51 performance pack, which bundles together a sharper suspension, beefier Brembo brakes, an electronic limited-slip differential, stickier tires, a different rear axle ratio and aerodynamic adjustments (among other tweaks) to make the C8 a more effective weapon on track. It's largely considered a must-have by many folks, especially those who plan on exploiting the mid-engined Corvette to the fullest — or at least want to *think* they will — [which has led more than half of C8s out the door so far to come with it.](#)

Still, while I'd probably opt for the Z51 pack for my personal 'vette, I didn't miss it under these conditions. The car reacted ever so slightly less sharply than the Z51 car, but it's a matter of comparing [kitchen knives](#) and *katanas*: both still cut damn well. Without the eLSD in back to actively shunt power along, the base car doesn't push itself through tight turns with quite the same force, but the old-fashioned mechanical limited-slip still does a great job keeping the power going in turns.

And, with the magnetic ride suspension, the non-Z51 rode with a creamy dreaminess, even over frostbitten pavement. I measure a car's ride harshness in terms of the number of times involuntarily exclaim "OOF," "AHHH" or "JESUS" when I crash over a bump, pothole or other road gash hard enough to feel it in my bones; while I'll usually wind up doing so a few times every 100 miles in most sports cars, I only exclaimed four times over 700 miles in the 'Vette.





## PREP YOUR VETTE

Unless you live in the South or Southwest, cooler weather signals the time of year to put your pride and joy into hibernation. Storing your Corvette for the winter, either in the garage or a storage unit, is the option that many people take to keep their car safe through harsh weather. Putting your Corvette up for a few months definitely has some benefits — you can clean it well and check out the condition of the drivetrain.

- Wash Your Corvette
- Clean the Tires & Wheels
- Clean the Interior
- Fill Up the Fuel Tank
- Maintain Your Corvette's Battery
- Change the Oil and Filter
- Prevent Pests
- Utilize Car Covers.
- Avoid flat spots on your tires
- Start your corvette over winter
- Maintain your insurance



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# North Pittsburgh Corvette Club

## 2025 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 address \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Wedding Anniversary Date if Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER will be distributed by email:  US Mail (Black / White) add \$11.00

CORVETTE INFORMATION		
Year	Model	Other Information

MEMBERSHIP TERM		
January 1—December 31, 2025		
Annual Dues	Single Member	Dual Members
New Membership	\$30.00	\$35.00
Renewal *	\$20.00	\$25.00
<b>Dues Are Non-Refundable</b> Checks will not be cashed until Board approves And accepts membership. *Renewal must be paid by Jan 31, 2025		

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 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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