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From the val Office



Hi Corvette Enthusiasts,

Spring is here and April is the time to get your Vettes out of hibernation, shine them up, and get them out on the road for the upcoming car show season. April also means we only have one month to go until Springfest. 2016 is AACC's 15th year hosting this annual event. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to ask your favorite restaurant, hardware or grocery store, or auto parts dealer, for donations to our Tricky Tray auction. The charities we support benefit greatly from the success of this auction. Many hours and hard work go into the planning and organizing of Springfest. Please bring your items or gift baskets to our April 13th meeting, in order to be recognized in our marketing info on the day of show. Besides supporting the auction, we also need volunteers for registration, parking cars, set-up, or 50/50 ticket sales on the day of show. Review the sign-up sheets during our April meetings to find where you can help. Thanks in advance for supporting the show and volunteering your time. Let's make Springfest 2016 the best one yet.

Save the Wave!

Laura Hegyi

Laura Hegyi,
AACC President

AACC Meetings



The Allentown Area Corvette Club meets at 8:00 pm at the **Best Western Lehigh Valley Hotel & Conference Center**, 300 Gateway Drive Bethlehem, PA 18017. (Tel: 610-866-5800) Check the lobby monitor for our meeting room location.

Full menu and bar service is available prior to our meeting.

Upcoming Club Meetings:

Apr. 13 & 27 May 11 & 25 Jun. 8 & 22

This Month

- **09—Springfest Judging Clinic**, Faulkner (Bethlehem, PA) (p.5)
- **13—Club Meeting**, Best Western LV, 8 pm (Bethlehem, PA) (p.1)
- **17—Stroudsmoor Luncheon** (Stroudsburg, PA) (p.5)
- **21—Corvette Day**, Beth. Area Vo-Tech (Bethlehem Twsp., PA) (p.5)
- **27—Club Meeting**, Best Western LV, 8 pm (Bethlehem, PA) (p.1)
- **29—Corvettes & Coffee**, Location TBD, 9 am (p.5)

Upcoming

- 5/01—Springfest (pp.7-8)
- 5/15—Cruise to the Gap
- 5/27—Iron Pigs Game (p.6)
- 6/02-08—Adventure Trip to Myrtle Beach and Charleston, SC (p.6)
- 6/05—TCV Summer Bash Show
- 6/12—SBCC Vettes for Vets Show, Beach Bums Corvette Show
- 6/18—CCDV Cavalcade Show
- 6/20—Harley Plant Tour (p.6)
- 6/25—Faulkner Show (p.9)

Follow our group on



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Membership Corner

As of AACC's meeting on March 23rd there were:

- **222** active members
- **5** potential members

The Board of Directors voted in the following

New Active Members during March:

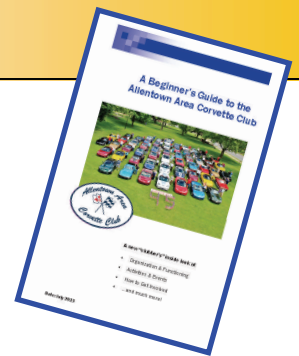
Paul Katinis & Denise Fulmer Pen Argyl, PA '13 GS Cnv

Current **Potential Members** of AACC are:

Al & Bobbie Paul..... Bethlehem, PA '69 Cnv, '06 Cnv

Chuck Yeoman Easton, PA..... '15 Z06 Cpe

Ed & Diane Zglenski..... Perkiomenville, PA '00 Cnv



We all look forward to seeing you at upcoming AACC meetings & events!

George Wetherhold *Legacy.com*

Wed., Mar. 09 | AACC lost an active member with the passing of George Wetherhold. Many enjoyed lunch with him at the Brick Tavern Inn just a few short weeks ago. You will be missed, George.

George A. Wetherhold, 63, of Bethlehem, died on Wednesday March 9, 2016. He was the husband of Yevonne (Mann) Wetherhold, who died on December 4, 2012. Born on August 23, 1952, Fountain Hill, he was the son of the late James and Ruth (Adams) Wetherhold. He worked as an assembly mechanic for Mack Trucks for 17 years. Later he worked as a free lance auto mechanic. George was a member of the Allentown Corvette Club. He was a car enthusiast, who loved corvettes, Harley Davidson, and drag racing. Survivors: close friends Ronald Kuritz and his wife Jill and their family of Macungie; girlfriend Michelle Wagner; many other friends and neighbors. Services: 11 AM Tuesday March 15, 2016 at Cantelmi Funeral Home, 1311 Broadway, Fountain Hill, where relatives and friends may call for one hour prior to the service. His burial will be at Fountain Hill Cemetery. Online remembrances may be made at www.cantelmifuneralhome.com Contributions: In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in George's name to the Allentown Corvette Club, P.O. Box 90896 Allentown, PA 18109.



Published in Morning Call on Mar. 11, 2016 - See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/mcall/obituary.aspx?n=george-a-wetherhold&pid=178012836&fhid=9565#sthash.laDcEsrr.dpuf>

Thinking of You

If anyone knows of a member who is hospitalized, had surgery, or lost a loved one, please notify VP Mike Cutro (Cutro@hotmail.com, 610-365-8659) or one of the other Board Members.



What We Drive

In early March when our membership count was 121, Marty Hegyi did a little analysis of AACC's statistics...

By design generation, there are 8 (5.5%) C1s, 12 (8%) C2s, 12 (8%) C3s, 25 (16.5%) C4s, 38 (25%) C5s, 40 (25%) C6s, and 17 (11%) C7s.

Broken down by body style, we have 98 (65%) coupes and 54 (35%) convertibles/roadsters.

Considering body color, AACC drives 49 (32%) Red, 35 (23%) Blue, 15 (10%) Black, 13 (8.5%) White, 10 (6.5%) Yellow, 9 (6%) Green, 9 (6%) Silver, 6 (4%) Grey, 3 (2%) Gold, 1 (0.65%) Purple, 1 (0.65%) Orange, and 1 (0.65%) Tan.

Hampton Winds Dinner *Chair: Kevin Minnich ('00)*

Mon., Mar. 14 | Fifteen club members joined Kevin and Michelle Minnich for a 5-course gourmet dinner at NCC's *Hampton Winds* Culinary School Restaurant. We dined in two groups and were (again) the loudest folks in the restaurant. There was adequate time between courses to catch up on everyone's activities and talk about the future.

One unfortunate bit of news we learned that evening was that the entire long time "front of house" staff will be retiring in October. Lauren Taylor (*Hampton Winds* Restaurant Manager) and her wonderful staff are always a delight at the restaurant. Watch for another dinner event in early Fall before the ladies leave to begin their retirement.



St. Pat's Day Parade & Party *Chairs: David & Susan Hornung ('67, '95, '98)*

Sun., Mar. 20 | David Hornung paced eight other Corvettes in the Allentown St. Patrick's Day Parade. It was a cloudy and cool day, but the sun broke through for a few minutes. After decorating the cars and hanging out for most of the parade, we joined the 7th Division, closely following the food trucks. People were lined throughout the parade route, and it even flurried a bit. (That's always special when driving a convertible with the top down!).



After the parade, we headed over to Dave and Susan's new home in Emmaus for the traditional after-parade party. The festivities were in high gear when the parade cars arrived, but there was still plenty of food remaining. Dave proudly gave tours of their new zero-energy home and explained all of the details. As usual, a good time was had by all.

Thanks, Dave and Susan, for making this another special St. Patrick's Day!



▲ video image from SECTV coverage



35 Photos by Len Feinberg

Judging Clinic *Chair: Rick Serfass (‘60, ‘93, ‘12)*

Sat., Apr. 09 | To prepare for Springfest 2016, Rick Serfass will again lead a judging session at our sponsor, Faulkner Chevy-Cadillac (Bethlehem, PA), from 2–4 pm in the service receiving bays. All event judges are encouraged to attend. Corvettes are needed for demonstration purposes, dependent on weather. Also, don’t forget to bring a chair.

The clinic is open to ANYONE interested in learning how judging is performed or how to better prepare your own car.



Stroudsmoor Inn Buffet *Chairs: Mike & Cindy Cutro (‘14)*

Sun., Apr. 17 | Mike & Cindy Cutro invite fellow AACC members to join them for the American Harvest Buffet at The Stroudsmoor Country Inn (257 Stroudsmoor Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360, www.stroudsmoor.com) at a private event from 3 to 6pm. Dedicated Corvette parking is available. We will caravan from the Park N’ Ride (Rte. 33 & Wm. Penn Hwy.) Arrive by 1:15pm to depart promptly at 1:30. If you are driving directly to The Stroudsmoor, arrive by 2:15pm so all Corvettes can park together. \$35 per person includes tax and gratuity. Cash bar available.
Contact: Mike Cutro (cutro@hotmail.com)



BAVTS Corvette Day *Chairs: Mike Cutro (‘14), Marty Hegyi (‘69, ‘07)*

Thu., Apr. 21 | We are fortunate to have one of the nation’s top automotive vocational-technical programs right here in the Lehigh Valley at the Bethlehem Area Vocational Technical School (BAVTS). To help tomorrow’s technicians appreciate America’s Sports Car even more, AACC will partner with the Automotive Technology program by displaying Corvettes from each generation and providing a history of the marque. Mike Cutro and Marty Hegyi are coordinating this event and seek your support. If you can assist with a display vehicle or support a history lesson, contact either Mike (610-365-8659) or Marty (610-730-2846).

Corvettes & Coffee *Chair: Jeff Mohring (‘04)*

Fri., Apr. 29 | AACC members are invited to join Jeff Mohring for breakfast the last Friday of each month. The time is 9am but the location varies around the Lehigh Valley. Contact Jeff at 610-392-6898 or threejsjm@verizon.net.



Think Spring, Think SpringFest!

This is officially the last year Marty and Laura Hegyi will run the Springfest Corvette Show. Anyone interested in seeing what is involved in making this event a success is welcome to “shadow” them during the weeks prior to and/or the day of the show.

The 2016 event returns to DeSales University and features special guest, Wil Cooksey!

Marty and Laura are accepting Tricky Tray and door prize donations at club meetings through April. Trophy sponsors are still being accepted as well — \$100 covers a complete trophy class and permits one free car entry.

Back to the Ballpark



Fri., May 27 | As baseball season approaches, our club is ready for a return to the ballpark. This private event is in the PennTeleData Party Porch along the 1st base side. Cheer on our Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs as they take on the Charlotte Knights.

\$37 per person (+\$5 per vehicle parking fee, payable when you park) includes the game ticket, 2-1/2 hour all-you-can eat buffet (specifics to be finalized, but may include BBQ chicken, flank steak, hot dogs, hamburgers, pasta marinara, redskin potato salad, garden salad with Italian and ranch dressing, potato chips, fresh seasonal fruit, and assorted cookies), unlimited soft drinks through the middle of the 8th inning, advance entry, private restroom, access to Club Level bar and lounge, group raffle, and a first pitch. (Cash bar is available featuring wine, beer, and limited alcohols.) Be sure to stay for the post-game fireworks! Payment is due by Apr. 13th.

Seeking Southern Belles

Thu., Jun. 02 - Wed., Jun. 08 | Our 2016 club **Adventure Trip** will take place during June. Preliminary plans are to leave on Thursday and drive to Rocky Mount, NC for a 1 night stay, before arriving in Myrtle Beach, SC. The destination for this trip is the Myrtle Beach Corvette Club's “Broadway at the Beach” weekend event. Following the show, AACC will drive to Charleston, SC for a 2 night stay. We turn for home on Tuesday, June 7th and stop near Richmond, VA along the return trip. Over 20 Corvettes are on the interest sheet already, so sign up soon if you want to join the pack!

Tour @ Harley-Davidson / York *Chairs: Bill Frank ('04), Dennis Guth ('16)*

Mon., Jun. 20 | We all love Corvettes, but many love their bikes, too! Bill Frank and Dennis Guth are coordinating a plant tour of Harley-Davidson's York operations with a lunch to follow. The gang will meet at Cracker Barrel (Fogelsville, PA) at 7:45am. The tour at 10am is free. Lunch will follow the tour at a restaurant TBD. Listen for more info during club meetings and be sure to sign the interest sheet — there is a 36 person limit.





Allentown Area Corvette Club

15TH ANNUAL

SPRINGFEST

Judged Corvette Show

Sunday, May 1, 2016 – 8:30 am – 3 pm

(Rain or Shine)

at

DeSales University

2755 Station Ave.

Center Valley, PA 18034

WE ARE PROUD TO HAVE OUR SPRINGFEST SHOW SPONSORED BY



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For information call:

Marty Hegyi (610) 730-2846

Laura Hegyi (610) 730-2695

or e-mail @ AACCSpringfest@gmail.com

Pre-Registration - \$20 (due by 4/22/16)

Registration after 4/22/16 - \$25

Registration: 8:30 -11:00 am

PARTICIPANTS MUST BE REGISTERED BY 11:00 am

Clean-up: 8:30 -11:30 am

JUDGING WILL START PROMPTLY @ 11:30 am

Awards presented: 3:00 pm

Participation Gift

to first 125 pre-registered

OVER 50 AWARDS

3 Awards per Class

'53-'62 '63-'67 '68-'73

'74-'82 '84-'96 '97-'00

'01-'04 '05-'08 '09-'13

'14-'16 Modified Custom

Best of Show Award

Faulkner's Choice Award

Maximum of 2 awards per car

AACC member's cars will be judged by non-AACC participants. (7 classes, 2 awards per class)

Partial proceeds benefit Local Charities



www.AllentownCorvetteClub.org

Special Guest



WIL COOKSEY

RETIRED CORVETTE ASSEMBLY PLANT MANAGER

will be giving a presentation in the auditorium

He will also be selling and autographing copies of his book, "No Time to Cry"

**DOOR PRIZES - 50/50 DRAWING
TRICKY TRAY AUCTION - HIGH-END AUCTION
VENDORS - INDOOR RESTROOMS
INDOOR FOOD COURT - MUSIC by: DJ BRIAN KEITH**



AACC SPRINGFEST CORVETTE SHOW

**DIRECTIONS TO DESALES UNIVERSITY
2755 STATION AVE.
CENTER VALLEY, PA 18034**

From Points South

Take I-476, the Northeast Extension of the PA Tpk, to Exit 32/44 (Quakertown). Turn left onto Rte 663 North toward Quakertown, turn left onto Rte 309 North, and proceed 8 miles to the intersection of Rte 309 and Rte 378. At the intersection bear right and follow Rte 378 North. Make a right on Preston Lane. Make a right onto Landis Mill Road. Make a left onto Station Ave.

From Points West

Proceed East on I-78 to Rte 309 South (Exit 60). Once on Rte 309, stay in the right lane and use the jug handle to turn left onto Center Valley Parkway. Go approx. 2 miles then make a right on Rte 378 South. Travel approx. 2 miles and make a left on Preston Lane. Make a right onto Landis Mill Road. Make a left onto Station Ave.

From Points North

Take I-476, the Northeast Extension of the PA Tpk, to Exit 33/56 (Lehigh Valley). Follow Rte 22 East from the interchange exit for 1/8 mile to Rte 309 South (direction of Quakertown). In a few miles Rte 309 joins with I-78 East. Continue south on this combined road until Rte 309 branches off toward the South at Exit 60. Once on Rte 309, stay in the right lane and use the jug handle to turn left onto Center Valley Parkway. Go approx. 2 miles then make a right on Rte 378 South. Travel approx. 2 miles and make a left on Preston Lane. Make a right onto Landis Mill Road. Make a left onto Station Ave.

From Points East

Follow I-78 West across NJ and into PA to Rte 309 South (Exit 60A). Continue south on Rte 309 for about 3 miles to the intersection of Rte 309 and Rte 378. Turn left onto 378. Go approx. 1 mile and make a right on Preston Lane. Make a right onto Landis Mill Road. Make a left onto Station Ave.

NEW CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

STREET STOCK ('53 – '16): Factory stock appearance - 5 or fewer modifications

MODIFIED ('53 – '16): 6 or more modifications such as, but not limited to, chrome, custom wheels, Non-stock paint colors and stripes

CUSTOM ('53 – '16): Custom Paint, Graphics, Interiors, spoilers, skirts, fender flares, Lambo doors, blower, turbo, retro mods, etc...

ALL SHOW CAR CLASS ASSIGNMENTS WILL BE VERIFIED BY THE ALLENTOWN AREA CORVETTE CLUB JUDGING COMMITTEE

Make checks payable to AACC and mail to: Laura Hegyi, P.O. Box 16, Hellertown, PA 18055. Pre-registration due by 4/22/2016.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Club Affiliation: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Year _____ Model (coupe, convertible, Z06, GS, etc.) _____ Color _____

Circle your Class (see information above) Street Stock Modified Custom

I understand the Allentown Area Corvette Club, Faulkner Chevrolet-Cadillac, and/or DeSales University are not responsible for loss or injury to me or my property anytime during this event. I expressly release the promoters from any liability for such loss or injury. I also agree to provide and pay my own insurance. Participants recognize that the judging and awards are based on the criteria set by the Allentown Area Corvette Club and shall be the official determination to winners of any awards.

Alcohol is strictly prohibited on the grounds during the event. By signature below, I agree to these terms.

Signature: _____

Showing Off at Our Sponsor

Sat., Jun. 25 | AACC partners with Faulkner Chevy-Cadillac for their 5th Annual Car Show. The event will run from 9am-3pm, is open to ALL vehicles, and is free to attend! Faulkner will provide a DJ and trophies. Food is available for purchase. You can either sign-up in person at the dealership or register online through the banner ad on Faulkner's website or go directly to the registration page at www.faulknermotors.com/autoshow.

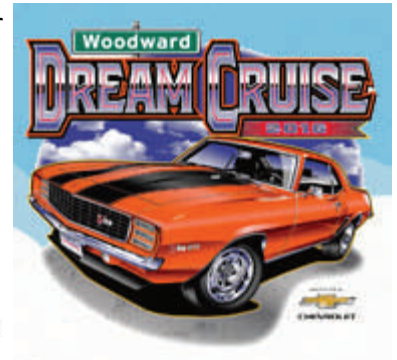


To do our part, AACC is seeking volunteers to help with registration and parking. Be sure to add your name to the sign-up sheet at an upcoming club meeting.

Woodward, Here We Come! *Chair: Bobby Riehl ('14)*

Thu., Aug. 18 - Sun., Aug. 21 | The **Woodward Dream Cruise** is the largest one-day car event in the USA. Bobby Riehl plans to lead a group of interested club members for a (very) long weekend with a visit to the Henry Ford Museum and (possibly) the GM Heritage Center. Additional information is coming as the date approaches.

About ten Corvettes are already planning to join this first time trip!



Relax at Carlisle *Chairs: Marty & Laura Hegyi ('69, '07)*

Thu., Aug 25 - Sun., Aug. 28 | The board has approved the payment for AACC to have a 15' x 15' space in the Club Tent section at Corvettes at Carlisle this year.

Included is one (8') table and two chairs. Hegyis are contributing an additional ten

chairs. If we get 35 AACC cars to pre-register for Carlisle's show field, the tent space fee is refunded. Everyone is invited to pre-register, get out from under the hot sun, and take a rest with fellow club members.

Registration information is available at www.carlisleevents.com.



In addition to the articles featured in this publication, check out these events on Fotki:

<http://public.fotki.com/EACC>

- 1977 GM Accessories Catalog (03-21-2016)

Introducing the 2017 Grand Sport *Keith Cornett, CorvetteBlogger.com*

Tue., Mar. 01 | This morning at the 2016 Geneva Motor Show, Chevrolet introduced a new Corvette model that brings the historic Grand Sport name to the C7 line-up. The new 2017 Corvette Grand Sport appears to take the best of both previous C7 models, the Stingray and the Z06, and that potent combination results in a lightweight architecture with a track-honed aerodynamics package, along with Michelin Sport Cup 2 tires and a naturally aspirated LT1 V8 with 460 hp.

The 2017 Corvette Grand Sport will be built in both coupe and convertible configurations and availability of this new Corvette model will be this summer in the United States with exports to Europe beginning in the fall. Pricing will be announced later this year.

"Racing has been part of Corvette's essence for more than 50 years and that track experience has helped us build better, more capable cars," said Mark Reuss, executive vice president of Global Product Development and Global Purchasing and Supply Chain. "The global acclaim for the seventh-generation Corvette validates that direct link and the 2017 Grand Sport takes its track-bred technology to a new, exciting threshold."



The new Corvette Grand Sport features the chassis tuning, upgraded cooling systems and performance technologies of the Corvette Z06 to give the new model the capabilities commensurate with its racing-derived history.

The 2017 Grand Sport offers an estimated 1.05g in cornering capabilities in its standard configuration and 1.2g's cornering with the the [sic] Z07 performance package which includes Brembo's carbon-ceramic [sic] brakes, Michelin Sport Cup 2 tires and a carbon fiber aerodynamics package.

"We didn't hold back with the new Grand Sport," said Tadge Juechter, Corvette chief engineer. "For the first time, buyers can equip the Grand Sport with a Z07 performance package – which adds carbon-ceramic brakes, Michelin Sport Cup 2 summer tires, and carbon-fiber aero package that delivers true downforce."

Highlights for 2017 Corvette Grand Sport include:

- Michelin Pilot Super Sport summer tires: 285/30ZR19 (front) and 335/25ZR20 (rear)
- Specific Grand Sport wheel design: 19x10 inches (front) and 20x12 inches (rear)
- Brembo brake system with (355 mm) 14-inch rotors and six-piston calipers in front and (340 mm) 13.4 inch rotors and four-piston calipers in the rear
- Standard magnetic ride control, specific stabilizer bars and unique springs
- Standard electronic limited-slip differential
- LT1 V8 engine rated at (343 kW) 460 hp, with dry-sump oiling system and active exhaust

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2017 Grand Sport *Continued...*

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- Seven-speed manual transmission with active rev match and available eight-speed paddle-shift automatic with specific performance calibration
- Available Z07 package adds carbon ceramic-matrix brakes and Michelin Pilot Sport 2 Cup tires.

The Corvette Grand Sport Models also feature specific front fender inserts, a Z06 style front grille and wider rear fenders. The Grand Sport will be offered with all the Stingray’s exterior and interior colors and a Heritage Package will be offered which includes the hash mark fender graphics in six different colors with the hash mark detail carried into the interior with matching aluminum trim.

“The choices are almost endless,” said Harlan Charles, Corvette product marketing manager. “The packages take personalization to an unprecedented level, enabling customers to create their own Corvette Grand Sport statement like no other.”

General Motors will also be offering a specific 2017 Corvette Grand Sport Collector’s Edition featuring a new exclusive Watkins Glen Gray Metallic exterior with Tension Blue hash mark graphics, satin black full-length stripes, black wheels and a unique Tension Blue full leather and suede-wrapped interior.

Tension Blue is a color historically associated with the original Corvette Grand Sports of the 1960s. For the 2017 Grand Sport Collector’s Edition, there is a three-dimensional representation of an original Grand Sport race car embossed in the headrests, along with a dash plaque featuring the unique build sequence number.

The Collector’s Edition will start production in the 2017 production year and will be offered in both the United States and Europe.



Images from
Chevrolet

Battery-Powered Z06 Sets Record *Joshua Phillips, CorvetteOnline.com*

Wed., Mar. 09 | Given the progression of technology over the past few decades – added to rising environmental concerns – we all knew that the slow, steady shift to electric vehicles was inevitable. Whether or not electric vehicles (EVs) will entirely replace their gasoline or diesel-powered counterparts is uncertain (and hopefully unlikely), but what we do know for sure is that they've already become the norm and will only increase in popularity.

While it's likely that none of us are against EVs as daily drivers, family cars, or grocery-getters, brows begin to furrow at the thought of them replacing our beloved, fuel-powered sports cars. While there's no doubt that they have their benefits, the quiet, far less exciting nature of EVs could never take the place of the visceral experience offered by a hefty V8.

In an effort to keep us speed-junkies happy, however, engineers have developed some undeniably incredible electric supercars – capable of breakneck acceleration and serious top speeds. Currently, the EV speed record is held by none other than the C6 Corvette seen in the video [at <http://www.corvetteonline.com/news>] – it seems America's sports car performs as well with a V8 as it does with batteries.

The 'Vette is the creation of Genovation Cars, a company dedicated to developing green automobiles without compromising the driving experience. Obviously, they pulled that off with their record-breaking 'Vette. The video shows the car screaming down the runway, hitting its top speed of 186.8 miles an hour, and performing a few celebratory donuts.

While the fact that EVs can be made to perform just as well as a gas vehicle is, of course, a great step in the eco-friendly direction, there's something a bit disagreeable about the thought of a V8-powered, all-American sports car being emasculated with an electric motor.

But what do you think – is the electric-'Vette the way of the future, or does it ruin America's sports car?



Driverless Corvette Hits New Yorker *Joshua Phillips, CorvetteOnline.com*

Thu., Mar. 17 | Earlier this afternoon, around one o'clock or so, a rather uncommon accident took place in Midtown New York City. Outside of a popular restaurant, Chop't, a long line of people stood patiently waiting for their afternoon meal. Across the street, a yellow C5 convertible was brought out of a parking garage.

Without warning, the car suddenly sped across the street – towards the crowd of hungry people – and struck a woman in line, trapping her underneath it. While unfortunate, no doubt, what makes this scene a bit peculiar is the fact that there was no driver in the car.

Driverless 'Vette *Continued...*

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Photo: Michael Gartland



According to the article on New York Post, parking garage attendants brought out the Corvette, handed off the keys to the owner, and then the car began to careen towards the line outside of Chop't. The automatic starter system the owner apparently had equipped was to blame for the driverless mishap.

Most gearheads are already aware of the result when the starter is activated while a vehicle is in gear, and now this 'Vette owner definitely does, too. *New York Post* reports that the driver pushed blame on the attendant, and the attendant just doesn't seem to know what happened— only that the car started moving after the owner got his keys.

We got a hold of one of the managers at the Chop't restaurant who was present at the time, and she was kind enough to share what she knew. She told us that when it happened, everyone was taken off guard; people were alarmed and emotions were everywhere. The car traveled right up to the restaurant door, where it struck the unfortunate woman, but luckily didn't harm anyone else or even make contact with the Chop't building.

She also shared with us that the driver was freaked out about his car taking off (can't really blame him), and that he stood by after the incident versus leaving first chance he got. She wasn't able to tell what condition the woman hit was in, but the *New York Post* states that she was taken to the hospital.

There's also no word as to what damage was done to the car, but we assume that it wasn't able to pick up enough speed to cause anything too considerable. But one way or another, let this be a warning to those with automatic starter systems: parking brakes and neutral are your best friends.

Fatal Corvette Test Driver Skips Bail *Paul Huizenga, CorvetteOnline.com*

Thu., Mar. 17 | Late last month, 43-year-old CarMax salesman Warren Smale lost his life just moments into a test drive of a C6 Corvette in Ontario, California with 28-year-old Alex Demetro of Union City, California behind the wheel. Demetro was arrested for a number of charges, including driving while under the influence, and taken into custody on February 23, the day of the crash.

According to KTLA.com, the next morning at around 5am Demetro posted \$100,000 bail and was released. On March 7, he missed a scheduled court appearance, and according to the San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office, he is now considered a fugitive. At that hearing, he was charged in absentia with gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving while under the influence of a drug causing injury, and driving with privilege suspended or revoked with priors. According to the criminal complaint, those priors were convictions for driving with a suspended license, once in 2009 and twice in 2013.



NEW 2016 Stingray Coupe 3LT, Corvette Raving Yellow Tintcoat, Jet Black with Yellow stitching, 8-spd. AT, 6.2L, Transparent roof panel, Mag Ride, Carbon Flash badges, Yellow brake calipers, Black painted wheels, GCA splash guards. (Stock#G5115720) MSRP \$75,255 (Sale priced @ \$70,922)

NEW 2016 Stingray Coupe 3LT, Long Beach Red Metallic, Jet Black int., 7-spd. MT, 6.2L, Battery Protection Pkg., chrome wheels. (Stock#G5115687) MSRP \$74,450 (Sale priced @ \$70,181)

NEW 2016 Stingray Z51 Coupe 3LT, Laguna Blue, Brownstone int., 8-spd. AT, 6.2L, Visible carbon-fiber roof panel with body-color surround, Carbon fiber int. trim, Mag Ride Control, GCA splash guards. (Stock#G5115933) MSRP \$78,330 (Sale priced @ \$73,851)

NEW 2016 Stingray Z06 Coupe 3LZ, Arctic White Twilight Blue Design Pkg., 8-spd. AT, 650HP, Competition Sport buckets, Battery Protection Pkg., Carbon Flash badging, Motorsports polished wheels, Mag Ride Control. (Stock#G5606925) MSRP \$97,960 (Sale priced @ \$92,407)

NEW 2016 Stingray Z06 Convertible 3LZ, Long Beach Red Metallic with Spice Red Design Pkg., 8-spd AT, Spice Red cloth top, Battery Protection Pkg., Carbon Flash badging, Motorsports polished wheels, Mag Ride Control. (Stock#G5607205) MSRP \$100,460 (Sale priced @ \$94,787)

NEW 2016 Stingray Z51 Coupe 3LT, Corvette Racing Yellow, Jet Black int., 7-spd MT, Sueded trim, Heated/Cooled NAPA leather seats, Performance Data Recorder. (Stock#G5119217) MSRP \$72,530 (Sale priced @ \$68,515)

The following 2016 Stingrays are available for transfer within the Faulkner Dealer Group:

2LT Conv. (Long Beach Red, \$70,800); **3LT Conv.** (Corvette Racing Yellow, \$69,900);

1LT Z51 Cpe. (Arctic White, \$64,900); **3LT Cpe.** (Laguna Blue, \$70,900); and 2 more!

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NCM News & Events



Have an Experience with Your Vette

Mar. 03 | Similar to our R8C Museum Delivery program, the NCM Experience offers a day in the spotlight with your Corvette. It includes V.I.P. Plant and Museum tours, a one-year individual membership to the NCM, commemorative plaque, silver decal and a photograph in front of the Museum. Experience Corvettes also receive an exterior cleaning and are placed on display on Corvette Boulevard where they are viewable on our web cams. Cost of the program is \$500.

Museum in Motion: Marble & Glass

Mar. 03 | This May we hit the road to Rhode Island for a "Marble and Glass Corvette Weekend" in Newport May 19-22! The trip includes mansion tours, an ocean drive Corvette cruise, Fort Adams tours, America's Cup 12-meter yacht charter, scenic bus tour of historic Newport, shopping on Bowens and Bannister Wharf, a clam bake at the Atlantic Beach Club, Newport Harbor and Narragansett Bay Schooner Sail and more.



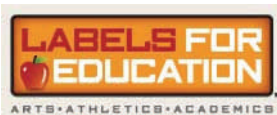
Only 24 spots remain - learn more online at <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/event/mim-marble-and-glass>.

Corvette Racing Banquet Registration Open

Mar. 10 | What better way to kick off Corvette Racing competing at Laguna Seca than with the annual Corvette Racing Banquet? The event is Saturday, April 30 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton in Seaside, CA. The program features Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter and Corvette Racing Team Manager Doug Fehan. Cash bar starts at 6:15pm and the dinner and speakers are at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$58.

Free Ways to Give

Mar. 10 | Did you know that you can support the National Corvette Museum through everyday purchases? Do you shop on Amazon? When traveling do you fly via American Airlines or Northwest Airlines? Do you purchase Campbell's Soup, Swanson, V8, Pepperidge Farm or Prego? If you answered 'yes' to any of these questions you can help the Museum at no cost to you! Check out the complete details on how each of these programs work online at <http://www.corvettemuseum.org/support/support-programs/>.



Motorsports Park & Museum Recognize Kids

Mar. 17 | Last month Chevrolet launched an initiative to encourage people to #DayItForward - or perform random acts of kindness to help make the world a better place. The Museum and Motorsports Park joined the initiative by encouraging local youth to volunteer - recognizing six kids for their exceptional efforts. On Tuesday those kids were re-

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warded with a lap at the track, free admission for their family at the Museum, a shirt of their choice from the Corvette Store and ice cream from the Cafe. Congratulations to Tristan Jordan, a Kindergartner at Bristow Elementary; Peyton Harmon, a 6th grade student at Jody Richards Elementary; Sabbath Hoehn, a 5th grade student at T.C. Cherry Elementary; Gabbie Robles, a 2nd grade student at T.C. Cherry Elementary; Casey Schallert, a 6th grade student at Bowling Green Junior High; and Olivia Steelman, a 6th grade student at Plano Elementary.

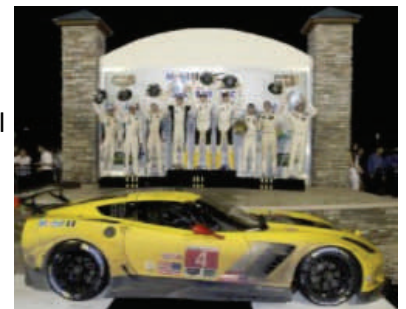
New Corvette Colors to be Revealed at Michelin NCM Bash

Mar. 24 | According to Corvette Product Manager Harlan Charles, Chevrolet will announce four new colors for the 2017 Corvette and have samples available at the Michelin NCM Bash April 28-30. Word on the street is we can expect two shades of blue (Admiral Blue that was seen on the Grand Sport, and possibly Dark Adriatic Blue Metallic that can be seen on the Cadillac). Of course we expect a new 'gray' to debut, too. Harlan also indicated that we will have at least six 2017 Corvettes on display, including the new Grand Sport.

Want to be among the first to see them for yourself? Be sure to register for Bash!

Corvette Racing has Podium Finish at Sebring

Mar. 24 | Corvette Racing's Triple Crown streak continued Saturday with a 10th class victory in the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring. Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner and Marcel Fassler in the No. 4 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R won their second straight race to open the IMSA season to go along with a victory in the Rolex 24 at Daytona. The team has won the last five of the world's top endurance races - Daytona and Sebring in 2015 and 2016, plus the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 2015.



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Current NCM Raffles

2016 Blade Silver Cpe | AT, 3LT, Mag Ride; 1000 tix @ \$1504/07
 Build Your Own 2016 Cpe, Cnv or \$50,000 | 1000 tix @ \$2504/29
 2016 Torch Red Cnv | AT, 2LT, chrome wheels; Unlim tix @ \$10.....4/30

2016 Events

Michelin NCM Bash Apr. 28-30
 Dragon Run & Biltmore May 01-04
 C4 Gathering..... May 12
 Anniversary Celebration Sep. 01
 R8C / Xperience Reunion Sep. 29
 Vets 'n Vettes..... Nov. 03



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- 1976 Coupe** — White with black interior, 350 L82, Automatic, T Tops. Recent barn find. Car is complete but needs work including electrical and brakes and some general TLC. Located in Dumont, NJ. \$4,200. (Matthew, 917-650-6288)¹⁵¹²
- AACC Car!! 1978 Anniversary Coupe** — 25th, 2-tone Silver, Red leather int., AT, A/C, Alloy Wheels, AM/FM stereo w/ 8-track, PB, PS, PW, Tilt/Tele. All original, everything works great! Suspension redone 1999, new seats in 2013, brand new carpet. 63,212 miles. Garage kept, 3-owner. (Dennis, 215-679-2719, den1ria2@gmail.com)¹⁶⁰⁴
- AACC Car!! 1986 Coupe** — Black/Red int., AT, AM/FM/Cass., Good condition. 126,000 miles. \$6,500. (Frank, 610-849-2470, frank.madura1@rcn.com)¹⁵⁰⁴
- AACC Car!! 1993 Coupe** — 40th Anniversary Edition, AT, all original and working with only 17,000 miles! Ruby Red exterior and interior, dual roofs, Z07 performance pkg. w/ FX3 suspension, original window sticker and other items. Asking \$18,900. (Gary, 610-282-0129)¹⁵⁰⁴
- 1993 Coupe** — Hunter Green, base model, Tan leather, 6-speed Manual, Glass removable roof panel, good condition, 2nd owner. 34,500 miles. Asking \$16,000. (Pete, 484-577-5186)¹⁶⁰⁴
- 1996 Collector's Edition Convertible** — Sebring Silver with Light Gray perforated sport leather seats, Black cloth top, AT, 5.7L, factory hardtop, 17" painted Silver wheels, new tires, electronic A/C, Delco/Bose CD + Cassette., power driver seat, Low Tire Pressure Warning, performance axle ratio, always garaged, 35k mi., incredible shape. Asking \$15,000. (Sylvia, 717-258-6802)¹⁵¹¹
- AACC Car!! 1999 Convertible** — White / black top / black int., AT, performance axle Ratio, body side moldings, fog lamps, very well maintained - very good condition! 60,800 mi. Asking \$16,000. (Pete, 484-560-2190)¹⁶⁰⁴
- AACC Car!! 2012 Grand Sport Coupe** — Centennial Edition, Carbon Flash Metallic w/ Black stripes, Black suede int. w/ red striping, 6-spd. Manual, Selective Ride, 3.9L V6, ABS brakes, stainless exhaust, show ready, 7407 mi. Asking \$46,500. (Rick, 484-201-0200)¹⁶⁰²
- Corvette Collectibles** — Great starting inventory from an 8-year *Corvettes at Carlisle* vendor. Diecast cars, Carlisle promos, clocks, pins, travel pillows, corvette fabric, + Corvette and AACC patches. (Joy, 610-433-1323)¹⁶⁰¹
- 454 Big Block Accessories** — Distributor and coil out of a 1970 Corvette, good shape, make offer. (Joe, 267-559-5896)¹⁶⁰⁹
- 1979 Power Steering Setup** — Pump, boc, ram, brackets, and hoses. Also non-tilt column. FREE! (Bill, 610-248-5929)¹⁵¹¹
- 1984 Parts** — New radiator, shocks, interior parts, under-the-hood parts and weatherstripping. Too much to list. (Gary, 610-530-1612)¹⁶⁰¹
- C5 Underhood Liner** — New (plain) black carpeted liner fits C5s from 1997-2004. \$25. Bethlehem. (Rich, 610-865-4961)¹⁵⁰⁶
- C5 Goodyear Run-Flat Tires (Used)** — Front P245/45-17, less than 1k miles; Rear P275/40-18, lots of miles. \$300 for all. (Ernie, kepnecp@rcn.com)¹⁶⁰²
- C6 Car Cover** — Used 3 mos. for each of 2 yrs. Original cost was approx. \$110. Asking \$70. (Frank or Loretta, farlor1234@ptd.net)¹⁵¹²



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