

Altoona Corvette Club

March 2025

Presidents Message:

Hello everyone,

We made it through another month of winter. Spring is getting closer no matter what the groundhog said.

I would like to thank everyone that came to the Railroaders Museum. It was a great event and I hope all that attended enjoyed the tour. We also had a very nice meal and fellowship after the tour at Al's Tavern.

I would also like to thank those that braved the weather to come out for our Valentines Dinner. As always the food was wonderful and so was the company. The weather was definitely challenging.

We have another great event coming up on March 22nd. We will be able to tour Lenny's Classic Car Museum in downtown Altoona. This is a wonderful opportunity to see some special automobiles. We will be having brunch at Tom and Joe's before the tour.

I hope to see everyone at Lenny's and fingers crossed Punxsutawney Phil was wrong.

Dan Heininger Club President



Plant Tours at the Corvette Assembly Plant are still suspended as of the newsletter date. The Board will wait until the end of March to see if this changes.

If the plant tours do not resume by the end of March we will select a different Summer Trip for the club.

ACC Events

Club Member's Meeting

Date: February 20, 2025 (Thursday)

Location: Marzoni's Restaurant in Duncansville, PA

Social Time: 6:30 P.M. **Meeting:** 7:30 P.M.

Event Overview: For the social time we encourage everyone to grab a bite to eat and hang out and get to know your fellow club members. For the meeting start time, we go over the business of the club, discuss details of upcoming events.

ACC Officers Meeting

Date: March 5, 2025 (Wednesday)

Time: 6pm till?

Location: Hoss's Corporate Office, 170 Patch Way Road, Duncansville, PA 16635

Our meeting will focus on our 2025 events calendar. All members are welcome to attend these

meetings.

Event Overview: Hoss's Corporate office is behind the Marzoni's Restaurants in Duncansville.

Please enter through the back door.

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Tour of Lenny's Classic Car Museum

Saturday, March 22, 2025 - Brunch at 11:00 am and the tour at 1:00 PM

A hidden treasure in downtown Altoona is Lenny's Classic Car Museum. The museum is located at 8165 Green Avenue, Altoona, PA.

Lenny's Classic Car Collection has over thirty cars in the collection consisting of Jaguars, Rolls Royce, Aston Martin, Bentley, and a Thunderbird. The museum is housed in an old Packard Dealership from 1920.

There is no charge to visit the Museum, they only ask for a donation to the Central PA Humane Society. We will pass a hat to collect for the charity after the tour.

The group will meet at Tom and Joe's Restaurant in Altoona at 11:00 am for brunch.

Please contact Nancy Imler if you will be attending this event. NJImler39@aol.com or 814-931-2312

ACC Events—Continued

Trip to Falling Water April 12, 2024 - 9:00 am

We are planning a trip to Fallingwater in Mill Run, PA. 1491 Mill Run Road, Mill Run, PA. Tickets for the tour are \$35.00 per person, the club will pre-purchase the tickets, we do need advanced reservations to purchase tickets.

We will meet at Roundhouse Harley Davidson in Duncansville at 9:00 am.

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<u>Fallingwater Homepage - Fallingwater</u> Fallingwater is a house designed in 1935 by renowned American architect <u>Frank Lloyd Wright</u> (1867-1959) for the Kaufmann family, owners of Pittsburgh's largest department store. Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater is one of his most widely acclaimed works and best exemplifies his philosophy of organic architecture: the harmonious union of art and nature.

Fallingwater is located in the mountains of Southwestern Pennsylvania, also known as the Laurel Highlands, in Mill Run, Fayette County, which is about 70 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. Wright designed Fallingwater to rise above the waterfall over which it is built. Local craftsmen quarried native sandstone and other materials from the property and completed the construction of the main house, guest house and service wing in 1939.

The <u>Kaufmann family</u>—Edgar J. Kaufmann, Sr. (1885-1955), Liliane S. Kaufmann (1889-1952), and their son, Edgar Kaufmann jr. (1910-1989)—used Fallingwater as a vacation house during their lifetimes. In 1963, <u>Edgar Kaufmann jr. donated and entrusted Fallingwater</u> and the surrounding 469 acres of natural land to the <u>Western Pennsylvania Conservancy</u>, a nonprofit conservation organization established in 1932.

Community Events

2025 BCAAC Super Spring Swap Meet

Super Spring Swap Meet Blair County Antique Auto Club Sunday, March 23, 2025 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Stuckey's Collision Center 899 Plank Road, Duncansville



Come join the Blair County Antique Auto Club kick off of the car show season with their 18th annual indoor swap meet.

Stuckey Automotive will be filled with car parts and memorabilia. Please attend this great event and support our friends.

Spectator Admission: \$5.00 for Adults

\$0.00 for Children under 16

Vendor spaces are available,, see the Blair County Antique Ato Club Facebook page.

Lenny's Classic Car Museum



"Originally, Green Avenue from 1920-1950s was all car dealerships," Leonard S. Fiore Jr. said. "Then in the 1950s, when all the dealerships started moving out to the valley, it became a produce area until the '70s."

Fiore is bringing auto enthusiasts back downtown with his collection of rare and restored vehicles. Located on Green Avenue and Ninth Street in the former Penn-Overland Co. building built in 1920 is Lenny's Classic Cars Collection.

The building housed Faith Vending Inc. and various other companies on the upper floors before Fiore bought it in 2012 to turn it into his museum.

Fiore has more than 50 cars with about 20 in the showroom. His collection is made up mainly of Jaguar, Aston Martin, Rolls Royce, Bentley, Thunderbird and Triumph models from various eras.

"When I bought the building, it was a little bit bigger than I originally intended, but it turned out pretty nice," Fiore said.

Elevator key, One of the reasons he chose the location was the car elevator that was in working condition. This elevator helps them transport the cars to where they need to be in the four floors of the building.

The first floor is the showroom, the second houses the repair shop, parts room and painting booth and the third and fourth floors serve as storage areas.

When he began making the building into his own space, he moved the front door from Ninth Street to its original location on Green Avenue. Fiore kept the intricate plaster work that was original to the building and added to it to give the room a more grand appearance. He also removed some walls on the first floor, so when walking in the front door, there is an unobstructed view to the back.

'Shaken, not stirred', Another new addition to the inside of the building is the authentic English pub called "Shaken Not Stirred" named for the line from James Bond movies. The pub made by an Irish pub maker in Argentina also has a replica of The Jewel Brunswick pool table from the 1890s and windows that look out into the showroom.

From inside the pub, the cars and two murals can be seen. One mural depicts the casino at Monte Carlo and the other is a big house in a country setting created by local artist Mike Allison. Both paintings feature his cars and people such as those who work on the building, family and movie stars.

More information available at: https://www.altoonamirror.com/news/local-news/2023/09/driving-force-fiores-passion-for-classic-cars-bringing-auto-fans-downtown/

Member Birthday's

March

Steve Wells 3rd Jacquelyn Nevling 9th Dan Burket 13th

Denny Hazenstab 17th Steve Kozel 20th

April

Nancy Imler 7th Dave Johnson 7th Bev Baumgartner 13th
Peggy Cawthern 14th Melinda Beamer 15th Don Verderame 19th
Phil McCall 19th Scott Johnson 21st Virginia Simparosa 23rd
Denny Olewine 26th Bonnie Grance 29th

May

Sandra Folker 2nd Bob Stangl 13th Jim Wainwright 16trh
Kay Kiser 17th Ron Romesberg 17th Cecil Beal 25th
Kathy Verderame 25th Garen Black 26th Vicki Malone 30th

Wishing All A Very Happy Birthday



CORVETTE TRIVIA - HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

I found this on the Internet, test your knowledge.

by RJ Sottile | Oct 15, 2017 | Classic Corvette Info

How much do you know about classic corvettes? Are you a Vette connoisseur or a newbie? We've put together some Corvette trivia questions. Why? Just for fun! Find us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, or <u>Twitter</u> and let us know how you did!

- 1) What was the first model year of the Corvette?
- 2) What was the only year the Corvette wasn't produced?
- 3) Where was the original production plant for the Corvette?
- 4) What year was the only one-year-only body design of the Corvette?
- 5) What were the original colors of the 1953 Corvette?
- 6) What was the inspiration for the Chevrolet Corvette's name?
- 7) In what year was the Corvette only available with automatic transmission?
- 8) What was the last year of C3 Corvettes to feature a convertible top?
- 9) Though designer Harley Earl was the creator of the Corvette, who became known as "The father of the Corvette"?
- 10) 1953 Corvettes were hand-built, but production was moved to assembly lines for 1954 models, lowing the base price to the lowest the Corvette would ever see. What was it?
- 11) What was the first year for a Corvette to serve as the Indianapolis 500 Pace Car?
- 12) What was the first year for the option of glass T-tops on a Corvette?
- 13) What special small block performance package was released for the 1970 model year?
- 14) In a 1966 Corvette, singer Jan Berry of Jan & Dean nearly lived out one of the duo's most famous songs in a tragic way at what notorious location in California?
- 15) Nearly as long as there have been Corvettes, there have been Corvettes in the movie. However, what movie was ABOUT a Corvette?

For the answers go to:

https://www.hobbycarcorvettes.net/corvette-trivia-how-much-do-you-know/

Chevy's Dream Machine: Pre-orders Begin for the Corvette ZR1

Chevrolet has started accepting orders for the much-anticipated 2025 Corvette ZR1, a model that stands as the fastest supercar in General Motors' history. With a 5.5-liter twin-turbo V8 engine, this beast churns out an astonishing 1,064 horsepower and 828 pound-feet of torque. The top speed hits 207 mph with the optional aerodynamic package, while without it, it could reach up to 215 mph.

The base price for the 2025 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 starts at \$173,300, while the convertible version with the 3LZ trim, the most equipped in the range, reaches \$194,300. These figures reflect the level of performance and advanced technology this model offers, making it an exclusive option within the supercar segment.

Since January 23, dealerships can place pre-orders for the ZR1. However, these orders are in an internal "1100" status in Chevrolet's system, meaning there's no guarantee of allocation. This poses a risk for early buyers, as the availability of units is still uncertain and will depend on GM's production and distribution.

For enthusiasts looking to customize their Corvette ZR1 before purchasing, Chevrolet will launch the online configurator on February 11. This system will allow you to explore customization options without needing to make immediate payment. Subsequently, on February 13, dealerships will learn about their model allocations, and starting February 20, Chevy will begin confirming customer orders.

One of the standout features of the 2025 ZR1 is its advanced aerodynamics. With the optional package, the vehicle can generate up to 1,200 pounds of downforce at top speed. Additionally, it will feature Michelin Pilot Sport 4S tires, with a diameter of 20 inches at the front and 21 inches at the rear, designed to enhance grip and stability at high speeds.

In terms of design, this Corvette includes a nostalgic detail: a split rear window, a tribute to the iconic 1963 model. This design not only adds a classic touch but also allows for better ventilation of the engine compartment.

Chevrolet has informed its dealers that carbon fiber wheels will not be available at the ZR1's launch. However, these will be sold later through dealership parts departments, offering the option to enhance the vehicle's performance with lighter components.

What Do You Think of This Chevy?

Corvette fans and high-performance car collectors have the chance to be part of history by reserving their 2025 ZR1. With demand likely to exceed the initial supply, those interested should contact their trusted Chevrolet dealer as soon as possible to secure their spot on the waiting list. The Vette is ready to redefine speed and performance on the streets of America!





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The Altoona Corvette Club was founded in 1969 with the purpose to promote and improve

fellowship among Corvette Owners.

Our goal each year is to bring a variety of activities and events to club members, not only to celebrate the true American Sports Car, but also to enrich our lives with new and interesting people and places along the way.



Help us to Drive Membership this year by Seeking out Corvette Owners. Tell them about our Great Club and all of our Fun Events.

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