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THANKS LINDA FOR 16 YEARS

When you go to the January meeting you will not see Linda Spangenberg at the head table. Yes, after serving as Recording Secretary for 16 years she has decided to step down. At right she is shown accepting a plaque of appreciation from President Brian Blankenbiller.

Since no one has volunteered to take the job, Board members are going to take turns and do the minutes.

SDC encourages you to consider taking this important post. New members, this is a great opportunity to get familiar with the club.



FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT by Janet Schmidt

Greetings & Happy New Year 2018. As the third woman president of SDC, I hope to continue to help members enjoy why they joined the club. I want to thank Brian Blankenbiller for his three years as president. I want to thank Linda Spangenberg for many years as recording secretary. I would also like to thank the outgoing board members & welcome the officers, board members & team who help make this a great club. We are still looking for a recording secretary.



Winter is a slow time but prep for the 2018 is ongoing. Please think of an activity or idea you would like to see be part of the schedule of things to do. Submit your ideas to any board member or officer. Remember to save the wave.

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NEW MEMBER

Don Snyder from Sinking Spring, 2000 Coupe

SDC 2018 OFFICERS



Left2Right President: Janet Schmidt Vice-President: Norm Burton
Treasurer: Ted Stalnecker Corresponding Secretary: Donna Zeigler
Still no Recording Secretary

SDC 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Right2Left: Janet Schmidt, Brian Blankenbiller, Barry Goodhart
Bob Messner, Bruce Kleckner, Ken Speicher Ron Whitmoyer(not shown)

BIRTHDAYS

- Carol Whitmoyer 1-1
- Keith Rissell 1-4
- Brian Blankenbiller 1-4
- Kathy Pahl 1-4
- Donald Heim 1-7
- Paulette Moore 1-10
- Ginny Willard 1-10
- Carole Kalbach 1-15
- Jean Miller 1-15
- David Buffamoyer 1-16
- Linda Van Winkle 1-16
- Carl DeGrazia 1-18
- Jeff Duplak 1-20
- Joe Morroney 1-21
- Dianne Suchon 1-21
- Paul Hammil 1-21
- Diane Scalia 1-22
- Bill Flamm 1-24
- Art Salyards 1-26
- Linda Dmochowski 1-26
- Daniel DaCunha 1-28
- Rolf Mair 1-29
- Teri Fisher 1-30

ANNIVERSARY

none

NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

Anyone is welcome to submit items or articles for publication in the newsletter. Please try to be brief and to the point. E-mail is the very best way to submit information. Our e-mail address is sdcnews@yahoo.com . Deadline for submission is **noon on the 26th** of each month. If you don't have access to e-mail, then a typewritten document is preferred.



The **SDC holiday party** was another big success. Many thanks to Randy Kerschner and his team. Also thanks to George Hoover for all the wonderful pictures which you can see at <https://www.flickr.com/gp/130827613@N07/z6LoQz>



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(Technical Advisory Committee)

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C5(1997-2004)
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Charlie Weaver
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MEETING PLACE
Alvernia University

If you know of a club member who is sick or has had a death in the family, please notify the Corresponding Secretary

C7 SUSPENSION UPGRADE

by Jack DeLong

Chevrolet Performance recently announced a "CORVETTE MAGNETIC RIDE SUSPENSION CALIBRATION UPGRADE", document # 4873296, for Z-51 Corvettes equipped with mag ride, based suspensions with MRC and also for some Z-06's so equipped. When I heard of this bulletin, I immediately went to my Chevy dealer and requested a copy to read it for myself. Why you may ask? Because my 2014 Z-51 was so harsh on many roads I often wondered "why did I spend the money for MRC, why does this car ride so harsh when compared to either my select ride '98 or Z-51 2008?" To use a mechanic's technical explanation, "it beat the crap out of you" and I disliked that immensely.

The technical bulletin stated (plus much more), "The pursuit of perfection have pushed our Corvette engineers to develop updated tuning strategies and algorithms for existing MRC equipped Corvettes. In Tour and Sport Modes the driver should expect to feel improvements in impact isolation and integration". There is a lot more in the tech bulletin, but that was enough for me—"improvements in impact isolation", is that possible?

I immediately scheduled my 2014 Z-51 for the upgrade, cost \$350 as stated in the tech bulletin, and a process in which the car is plugged into Detroit. The total process consumes about 10 to 12 hours as explained by my mechanic, so the car was left overnight at the dealer.

Was it worth it? My goodness, I have a new car; the changes are so dramatic that I took two good rides over familiar roads some that I know so well that I had charted paths around the bumps and road patches from previous experience. Now I rode straight through them just to see what would happen. There is that much of an improvement, so much better. Thanks Chevy Performance for offering this option to owners of older C-7 Corvettes. If you have such a vehicle, this is an option worth exploring and since it comes directly from Chevrolet there is no change in your Corvette's warranty.

Editor's note: I also had my 2014 upgraded. The results were amazing. This is what Magnetic Ride Control is all about. In touring mode the ride is exceptional. Somehow it is still firm and not mushy. But, when you hit a series of bumps the car just glides over them. Must be some fancy software. In sport mode the car stiffens as it should. Still bumps are smoothed out. I don't know how they do it.

In my case the dealer charged an additional \$105 for 1 hour to install. I drove the car home and was instructed to let the car sit for 10 hours. This allows all the temperatures to stabilize. Apparently, after the temps stabilize some sort of calibration is done by the software. In any case, I feel like I have a new car! Highly recommended .



THANK YOU TO THE SDC BOARD MEMBERS

The Skyline Drive Corvette Club Board and Officers deserve all the credit for the National Corvette Museum raffle tickets and gift certificates that were given to all the attendees and tables at the Christmas Banquet, 2017. This gesture was all of their doing and their efforts in support of the National Corvette Museum should be recognized and applauded by all of us, "Thank you and way to go!". I intend to pass their actions to all the other club Ambassadors from all across the Country at our next Ambassadors meeting. I know of no other club that has taken such a unique way of supporting the NCM.

Thank you, Jack DeLong, NCM Club Ambassador

WEBPAGE AND FACEBOOK

Please remember to check the club web site, skylinedrivecorvettes.org, for useful information about the club and its activities. You will find things like, the club history, news letters, a member photo gallery, and a calendar format for upcoming club events.

Our Facebook page is named Skyline Drive Corvette Club. It is an interesting facebook group where you can see and post activities of interest to fellow SDC club members. Our club sponsors also often post things of interest to our members.



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Alvernia University



ACTIVITY COMMITTEE REPORT

By Craig Deyer

Winter is upon us, the weather has turned cold, and our cars are asleep for the winter. On Saturday January 20th, Ron Zitter has arranged an event where you can join fellow SDC Members at the Morgantown Classic Auto Mall (formally the Morganton Outlet Mall) for a personalized tour that will chase away the winter blues and take you on a walk down automotive memory lane.

The Morgantown Classic Auto Mall contains one man's 300 car classic collection. This car collection will take you on a trip through auto world history starting with the very first cars made to the modern American Muscle cars. The Auto Mall also offers priced to sell antique cars and the ability to store your car with name recognition and a sale price if you would like.

The tour of the Auto Mall will begin at 10:00 AM on Saturday January 20th and the cost for the event is FREE. The Morgantown Auto Mall is located at 6180 Morgantown Rd, Morgantown, PA 19543.

To participate in this event you can either join us at the AUTO Mall at 10 AM or on the way to the Mall stop by the Heritage Restaurant around 9 AM for breakfast. The restaurant is located at 6016 Morgantown Rd, just a few hundred yards from the Mall entrance.

If you have any questions you can contact Craig Deyer at 610-678-8822 or email thedeyers@msn.com. We will be taking a quick count of hands at the January Club Meeting to get a rough idea of how many will be attending. You can also contact Craig Deyer if you will not be attending the Jan. Meeting.

**THE BASH
NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEM-April 26-28**

The kick-off event at the NCM each year is the "Bash" and it traditionally highlights the rollout of the next model year Corvette. With the new C-7 ZR1 recently unveiled what could be new you ask? If you cannot answer that, you must be in another world! Well, the place to be is at Bowling Green. Seminars will feature speakers detailing chassis, power train, interior design, and manufacturing all presented by a large contingent of GM designers, engineers and assembly plant representatives. There is no other venue that brings you so up-close and personal to those that design and build the cars that we drive.

There is much more on the itinerary including several road tours, and a wonderful closing banquet, a ladies oasis, poker run, race team seminar and more. To view the whole agenda, go to the NCM web site, www.corvettemuseum.org and click on events. Registration is not yet open but if you are interested do not delay because some of the events are space limited. The NCM website indicates that event registration will open in January, 2018.

Hopefully, but not yet announced, there may be track time for spirited Touring Laps, well at least we are hoping that the NCM continues the tradition of the last three years, and I have been informed that there will be a "lapping day" on Thursday. And there is a new activity first done last September, a day at the shooting range under the direction of Wes Wong, NCM Board of Directors member and retired FBI agent.

In addition, The Museum in Motion Tour "Tail of the Dragon" departs at the conclusion of the Bash and heads to Ashville, N.C. for four additional days of adventure. Again, go to the Museum website and click on "Events" for full details. We are going so if you would want to travel with us, please contact Jack or Dor at 215-657-4418. We have already made our reservations at The Hilton Garden Inn, Bowling Green, Kentucky. In order to get the SDC discount at the Hilton Garden Inn, contact us for details as we have negotiated a special deal for SDC members.

As I receive more detailed information, I will update at the Club meetings and in this newsletter.

Jack DeLong NCM Club Ambassador



FROM BOB FISHER CHEVROLET

Congratulations: Our first 2019 Corvette ZR1 was purchased by a Skyline Drive Corvette Club member. We will be placing the order next month with an estimated delivery date of early to mid-spring. Our Current New and Used Corvette Inventory in stock

- 2018 USED Coupe, Artic White with Black Interior, 2LT, Manual, Stock# J9060 Club Price: \$55,990
- 2016 Conv, Yellow/Black Interior, 2LT, ZR1, Manual, Stock# 6346ZMSRP: \$76,975 Club Price: \$62,999
- 2017 Coupe, Artic White with Black Interior, 1LT, Auto, Stock# H80075 MSRP: \$60,560 Club Price: \$55,715
- 2018 Coupe, Torch Red with Black Interior, 2LT, Auto, Stock# J9072 MSRP: \$62,600 Club Price: \$57,592
- 2018 Coupe Grand Sport, White/Black Interior, 2LT, Auto, Stock# J9060 MSRP: \$62,600 Club Price: \$57,592
- 2018 Coupe, Gray Matrix with Black Interior, 1LT, Manual, Stock# J9076 MSRP: \$58,880 Club Price: \$54,169
- 2018 Coupe, Admiral Blue with Black Interior, 2LT, Auto, Stock# J9392 MSRP: \$74,755 Club Price: \$69,555

Due to incentives and specials changing at the beginning of every month, this does not include any of the GM Sponsored Incentives. The prices above only reflect the discounts from Bob Fisher to the Skyline Drive Corvette Club Members prior to any incentives being applied. Don't see what you want or would like accurate pricing with current incentives, please email our Bob Fisher representative Robert Simpson at R.Simpson@bobfisherchev.com or call 610-921-0261 ext:152.



Bob Fisher Chevy Parts & Service Monthly Corvette Special
This month's special is GM Corvette Battery Tender (Part# 84020220). List price is \$120 and the special this month is \$99.99. Please contact our Parts Manager Kevin Mertz at k.mertz@bobfisherchev.com or 610-927-0261 Ext: 129 to place your orders.

FROM GALEN HALL

Do you know someone who got engaged over the holidays? If they're looking for a venue to hold a wedding reception, bridal event, rehearsal dinner and much more. Historic Galen Hall Country Club is the PERFECT location. Call our Restaurant at 610-678-5424 or the event hotline at 610-587-8909 to schedule a complimentary tour. Located in Wernersville, just off the Fritztown road. Close to all area highways and open to the public. Visit www.galenhallgc.com for a free Bridal Guide and full details.

Upcoming entertainment at Galen Hall: The best live and local music continues in The Grill House & Pub at Galen Hall.

Dinner and a show with the Jazz 5 Pack in the Pub. The Jazz Pack 5 performs many of the beautiful and timeless songs from the Great American Songbook, focusing on traditional jazz harmonies and improvisation January 12th, 6-9pm

Don't miss One Under - The Cover Band Performing in the Pub January 20th from 7-10pm

Check out the band, And You, Brutus? in the Pub Feb. 3rd 7-10pm

Celebrate your next event at Galen Hall. Whether it's a private, semi private, elegant, casual or something in between, Galen Hall offers multiple dining options. Any occasion can be hosted by our conscientious staff and award winning Executive Chef Dennis Sweigert. Let our event experts help design, customize and prepare menus with your personal tastes in mind. Our facility is ideal for company luncheons or evening dinner parties, Class reunions, retirement parties and much more...

We offer a choice of styles from cocktail receptions, buffet or sit down service, to an intimate gathering with the cozy grand ole fireplace. Call event specialist Lisa Krick at 610-678-5425

Wed Night is Seafood Night. Enjoy an Excellent Selection of Delicacies from the Sea prepared by Chef Dennis "Steak Your Claim" Every Thursday Night. Enjoy mouthwatering Filet mignon with two sides for only \$14.



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REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE
You can help SDC raise some funds by shopping at Redners. To participate, you need to have a "Save-A-Tape" card. Simply ask for a free card at any Redner's Market.

Redner's will donate 1% back to SDC. Bring Redner's register receipt tapes to each regular club meeting or mail to Barry Goodhart @ 32 Heart Knoll Lane, Robesonia 19551

EVENTS CLUB SPONSORED

JANUARY CLUB MEETINGS

The **general membership** will be held at Alvernia at 7pm on the 8th. The **Board of Directors** meeting will be held at Fisher's at 7pm on the 15th.

MORGANTOWN CLASSIC AUTO MALL, JAN 20

Tour the Car Collection at the Auto Mall, 6180 Morgantown Rd, Morgantown, PA 19543. The tour begins at 10:00 AM at the Mall or start with breakfast at the Heritage Restaurant at 9:00 AM

ATLANTIC CITY BUS TRIP, FEB 10

There is still 10 seats open for members and any guests for the Bus trip to Atlantic City Classic Car show on Saturday February 10th. There will be a sign-up sheet at the SDC general club meeting in January. If we fill the small Klein bus and have enough for a the larger bus we can still upgrade by the January dead line and I can still request more discounted tickets from the Convention center at 40% off admission price, the more the merrier!!!! Everyone over 21 will receive a Bally's Casino rebate, before for leaving the bus usually worth \$15.00 to \$20.00, must have I.D. for the rebate. Price is the same as last year \$45.00 and \$30.00 if you are only going to the Casino's.

Anyone who has signed up for the trip, I will need your money by the January meeting or contact me if mailing, and make all checks out to SDC. Any new member's or anyone who never been on this fun trip, if you need more information on the trip Please give me a call 484-824-5588 or e-mail barrygoodhart@gmail.com.

Breakfast at 7:30 AM to 8:15 AM at the Breakfast Hut Restaurant in Reiffon near Boscov's east. Bus leaves at 8:30 AM from Breakfast Hut returns about 7:30 PM to Breakfast Hut

OCEAN CITY MD CORVETTE WEEKEND OCT 12,13 2018

We have a block of 22 rooms at the Howard Johnson on the Boards at 12th Street for the 2018 Free State Corvette weekend in Ocean City, Md. October 12, 13.

Standard rooms \$79 + tax
Ocean View \$89 + tax
Ocean Front \$129 + tax

All you need to do is call 800-926-1122 and make your reservation in the SDC block. You will receive these special SDC prices. If you have already made your redervation through the hotel, call the above number and ask for Pat Ambler-Perry to be moved into our block. The hotel cannot give you this pricing.

EVENTS OF INTEREST

NCM BASH, APR 26-28

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EVENT SIGN UP

Sign -up sheets for our events will be on the front table at our general club meetings at Alvernia. If you are new or have just never tried an event with the club, come out and see how much fun we have as a club