

# MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

CORVETTE CLUB OF NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA

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JULY 2010



## CAR OF THE MONTH

1967

Marlboro Maroon  
Convertible



OWNER

Bob Robinson

Want your car pictured on the Website and in the Newsletter? Email a picture to Joe Lazzaro at [corvetteclubofnepa@yahoo.com](mailto:corvetteclubofnepa@yahoo.com) You might just be the next Car of the Month!!

### Important Reminders:

- July 14  
Watkins Glen Kids Day
- July 25  
Drag Racing
- August 1  
Raft Ride
- August 15  
Summer Party
- August 27-29  
Corvettes at Carlisle
- September 12  
Knoebels Amusement Park

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

### Board Meeting

Tuesday  
August 3, 2010

Bobby O's  
Dupont, PA

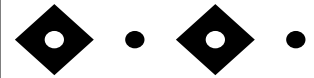
7:00pm  
Dinner 6:00pm,  
Meeting to follow

### General Meeting

Thursday  
August 12, 2010

VFW  
Dupont, PA

Dinner 6:00pm  
Meeting 8:00pm



### \*\*\*WANTED\*\*\* 2010-2011 Board Members

If you are interested in being apart of the 2010-2011 Board, please submit your name by the August General Meeting. New faces and new ideas are always welcome!

### Board Meeting

Tuesday  
August 31, 2010

Bobby O's  
Dupont, PA

7:00pm  
Dinner 6:00pm,  
Meeting to follow

### General Meeting

Thursday  
September 9, 2010

VFW  
Dupont, PA

Dinner 6:00pm  
Meeting 8:00pm

THE NEWSLETTER HAS A NEW LOOK. SOMETHING YOU WANT TO SEE? ANY IDEAS OR SUGGESTIONS? CONTACT AMY ZARETSKI.

Have a Charity to donate to? Fill out a Charity Request Form, on the club website [www.ccnepa.com](http://www.ccnepa.com).

## CHARITY NOTES

The club will be collecting non-perishable items from now through September to then be donated to the Greater Pittston Food Pantry. Please feel free to bring non-perishable items to any meeting or event. These donations are much needed and will

be greatly appreciated.

### Toys for Tots

Looking for a chairperson to coordinate the Toys for Tots event at Quaker Steak and Lube on September 18. If no one chairs the event, the club will continue to collect

toys and monetary donations from now until December for the donation.

### Ring Tabs

Ring tabs are always being collected to be cashed in when aluminum rates go up.

# WHAT HAS THE CLUB BEEN UP TO?

Picnic at McDade Park  
Sunday, June 27



An Ice Cream Ride was taken  
on Saturday, July 10



*Have an idea or  
something you want to  
put on the website?*

*Contact Joe Lazzaro at  
[corvetteclubofnepa@yahoo.com](mailto:corvetteclubofnepa@yahoo.com)*



## IN THE NEWS

### ZR1 CORVETTE: PERFORMANCE, LITTLE ELSE

Article by Jeff Sabatini, wsj.com

How can a 638-horsepower sports car be anything but fun? Like jumping out of an airplane or diving off a cliff, the 2009 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1 is bound to put a smile on your face -- just don't think about it too much.

While this newest, fastest-ever Corvette's 6.2-liter, supercharged V8 doesn't cause quite as rapid acceleration as gravity, it's pretty close. Road & Track magazine tested the ZR1 at 3.3 seconds from 0-60, this on the way up to the car's 205-miles-per-hour top speed. That's about as fast as you're going to go in a mainstream-production automobile unless you drive it off a very tall parking structure.

Indeed, the cars that can run with a ZR1 make up a small group of righteously expensive machines, supercars like the Lamborghini Gallardo LP560-4 and Ferrari 599 GTB. This is where GM claims its advantage, because the base sticker price for the ZR1 is a paltry \$106,520 including destination and gas-guzzler tax, compared to about \$200,000 for the Lambo and \$280,000 for the Ferrari. So the ZR1 offers impressive and comparatively cheap performance, just like every other Corvette, from the basic \$50,000 coupe to the previous top-of-the-line model, the \$75,000 Z06. This is all fine and well, I suppose, but when you're selling a car for six figures I'm not so sure "low prices, always" is really the best approach.

But it's clearly the one that GM has followed here, as outside of its awesome performance, the ne plus ultra 'Vette is substandard. It's unfortunate that a car company that can produce such an exceptional piece of engineering -- from its hand-built motor to its lightweight, carbon-fiber-intensive body -- would fail to outfit the rest of the car to match.

Where to start? How about the steering wheel, your most important point of contact with the ZR1? It's a big, ugly, rubbery piece of junk that's nearly identical to the one in the \$16,000 Chevrolet Cobalt economy car. GM has done this before -- when it infamously used a Chevy Vega steering wheel in the 1976 Corvette. It would have been neither difficult nor expensive for GM to put a decent sport steering wheel in the ZR1: The previous generation Subaru Impreza WRX, a sub-\$30,000 car, had a custom wheel designed by racing-equipment supplier Momo.

Another area where a small percentage increase in price could have provided an untold improvement in the end-user experience is in the seating. The ZR1 seats are not bad, but they lack lateral support, especially when taking into account how much grip the car has in cornering. (Road & Track recorded 1.1 g on its skidpad; I managed a few ticks under a g on the street according to the ZR1's head-up display.) On a car like this, better, racing-inspired seats should at least be available as an option.

But seats aren't on the ZR1 option list, which is conspicuously short at just two. The first is a \$2,000 set of chromed wheels, which only raises the likelihood that you will be pulled over by the police. The second option is the so-called luxury package, \$11,700 worth of proof that GM knows little about building six-figure cars. The tacky leather-wrapped instrument panel that's the biggest part of this pricey package is a joke -- footballs are softer and more fetching to the eye.

Then there's the navigation system, which is shoddy enough that you wonder if GM picked up a few thousand of them from a seller on eBay. GM offers a nearly perfect nav system in other models including the Cadillac CTS, but this is not that one. With a tiny 6.5-inch screen and a plodding interface, the unit is frustrating to use, all the more so because nav-equipped ZR1's lose the standard stereo system's auxiliary audio-input jack, meaning you can leave your iPod at home. That any carmaker would sell a car for this kind of cash in this day and age without iPod connectivity is preposterous.

But this is GM and the Corvette. A confused company today, even at its peak GM didn't quite know what to do with this model that's so different from anything else that rolls off its assembly lines. Since its inception in 1953, the Corvette has always been a few steps ahead of the competition in many ways, while remaining decidedly behind in others. Why should this ultimate Corvette be any different?


# July 2010

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# August 2010

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# September 2010

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# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

## SEE MINUTES or WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS

- July 14 Watkins Glenn Kids Day  
Visit: [www.trackmasters.com](http://www.trackmasters.com)
- July 25 Drag Racing  
Joe Lazzaro 654-8719
- August 1 Raft Ride  
Joe Lazzaro 654-8719
- August 3 Board Meeting
- August 12 General Meeting
- August 15 Summer Party  
Barbara McCracken
- August 27-29 Corvettes at Carlisle
- August 31 Board Meeting
- September 9 General Meeting
- September 12 Knoebels Amusement Park  
Alan Reese
- September 18 Luzerne Parade  
Joe Lazzaro
- September 28 Board Meeting

# FUTURE PLANS

- October 10 Calendar Meeting
- October 9 Saturday Ride—AC Expressway
- October 15-17 Weekend Away

**NOTE:** For ANY EVENT, please contact the chairperson to let them know that you will be attending. This will just help out event planning so it will be well organized and enjoyable for all. Thank You.

**REMEMBER...**

- ☺ **BRING NON-PERISHABLE GOODS** TO ANY MEETING OR EVENT TO BE DONATED
- ☺ **PICK UP A TOY FOR TOYS FOR TOTS**
- ☺ **EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS.** BE SURE TO CONTACT THE EVENT CHAIRPERSON IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING
- ☺ **BOARD NOMINATIONS** WILL BE COMING UP. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE ON THE BOARD, PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR NAME BY THE AUGUST GENERAL MEETING
- ☺ **PICTURES** OF CLUB MEMBERS CARS NEEDED FOR CLUB CALENDAR. SUBMIT PICTURES TO JOE LAZZARO

**OFFICERS**

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**APPOINTED POSITIONS**

|                           |                   |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Governor</b>           | Joe Lazzaro       |
| <b>Parliamentarian</b>    | Jim Cockerill     |
| <b>Sergeant at Arms</b>   | Gary Lamberton    |
| <b>Property Director</b>  | Joe Lazzaro       |
| <b>Charity Committee</b>  | Sandy Fumanti     |
|                           | Amy Zaretski      |
|                           | Pat Cockerill     |
| <b>Membership</b>         | Alan Reese        |
|                           | Carol Reese       |
| <b>Web Master</b>         | Joe Lazzaro       |
| <b>Dues</b>               | Barbara McCracken |
| <b>Points</b>             | Tina Gittleman    |
| <b>Competition/Events</b> | Joe Lazzaro       |
| <b>Public Relations</b>   | Amy Zaretski      |
|                           | Bryan McCracken   |
| <b>Events Coordinator</b> | Bryan McCracken   |
| <b>Newsletter</b>         | Amy Zaretski      |



Coasters—6 for \$10 or \$2.50 each  
 Club Patches—\$2 each  
 NEW Hats—\$12 each  
 NEW Club Jackets—See Tina for price details  
 Club Chairs w/ Logo—\$20  
 See any Board member for purchase.

**CLASSIFIEDS**

**1988 White Coupe**—117k, auto-matic, glass top, stainless exhaust, exterior/interior good condition, new headlights, bushings, PA inspected, garage kept. Engine in great shape.



Price: **\$6,900**  
 Mike Kaufman  
 570-499-2117

**1993 Corvette Service Manuals**—  
 2 Books



Price: **\$70.00**  
 Joe Lazzaro  
 570-654-8719  
[joez06@netscape.net](mailto:joez06@netscape.net)

**Brake Dust Covers**—Fits 17" rims,  
 set of 2, good shape



Price: **FREE**  
 Joe Lazzaro  
 570-654-8719  
[joez06@netscape.net](mailto:joez06@netscape.net)

**Welcome our Newest Members**

Do you have an item you want to sell? Contact a member of the board to get your item(s) listed on the website and in the newsletter.

**Lanny Scott**  
 2005 Millennium Yellow Coupe  
**Mary Alice Scott**  
 2005 Millennium Yellow Coupe

Membership Directors:  
 Alan and Carol Reese  
 570-333-5943  
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