



Altoona Corvette Club

February 2019

Presidents Thoughts

By Club President Randy Johnson

Hi Everyone

It seems like I was just sitting down at the computer to write down my president's thoughts for January and here it is February, my how the time passes by so quickly. However, the nice part of the time passing so quickly for me is the winter months are becoming fewer and getting us all closer to the summer months and driving our Corvettes.

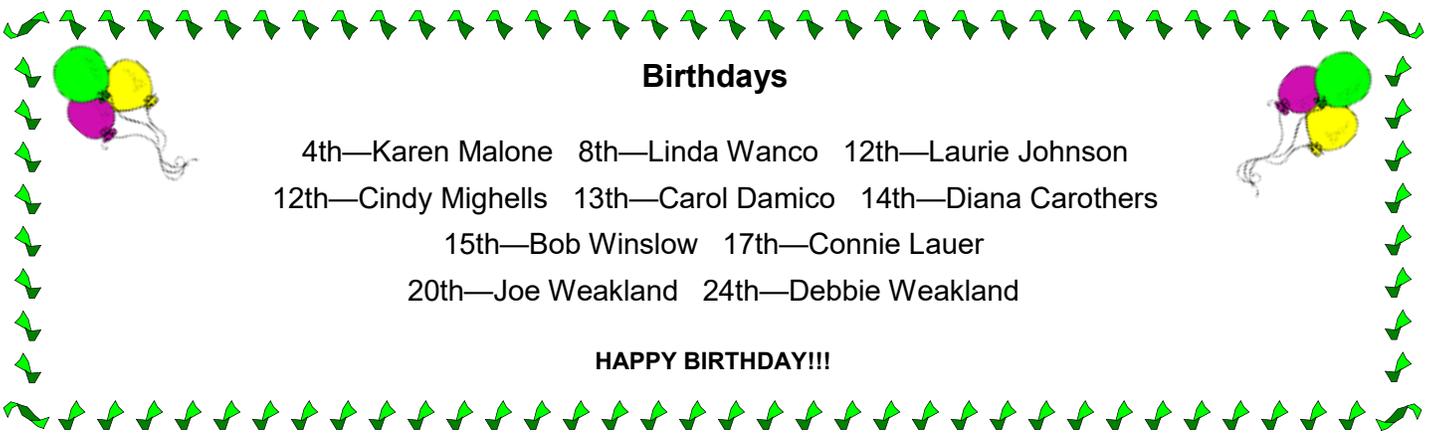
Coming up for this month is our club Valentine's Dinner at the Allegro Restaurant in Altoona on Saturday, February 9th and it is my hope that we have another great turn out for this event. This dinner gives us all an opportunity to get out of the house during these cold winter months and enjoy a good meal and spend time with good friends. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at dinner.

Again, this year, I'm pleased to let everyone know that Zeigler Chevrolet will be sponsoring our club and we have received their donation of \$750.00 for 2019. We will be having two cruise-ins again this year, June 14th and August 16th. Also, David Holtz of Next Financial Group for \$500.00 for our ACC car show trophies at DelGrosso Park on Sunday, August 4th. Denny and Deb Olewine will again sponsor the dash plaques for our car show for \$100.00. Corvette America has donated \$130.00 again this year to help with the cost of our club website. All these sponsors make it possible for this club to have the excellent calendar of events that we have, and I would like to say THANK YOU for their support and it is my hope that we will continue our relationship for many years to come. So, if you see any of our sponsors, give them a BIG THANK YOU for their support.

As always, I would like to say THANK YOU for giving me the opportunity of being president of your Altoona Corvette Club.

Have a nice day

Randy



Birthdays

4th—Karen Malone 8th—Linda Wanco 12th—Laurie Johnson
12th—Cindy Mighells 13th—Carol Damico 14th—Diana Carothers
15th—Bob Winslow 17th—Connie Lauer
20th—Joe Weakland 24th—Debbie Weakland

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

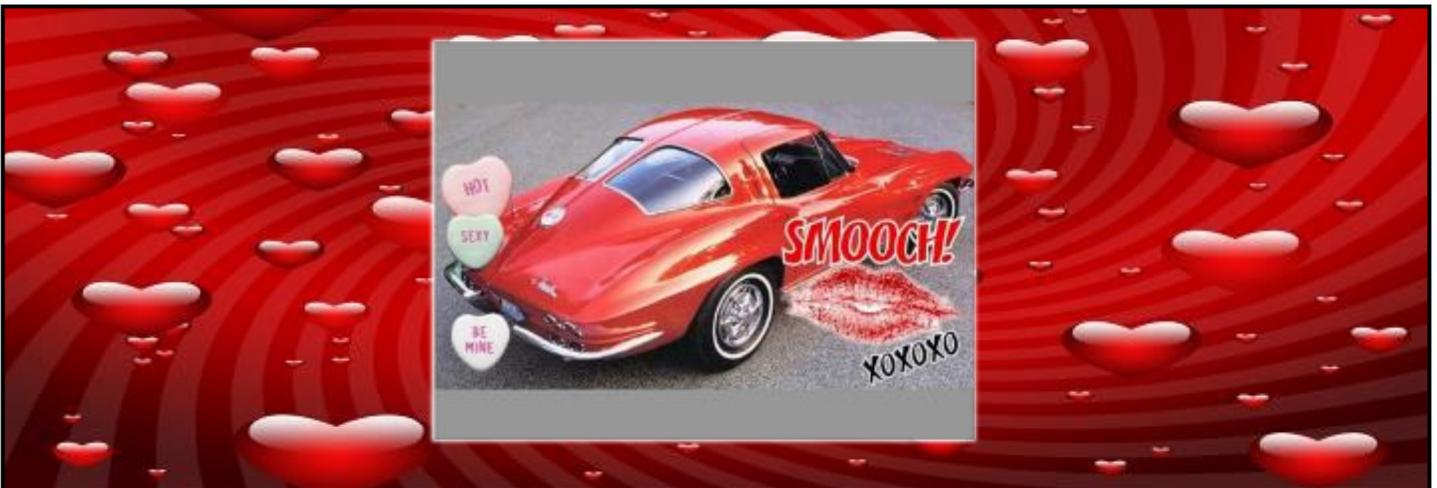
Upcoming Events

ACC Officers Meeting

Tuesday, February 5, 2019—7:00 p.m. to ?
Hoss's Corporate Office, 170 Patch Way Road, Duncansville, PA
(Hoss's Corporate office is behind the Marzoni's and Hoss's Restaurants in Duncansville.)
Please use rear entrance.

Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 9, 2019—6:30 p.m.
The Allegro Restaurant, 3926 Broad Avenue, Altoona, PA
Click the link below to view the special ACC dinner menu:
http://www.altoonaCorvetteclub.com/f/Allegro_Valentines_Club_Menu.pdf
Please RSVP to Sherry Wells by Saturday, February 2,
at 814-937-7106 or sherrykwells@gmail.com



Club Members Meeting

Thursday, February 21, 2019
6:30 p.m.—Social Time • 7:30 p.m.—Business Meeting Begins
Marzoni's Restaurant, Duncansville
Please come out for a great social evening with wonderful food and good friends.



Click here for the Countdown to Spring!

<https://days.to/spring/2019>





SAVE THE DATE

Wine Social

Saturday, March 9, 2019

6:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Oak Spring Winery

2401 East Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona

Please bring snacks or a covered dish.

RSVP by Saturday, March 2, to Sherry Wells at
sherrykwells@gmail.com or 814-937-7106.



2019 Coffee & Donuts

Dunkin' Donuts

3132 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona

Saturdays at 8:00 a.m.

April 13	August 17
May 18	September 21
June 15	October 19
July 20	

OnStar Thought We Crashed a Corvette ZR1. We Were only Lapping It.

Automobile contributor and championship-winning pro race-car driver Andy Pilgrim puts a lot of cars on the NCM Motorsports Park road course in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Recently, though, he had an amusing experience while turning laps around the challenging 3.2-mile, 23-turn circuit in a 755-hp 2019 Chevrolet Corvette ZR1.

As he brakes from 148 mph to set up his entry into Turn 1, an operator from General Motors' OnStar emergency-assistance service is heard on the line. The system was apparently triggered back in the tight S-turns entering the front straight after its virtual brain fired a signal to say all is not right and Pilgrim must need help. To our driver's credit—and demonstrating just one of the differences between top professional racers and good track-day amateurs—he never lifts or loses concentration, dispatching the OnStar rep and continuing on his merry hot lap. That is, until he flicks the Corvette into the left-hand Turn 13 at 90 mph, at which point we again hear another call from a concerned OnStar operator.

On this go around, Pilgrim needs a bit more time to convince the safety delegate everything is just fine and that she can hang up, but once again he keeps the ZR1 dancing on the edge as he engages in conversation, attempting to explain the circumstances and the fact that, no, he hasn't put the Chevy on its roof. Finally, as Pilgrim crosses the start/finish line to complete the lap—in a solid time of 2:07.45—and hits the brakes, a third OnStar rep is again on the horn, whereupon the bemused driver is able to more calmly explain he was merely having some fun around a closed course.

Chevy engineers were unable to find a solution or offer a definitive explanation for the calls, but it seems reasonable to conclude that a particular combination of speed, g load, yaw angle, and longitudinal and lateral acceleration/deceleration rates can trick the system into believing the vehicle has been in a crash—or that its driver is auditioning for a seat with the factory-backed Corvette Racing team. Even more odd, Chevy insisted to us that it in all its miles of ZR1 track testing, it has only heard of this scenario when Pilgrim is the driver behind the wheel, and only when he's flogging the car at the NCM track.

It definitely makes for a funny onboard video. But it's also a good demonstration of the ZR1's extreme performance capabilities, as well as the fact OnStar and its representatives really will be there in a flash to help if you ever do find yourself in real trouble.

(Click the link below to view the video.)



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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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