



# VETTE GAZETTE

March 2009 Edition



*Established 1980*

*Newsletter of the Laurel Valley Corvette Club of Uniontown, Pennsylvania*



# Then

1914

# American Auto Racing

# NOW

2009



Do you want to know more about the early history of American Automobile Racing in our area? Attend the March 26<sup>th</sup> club meeting at the Am-Vets at 7 p.m. Our special guest speaker, Marci McGuinness, will explain why Uniontown had the money and the influence to impact automobile competition on a national scale. For more details see page 5.

# Message from Andy

Hello everyone just a little trivia.



While never offered to the public, a total of 43 - 1983 model Corvettes were built. There were so many quality problems with them it was decided to halt production until they could be corrected. By the time the problems were corrected, it was so late into the model year that the car was brought out as a 1984 model and was run for a year and a half. The only verifiable 1983 Corvette still known to exist is on display in the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

See you at the next meeting.

Andy



1983 Corvette at the NCM

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## **Club Dues are Due – January 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup>**

Contact the Membership Director, Judy Matthews, to pay your current membership dues.

Make check payable to: **LVCC**

Mail your check to: **Judy Matthews, 178 Mt. Braddock Road, Lemont Furnace, PA 15456**

Club Dues are still just **\$20.00 for single membership** and **\$30.00 for joint membership**.

Joint membership must be same mailing address.

### ***Laurel Valley Corvette Club Board 2008-2010***

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**Laurel Valley Corvette Club - Website:** <http://clubs.hemmings.com/lvcc/>

**Western Pennsylvania Corvette Club Council - Website:** <http://www.wpccc.net/>

**Happy St. Patrick's Day - March 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Events and Chairpersons -2009**

Club members that are chairing a club event (Chairpersons) are responsible for contacting the newsletter editor with the details of the upcoming event that they are chairing. They must do this at least one month prior to the event so that this information can get into the *Vette Gazette* on time. Name of the event, location, date and time, meeting place, contact person's phone number are some of the needed details. Contact the Newsletter Editor / Events Coordinator, Chuck Kusiolek, at 724-437-9051 or [c.kusiolek@atlanticbb.net](mailto:c.kusiolek@atlanticbb.net) or mail to the newsletter address.

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**Monthly Club Meetings**

All club meetings are held at the **Am-Vets** in Hopwood. Meetings are the **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday** of the month at **7 PM**. For directions call any board member. 50/50, badge fine drawings and refreshments will follow the meeting. **Our next club meeting will be held on March 26, 2009.**

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**Club Website Submissions**

Club Web page: <http://clubs.hemmings.com/lvcc/>

Contact Webmaster Nancy Richter at 724-204-4477 or e-mail at: [nnrcht@zoominternet.net](mailto:nnrcht@zoominternet.net)

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**Photos of Your Corvette are Needed**

Would you like to see your Corvette on the pages of the *Vette Gazette*? A photo with an original article will earn you one participation point and a place on the cover. You will receive a framed, original copy of the front-page compliments of the *Laurel Valley Corvette Club*. Contact Editor: 724-437-9051 or [c.kusiolek@atlanticbb.net](mailto:c.kusiolek@atlanticbb.net)

**Newsletter Submissions:** All submissions to the newsletter must be received no later than the monthly meeting date of the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. - Editor.

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***They Say It's Your Birthday!***      ***Club Member Birthdays for March***

Linda Brashear 3<sup>rd</sup>    Tom Carney 15<sup>th</sup>    Eileen McElroy 16<sup>th</sup>    Pat Bradley 19<sup>th</sup>

Bill Bartoletti 21<sup>st</sup>    Stevie Kline 23<sup>rd</sup>    Jack Rock 24<sup>th</sup>    Jim Tartal 26<sup>th</sup>

Bernie Guy 28<sup>th</sup>    Dennis Modar 30<sup>th</sup>

If we missed your name on the above list, then your Birthday is probably not listed on our roster

***Welcome to the Laurel Valley Corvette Club***

**No new members this month**  
Use the attached membership application when recruiting a new member

## **Attention LVCC Club Members:**

Discussed at the February 26, 2009 club meeting were the addition of amendments to the club bylaws and a rewrite and distribution of said document to all members. Before our club bylaws can be updated (amended) we must first vote on the below listed additions at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting. The club meeting will be held at the Am-Vets in Hopwood at 7 p.m. If you are unable to attend, contact the club Secretary, Joyce Breakwell, with your comments or concerns so that they might be presented to the membership.

The following amendments are offered for your consideration:

### Amendment 1                      **Candidates for the office of club President**

In order to consider any candidate for the office of club President, that candidate must have served at least one term (two years) in any position on the LVCC board of officers. The reason for this requirement is so that the candidate will have a working knowledge of club functions prior to accepting the nomination.

### Amendment 2                      **Volunteer Positions and Board Meetings**

Members holding Volunteer Positions in the club will be invited to participate in all club board of officers meetings, but will not be permitted a vote when this is deemed necessary to resolve club board issues. The reason for this requirement is that volunteer positions are non-elected positions that are not subject to term limits and the bi-annual election process as are other board positions.

### Amendment 3                      **Incoming Board Officials and the Club Bylaws**

Every newly elected club board member will be presented the latest addition of the LVCC Bylaws upon the beginning of his or her term. The club secretary will be the keeper of the Bylaws and will be responsible for the distribution of said Bylaws to the membership.

## ***From the Events Coordinator's Desk – New Laurel Valley Corvette Club Events '09***

Discussed at our February club meeting were some new events that have been either added to the calendar or are still being discussed and are in need of a date and chairperson.

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| May 19 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> | <b>Lincoln Highway Tour</b> - will follow the old Route 30 from Ligonier to Gettysburg, then on to York and Lancaster. Participants can cover part of or the entire route. Head for home whenever you choose. Alex & Linda Klink and Jack & Nancy Richter can supply you with all the details. More information will be forthcoming. |
| May 31 <sup>st</sup>      | <b>Mount Davis, Pa. Tour</b> - conducted by Dick & Stevie Kline. More details to come  |
| No Date                   | <b>Poker Run to Stone Villa Winery</b> – Rich Rennie is still working out the details.   |
| No Date                   | <b>Tour of Wade's Garage</b> – Tour Wade & Jill Linger's restoration / hot rod shop facility in Fairmont, WV. A local stop for dinner will be included. <u>Chairpersons?</u>   |

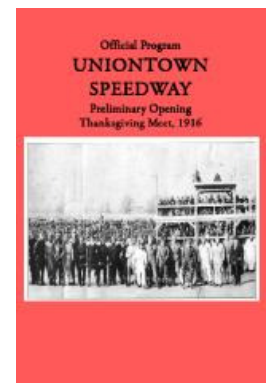
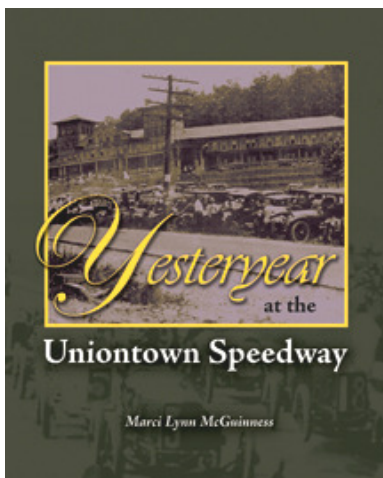
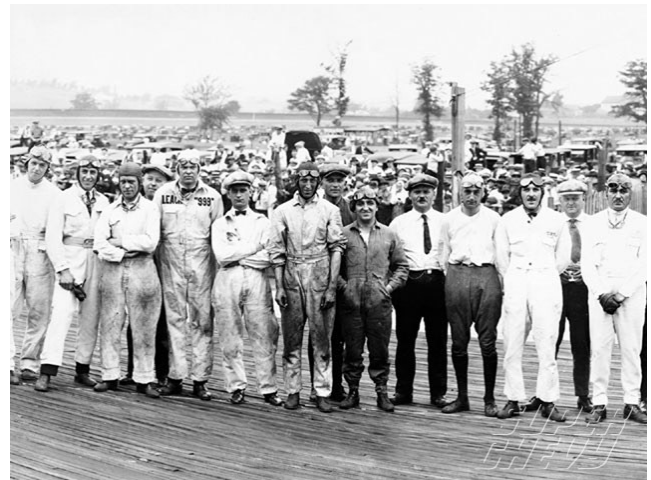
## March 26<sup>th</sup> Club Meeting to Feature Local Author

Our LVCC meeting, at 7 p.m. at the Am-Vets in Hopwood, will feature local author Marci McGuinness. She will be discussing her best selling book “Yesteryear at the Uniontown Speedway”. The book not only deals with this areas local history, but also gives us an insight into early automobile competition and later racing. The Uniontown area residents of the early 1900s played a large part in the creation of automobile clubs and competitive racing events. People like Henry Ford, Louis Chevrolet and drivers for the Duesenberg brothers competed here at the Uniontown Speedway.

Marci McGuinness will give a talk on this colorful time in American racing history and will conclude with a Q and A session and book signing. Discounted copies of her book, including a companion race program, will be on sale. The cover price will be discounted 20% to just \$20.00 for the book and \$5.00 for the First Race Program book. A review of each book can be found at:

<https://www.createpace.com/3369883> and <https://www.createpace.com/3358760>

Marci McGuinness website: [www.uniontownspeedway.com](http://www.uniontownspeedway.com)



## *LVCC Chairperson Guidelines for Club Events*

The definition of a LVCC event is one in which a LVCC member(s) have established themselves as the Chairperson(s) for the event and then chairperson(s) meet the following guidelines:

- 1) The Event Chairperson(s) will supply all event information. The Event Chairperson(s) must make a contact phone number or e-mail address available for use by club members. Event Chairperson(s) are the only contact person(s) for a club event. Club members should not contact board members for information about an event that they are not chairing.
- 2) Event Chairperson(s) must make a sign-in sheet available or record participating club member names. The list of club member names will then be passed on (or read) to the club Points Director for recording of club member "Points for Participation".
- 3) Event Chairperson(s) will be responsible for establishing a group meeting time and meeting place. If needed, they may also make reservations or other arrangements for the group. Any questions, concerning the chairperson's responsibilities for the event, should be directed to the club Events Coordinator.
- 4) Event Chairperson(s) will earn a total of three (3) participation points for each event that they chair. One (1) point is earned for chairing, one (1) point is earned for turning-in a member sign-in sheet to the Points Director and one (1) point is earned for participating in the event. There are no additional points earned for multiple day events.
- 5) Club Meetings are officiated by the club board and do not require Event Chairs.

**HELP!** The following club events are in need of club chairpersons:

<b>June and September</b>	<b>Vette together Cruise # 1 and # 2 at Speedy Meedy's</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>Club Picnic at the Am-Vets Pavilion, Hopwood, Pa</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>Annual Christmas Party (Location to be determined)</b>

If you are interested in chairing any of these events contact the Events Coordinator, **Chuck Kusiolek** at 724-437-9051 or [c.kusiolek@atlanticbb.net](mailto:c.kusiolek@atlanticbb.net)

**Remember – No Chairperson – No Event!**

## *Points for Participation Program*

In order for club members to qualify for a “Christmas Party / Dinner”, that is paid for by the club, each member must earn 10 Points. They must also submit their dues payment to the Club Treasurer no later than May 31<sup>st</sup> of the current club year. Points can be earned as follows:

Attend a L.V.C.C. Monthly Meeting	1 Point
Supply Refreshments for a Monthly Meeting	1 Point
Present a Program or Technical Session	1 Point
Attend a L.V.C.C. Sponsored or Endorsed Event	1 Point
<b>Chair a L.V.C.C. Sponsored Event – turn in “sign-in”</b>	<b>2 Points</b>
Work an Assigned Job at a L.V.C. C. Event	1 Point
Recruit a “New” L.V.C.C Member	1 Point
Renew Dues on or before March 31 <sup>st</sup>	1 Point
Submit <u>one</u> original article to the Newsletter*	1 Point
Submit <u>two</u> non-original articles to the Newsletter*	1 Point

**\*Newsletter:** A maximum of six articles per year will be accepted. Use of articles will be subject to the editor’s discretion. Original articles will take precedence over non-original. Points will be awarded for published articles. If articles are not published during the year they are submitted, they will carry over to the next annual unless material is of a dated nature. Show flyers will not be eligible for points, although this information is welcome.

**Club Members Please Note:** It is the club member’s responsibility to “Sign-in” at Club Meetings and Club Events. If you don’t sign your name to the Sign-in sheet you may not earn a point for attendance.

**Club Points** are earned during the calendar year, from January 1<sup>st</sup> until just prior to the annual Christmas Party Dinner reservation deadline. Club Membership will still follow the June 1<sup>st</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> calendar year format.

**Club Members** paying their club dues after May 31<sup>st</sup> (Late) can attend the Christmas Party Dinner for ½ the cost provided they have earned 10 points.

**“New” Club Members**, joining at mid-year, can attend the Christmas Party Dinner free of cost provided they meet the 10 Points requirement prior to the party reservation deadline.

**10 Point Club:** When a club member reaches the 10 Point level their name will be posted in the newsletter. The Club Points Director will oversee the point tallies. Club members should keep track of their own point totals and “sign-in” at all club sponsored or endorsed events.

Note: Any point discrepancies should be discussed with the Club Points Director.

## **CLASSIFIED ADS: WANTED / FOR SALE**

**For Sale: Club Logo Window clings** are available from the Membership Director. These are the same four-color static clings that are given to each new club member (1 per member). They are made of white vinyl and are easily placed and removed from the inside of Corvette window glass. Cost per cling is **\$1.00 each**.

*Please note newsletter policy: Classifieds will be repeated for 3 issues then removed unless otherwise notified.*

### **LAUREL VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB FASHIONS**

Call **Ed Kurtz** at **Graphic Images (724) 628-3810** for current prices. All items must be picked-up at Graphic Images, Route 119, Connellsville, Pa. Screen-printed with the LVCC club logo (right) on Polo Shirts, T-shirts, Sweatshirts, Jackets and Golf Style Hats.



Call **Patty at Peck-a-loo's (724) 880-5423** Club Logo Embroidered Shirts, etc

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### **10% or more Discount on CORVETTE parts are offered to L.V.C.C. members by:**

**Corvette America** Products for Corvettes from C1 to C6 in one large catalog, Reedsville, Pa. Phone 800-458-3475 or [www.corvetteamerica.com](http://www.corvetteamerica.com)

**Corvette World** '53-'82 parts, Phone 724-837-8600 or [www.corvettedept.com](http://www.corvettedept.com) 12491 - Route 30, Irwin, Pa.

**Fike Chevrolet** (Since 1924) 213 Main St., Masontown, Pa. 724-583-7738 or [www.fikechevrolet.com](http://www.fikechevrolet.com)

**Larry's Auto Body** 470 Gallatin Avenue, Uniontown, Pa. 724-438-5506. Larry is a club member offering **20% off** all auto glass and jobber prices on O.E.M. parts; custom paintwork since 1966

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**Sendell Motors** Offering **20% off** all GM parts, Call 724-837-9500, Greensburg, Pa.

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**Rock Auto** Discount now offered to LVCC club members only. Company Website is [www.rockauto.com](http://www.rockauto.com)  
Use the following discount code number when ordering until 12/28/08: **D05BDD92E46D**  
Enter this code number in the "How did you hear about us" box on your order form.

**Shore Publications** Author, Marci McGuinness, is offering 20% discount on local history books. Visit her website at: [www.uniontownspeedway.com](http://www.uniontownspeedway.com) and mention the LVCC when ordering.



**LAUREL VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB  
UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA**



***Established 1980***

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Joint Membership with Spouse or Family Member? (Same household only) \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Spouse or Family Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

My Sponsoring Club Member is \_\_\_\_\_

What year CORVETTE do you own? \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style \_\_\_\_\_

Exterior Color \_\_\_\_\_ Factory Color \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No

Special Features \_\_\_\_\_

(If more than one Corvette is owned please list additional cars on the back.)

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES.....** Please circle dollar choice below

**L.V.C.C. MEMBERSHIP.... \$ 20.00**

**JOINT L.V.C.C. MEMBERSHIP ... \$ 30.00**

**MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES:** Membership Card, Name Badge, Window Club Logos,  
Club events and monthly Club Newsletter; Vette Gazette

Make Check Payable to: **LAUREL VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB**

Send Payment to: **178 Mt. Braddock Road**

**Lemont Furnace, PA 15456**

Please feel free to attend a meeting before joining. The meetings are held the fourth Thursday of each month (except Nov. & Dec.) at the Am-Vets Club, Hopwood, PA. at 7 PM

For further information call:

President **Andy Shotter** - 724-966-7262

Vice President **Veach Breakwell** - 724-569-1895

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