



510 Members

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September 30, 2014

New Members

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President's Message

By Joel Fellman

It's officially Fall! I hope you enjoy my favorite time of year, Autumn, with cooler days & nights, leaves turning colors, geese flying overhead (so be sure to garage or at least keep the Vette covered!) AND of course that means it's Hot Dog Run time!! The only reason we came back from Italy, was to do the HDR! (OK, so maybe that's not true but please be sure to be there!). As I always say, the more the merrier & if you miss it, you'll be sorry!

I also came back to be available when they call my name as winner of the Raffle Corvette. (yeh right! Like that's really gonna happen? But then again, it only takes one ticket to win. So who knows?) Being away about 1/2 of September, unfortunately I can't really comment on our specific monthly activities except to say that I'm sure they all went very well.

I'm confident that our General Membership Meeting led by our illustrious VP, Dennis Traves (standing in for you know who), was well attended especially with our excellent guest speaker, Dick Robinson. I've known Dick for well over 30 years. His knowledge of the early Corvette's history is well respected throughout the Corvette theatre and his expertise on the mid to late 50's Corvettes is without comparison. I hope you enjoyed the privileged information I'm hoping he divulged. Thank you Bob Weiss for inviting Dick and of course thanks to Dennis Traves for leading the meeting. It's always nice to know that we have great back up whenever needed and Dennis as our Club's VP is the best.

When we left for our vacation, there were only about 20 CCDV Corvettes signed up to attend the Ocean City NJ Boardwalk show. However, seeing our website posts and speaking to Dennis, I'm thrilled that CCDV claimed yet another Best Club Participation award with nearly 50 Club Corvettes registered! I'm sure you all had a supercharged time! Hopefully Sue & I will be joining you all next year!! The drawing for the \$100. swizzle stick prize (to be randomly chosen solely from those registered) will be held at the October General Membership meeting.

I'm also sure that those who attended the Club breakfast at the Parkside Café in Horsham enjoyed a yummy meal. I hear the restaurant had to place a special rush order into Hatfield Meats just to cover our demand for bacon orders!!

As for the Road Trip to Portland Maine, there's no doubt in my mind that you all likewise had a fantastic journey. If it was 1/2 as much fun as the last few road trips, I'm sure we'll be hearing their adventures for months to come. Thanks again to Joanne Gries for putting that trip together!

I also hope that anyone who attended the Buckingham Car Show or the Toys For Tots Corvette Caravan by Kerbeck did well, had great weather and enjoyed themselves.

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Prez's PS's

Now for what's coming up, here come my favorite PS additions:

PS.1A: I expect we'll have an extra large turnout at our October General Membership Meeting to be on hand for THE DRAWING of our next Corvette Raffle winner. Will it be you!

PS.1B: I also heard that one of the CCDV Scholarship recipients will be present at the meeting. That's another over & above element that sets us apart and makes our Club special! Our thanks goes out to the scholarship team members for doing all the legwork, the time & effort needed to make it happen!

PS.2: Next question: Did you place your name on the ballot to run for CCDV President or for a Board position? Please don't forget that CCDV elections will take place at our November General Membership Meeting.

PS.3: And of course, I'm sure you already have your Vette gassed up and ready to rock & roll on the 30th Annual Hot Dog Run! (Just picture this: it's 50+ CCDV Corvettes. It's around 100 CCDV members. We're traveling about 80+ miles on scenic open country roads heading north to the likes of Bangor & Wind Gap, PA. If you put it all together, then you know it's got to be our 30th Annual Hot Dog Run!! I hope to see you ALL there!!

PS.4: Since I have a feeling that changes are coming in the future, I won't keep you in suspense and make you wait much longer before I hit you up with my latest pet peeve edition. So be on the lookout for it (maybe) next month!!!

Save The Wave,
Joel



Knights of Columbus Car Show

The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a show October 11th 2014 at 611 Knowles Avenue Southampton PA 11am-3pm. Please see the flyer in this issue for more details.

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2015 Corvette Club of Delaware Valley Elections

Vote during November 2014 General Membership Meeting

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Our 30th (and final?) “HOT DOG RUN”

Our annual “Hot Dog Run” is scheduled for Sunday, October 19th. In the past there’s been an article after the Run when everyone hears what a great time we had. Once again this year in attempts to get another great turn out, I’m writing before the Run so you can all mark your calendars early and plan on attending.

As many of you know, this event has been organized & run by Dennis & Debbie Traves **every year** since the mid-eighties! It is one of the BEST and most fun activities we hold on an annual basis! In the past we had as many as “84” CCDV Corvettes take part! The last few years we’ve had closer to 50 make the Run.

Obviously this makes for a spectacular sight when we all travel together. For those who are not aware, the Hot Dog Run is simply a gathering of happy Corvette fanatics who are out to have fun & enjoy driving their Vette in a caravan on some of the most picturesque country roads in northeastern Pennsylvania.



Let's go all out! Let's top 100 CCDV Vettes this year! Even if you've never been to a single Club meeting or event, I urge you to come on out and join us. You belong to a really GREAT Corvette Club! See it in action and be sure to Save The Wave!

Joel



MY FIRST CORVETTE -

My first Corvette was a 1961 with the 283 engine and 3-speed manual transmission. All during my last days as a senior in High School, all I could think about was how to raise enough money to buy a Corvette.

At the time I had a 1950 Ford sedan and a real nice 1956 Crown Victoria Ford. (I always had two cars in case one needed work). I faced two hurdles - #1 was getting a quick sale for my Crown Victoria Ford and #2 getting my Dad to co-sign the loan note on a Corvette.

Every Sunday on the way to Church we would pass this used car dealer on Broad Street in Philadelphia. The entire front row always was nothing but used Corvettes. The one I wanted was a 1961 model that was beige in color with a red interior. The price, if I recall was just under \$2,000.

It was the summer of 1965. I was working a second shift at a plastics company running a mold machine. I had put in my Crown Victoria Ford a RCA record player in my Crown Victoria Ford. It hung from the dash on the passenger's side and played 45 rpm records upside down. I worked a deal with a buddy for him to buy my 1956 Crown Victoria Ford for \$500 minus the record player, since I wanted to reinstall it in the Corvette.

I was able to convince my Dad to co-sign for the Corvette. Life was good. A few months later my Dad would buy a used Cadillac from the same dealer. My sister eventually drove that Cadillac to school.

My joy was short lived as I had no college plans and the draft was looming over my head. That fall I enlisted in the Army and sadly I decided I would have to sell the Corvette before entering the service. I sold it to a local car dealer, Southampton Auto Sales, in Southampton, Pennsylvania. I even left the record player in the Corvette when I sold it around September, 1965.

I then went out and bought a 1953 Studebaker so my girlfriend (now my wife) could have a car to drive to school.

Fast forward to about five years ago. I ran into the owner of that little used car dealership at a nearby restaurant that we frequent. He overheard my name and remembered me. He told me an interesting story about my old Corvette.

He ran the used car lot for only about 5 or 6 years. At the time, he would run full-page ads of the cars he had for sale in the local newspaper. (Since meeting him, he has passed away).

It just so happened that he framed one of his full-page ads and it was the ad that actually listed my

old 1961 Corvette for sale. It even mentioned in the description that it had a 45 rpm record player. The price he advertised my old Corvette for was \$1,895.

I knew that even though the used car dealership was long gone, I remembered they had a body shop business only a few blocks away from the used car lot. The body shop is now run by his son. The other week I finally went over to the body shop and, lo and behold, on the office wall was an old framed newspaper ad from his father.

The last car listed under Sport Cars section was my 1961 Corvette with the 45 rpm record player. I explained to his son, who is also named John, that I had ran into his father several years ago and he told me that my old Corvette was on the one ad he actually framed. I was amazed that it was now hanging in his son's body shop.

It would have been nice if all of us were smart enough when we bought cars throughout years to record the VIN number before we sold them. That way you could possibly track your car down later on in life.

The technology available today would make it fairly easy to locate a car you owned in the past, if it was still on the road today. Possibly somewhere today my 1956 Crown Victoria Ford is being shown at car shows with a few extra holes under the dash from mounting that record player that nobody can explain and the same goes for the 1961 Corvette. I could tell the owner I know what the holes are from!

The Crown Victoria Ford I owned was black and white with matching cloth interior, in case you see one at a car show.

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1978 CHEVROLET 1979 CHEVROLET 1980 CHEVROLET	1981 CHEVROLET 1982 CHEVROLET 1983 CHEVROLET
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The photo on the left shows the yellowed newspaper ad framed and hanging in John McShane Auto Body office. It was the only framed picture on the one wall. John was nice enough to remove it and make me a photocopy.

The photo on the right shows the actual ad. My Corvette is the very last car listed in the bottom right corner. The ad to the left of my car lists a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air convertible needing some work for just \$99!

The ad for my old Corvette shown in the center picture above reads, "1961 CORVETTE Convertible. This car is equipped with a 283 cu. in. engine and 3 speed trans. It has 4 new red line w/w tires, R & H, and a 45 RPM record payer. ONLY \$1895."



The photo on the left shows my 1961 Corvette on our driveway in Huntingdon Valley, PA. The photo on the right shows my three younger sisters alongside my car. From left to right - Diane, Dawn and Doreen.



While serving in Vietnam in 1966-1967, I had a local Vietnamese artist hand paint my 1961 Corvette on canvas from a small photograph I showed her. It measures 15" x 20" and I still have the painting. It's the only tangible item I have today associated with my first Corvette.

The Drop

Movie Review by Steve Nikazy



The untimely death of James Gandolfini in June of last year quickly put a focus on the actor's unreleased films. There would be "Enough Said," in which he teamed with Julia Louis Dreyfuss in a romantic comedy. It would spell a major departure from the troubled tough guy he played in HBO's "The Sopranos." Fans who yearned to see Gandolfini return to a gangster role may take comfort in his final film, the crime drama "The Drop." In limited release, it is worth a look.

Academy Award nominated director Michaël R. Roskam delivers a strong study of character in modern day Brooklyn, taken over by bad guys with accents who deal in dope and Euros.

Tom Hardy (Bane from "Dark Knight Rises") plays the lead role of Bob the bartender at a neighborhood bar that was once owned by Gandolfini's character, Marv. That is, until the Chechen mob took it over. Bob is socially awkward and seems a little on the slow side but as they say, still water runs deep.

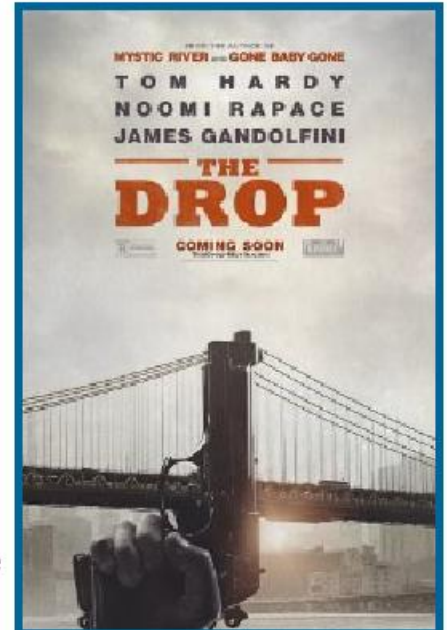
"Animal Rescue" was a working title of "The Drop" while in development, as part of the story involves Bob saving a pit bull puppy that was abandoned in a trash can. He forges a relationship with a world weary woman who is a fellow dog lover. Bob's new girlfriend has an ex with psychotic issues, setting the scene for confrontation.

Then, there is the act of "the drop." During the film's opening scene, Hardy's character explains how millions of dollars in organized crime money finds its way to places such as a corner bar, where cash is picked up. Marv decides he wants in on the action and despises his new Chechen bosses.

The solid cast moves the story along at a deliberate pace and the final violent twist may catch many off guard. Hardy turns in a fine performance that is estranged but likeable.

James Gandolfini showed a lot of range in his storied career and while he plays a supporting role here, "The Drop" will satisfy his fans who only wish there was more.

C5 out of C7



THRILLER: United States, 2014

U.S. Release Date: 2014-09-12

Running Length: 1:46

MPAA Classification: R (Violence, Profanity)

Theatrical Aspect Ratio: 2.35:1

Cast: Tom Hardy, Noomi Rapace, James Gandolfini, Matthias Schoenaerts

Director: Michael R. Roskam

Screenplay: Dennis Lehane, based on his short story "Animal Rescue"

Cinematography: Nicolas Karakatsanis

Music: Marco Beltrami, Raf Keunen

U.S. Distributor: Fox Searchlight

Subtitles: none



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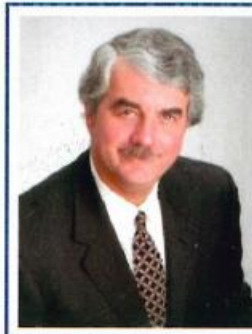
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Year

2006 Corvette Coupe

Color

Victory Red with Tan Interior

Description

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LAST YEARS RAFFLE WINNERS

**Congratulations to Jeff Hey Jr. from PA
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Thank you, *Dave Peterson*

Highlights from the September 2014 Board Meeting

- ◆ **Treasurer:** Cruise Nights made \$58; the Club Store has a deficit of \$551; the Club Picnic cost was \$1388; and Vettes for Vets total costs came in under the \$1000 budget
- ◆ **Website:** Discussion concerning the locking of Debbie Traves' www.ccdv.com post questioning the raffle car fundraiser and noting member and buyer fatigue.
- ◆ **None of the moderators in attendance at the Board Meeting was responsible for locking the post**
- ◆ **Consensus that the next President is the proper person to raise the issue of continuing the Raffle Car fundraiser**
- ◆ **Membership:** No new members and the renewal rate for 2015 will remain at \$40
- ◆ **CECF Report:** \$30,000 worth of Raffle tickets have sold and approximately 500 tickets remain to be sold. If the remaining tickets are not completely sold during the Corvettes on the Boardwalk show, then ticket sales will continue at the Peddler's Village (Joel Kipphut and Rose to go) and Corvettes for Chip shows
- ◆ **Cavalcade:** Vote on September 23 by the Upper Moreland School Board to allow CCDV to rent a school at a cost of \$850
- ◆ **Help Wanted:** Volunteers needed to fill the positions of Gas Cap Editor and Cavalcade Auction Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **10-04-14: Monmouth Count Concours d'Elegance**
- ◆ **10-05-14: Peddlers Village Corvette Show**
- ◆ **10-09-14: CCDV General Membership Meeting**
- ◆ **10-11-14: Tony's Place Car Show**
- ◆ **10-11-14: Knights of Columbus Car Show**
- ◆ **10-19-14: Hot Dog Run**
- ◆ **10-26-14: Hot Dog Run (Rain Date)**

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