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Our 1st Junior member



CCDV Membership:

The current membership consists of:

224 Members
96 Spousal

320 Total

New Members in April. 2021:

None

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

For the **Fourteenth** straight month I want to start this message by saying I hope every member and their families are staying healthy and making the best with this current virus situation. It won't be long now when I can remove this paragraph.

There was an **April** General Membership meeting which had **45** members in attendance. This number was an increase from last month's meeting which is a good sign things are starting to change for the best and our club is getting back on track. I know seven people logged-in on the **ZOOM** video call. Again I did not have a guest speaker and I will continue to hold off inviting one until our attendance gets around **60** or more members attending the meetings. I do have a good list of speakers lined up.

The next meeting will also be inside the **VFW** in **Warminster** on **May 19th** starting at **7:00 pm**. As of this writing the **VFW** can be at **75%** capacity. The banquet room holds **200** people which mean we can have up to **150** members in attendance. You will need a mask to enter and go to the restrooms. We will also have a **ZOOM** setup for those who cannot attend.

The web site is looking fantastic. You can see what it looks like by going to **ccdvd.com**. Should you have problems logging in contact Tom Weigand at **tomweigand@comcast.net**.

The Cavalcade date may have to be moved to **September 25th** due to Pennsylvania Imposed restrictions. A decision will be made at the **May** board meeting. Different locations are being researched since we currently can't be at the **MBIT**. We are still signing up volunteers to help with the event.

At the **April** Board meeting the '**junior**' membership was approved. See page 13 & 14 to read more on this type of membership.

The **April** 'Cruise Night' was a huge success. A special '**Thank you**' goes to **Candy** and **Chris** Melino and company for a job well done organizing and over seeing this event.

I wish you and your families the best. Stay safe and healthy.

Ed.

General Membership Meetings will be Live Streamed using Zoom.

Use link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8324755626>

Password 1953

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Jack DeLong

May Birthday's

1	Dan Salvatore	17	Arthur Trenham
2	Robert Kostaras	19	Rosemarie Indelicato
3	Eugene Feldman	20	Paul Stephens
	Stephen Fisher	21	Glenn Hanna
4	Charles Carr	22	Ronald Grippo
5	Kenneth Snyder	24	Ron Gaffin
	Elaine Christian	29	Woody Tompkins
	Elizabeth Hohwieler		Fran Hunsicker
9	Rich Rogers		Louise Woods
13	Mary Walker	30	Denise Elwell
15	Robert P. Dalton	31	Ken Woods



CRUISE NIGHTS RETURNS

Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

**C.C.D.V's Cruise Night – Open to all Cars
Saturday May 15th, 2021**

**In the parking lot behind The Shops at
Valley Square, 1501 Main Street in
Warrington.**

(between Rt 611 & Valley Square Blvd)

5pm



dusk

**Free to enter – Music and Snacks –
50/50 Drawing – Trophies**

First Cruise Night of the Year

Everyone has been itching to get out of the house and see friends again, and that's what was apparent for the Cruise Night at the new location at The Shops at Valley Square. We filled the parking lot in no time. Thank you to Candy Merlino, Rose Ferrante and John Benischeck and crew who sold 50/50 tickets and snacks and kept the music going all evening. Our next Cruise Night will be May 15th. Here's a few pictures from the event. Hope to see everyone again next month.







The Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles preserves and educates about our local road transportation history. Almost all of the vehicles, from cars and trucks to wagons and carriages, were built in Pennsylvania. We also count automotive literature and memorabilia amongst our collection.



Discover Pennsylvania's Transportation History at the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles! See vehicles of all types: gasoline, electric, and horse-drawn, including carriages, wagons, and sleighs. You will see 'high wheelers" and "safety bicycles," vehicle builder's tools, and local historic roadside architecture. Also, the 1938 Fegely's Reading Diner and a 1921 Sunoco gas station.

The museum is housed in the former home of the Boyertown Auto Body Works, which had continuous operations on this site from 1872 – 1990, and retains the factory setting, making it a unique and interesting setting for the vehicles.

boyertownmuseum.org – Adults \$10, Seniors (60+) \$9. Free Parking. Masks required.



Following our tour, we will drive 10 minutes and have lunch at the Washington Grille & Pub, 1063 PA-100, Bechtelsville.

You can view their menu here:

<https://www.thewashingtongrilleandpub.com/menu>

Separate checks for couples – let server know in advance

Limit of 40 guests.

Please have a full tank of gas to begin the trip!

If you are attending please enter your full name in the Forum section on the website or call Barbara Pergine at 484-436-1111. To go to the Forum which is located on the top of the website, sign in, find the event and sign up.



Breakfast Club Rolls On!

**Join us for
BREAKFAST
SATURDAY,
MAY 8, 2021
At 9:30 a.m.**

**RSVP by 5/7/21 to Johnny Bacon
at 215-208-6620**

OR

**Post your response on CCDV's
website – in the FORUM**

Our next location is:

**COUNTRY HOUSE
DINER**

**41 York Road
Warminster, PA 18974
{Just above County Line
Road)**

RAIN or SHINE

***A BIG THANK YOU and a "Tip O' The Hat" to FRAN & BARRY
HUNSICKER, who recommended this Eatery!***

Hope to see you there!

Johnny Bacon

The CCDV BREAKFAST at ENERGY STATION on APRIL 10, 2021

The ENERGY STATION is located on Shelly Road in Harleysville. The weather was dicey, right up until 8am, and then finally the rain showers stopped. Only a few of our Corvettes decorated the parking lot. Twenty-four very hungry Vettesters joined the party, including Fran & Barry Hunsicker, and Maureen & Dan Wurst, who we have not had the pleasure of breakfasting with since February of 2019. The service and food were excellent, the BACON was Crispy and Plentiful, and the camaraderie was Outstanding! Everyone had a great time! We were pleased that Debbie & Dennis Traves (AKA The Double Ds) were able to join us one last time as they are moving to central PA to be near their son Ryan and his 2 children and wife. Dennis has been an active member (and frequent Board Member) of CCDV since 1977, and Debbie has been an active member of CCDV since 1983. Dennis & Debbie ran the "CCDV HOT DOG RUN" for 25 years, and have run many other uber-fun events as well. Although they are Lifetime Members and can see our CCDV meetings on ZOOM, we will very much miss them both, and we wish Debbie & Dennis much happiness and all the best in their new future! This is an easy way for new members to get involved with our club. Our party animals were: John & Barb Pergine.....and Debbie & Dennis Traves
Eileen & Denny Matlack and Paul McMullin & Barb Blenheim
Frank & Joanne Schmidt.....and Peter Nikolopoulos
Joan & Kevin Allen.....and Greg Baugher.....and Johnny Bacon
Jeff & Chris Biscardi,,,,, Wayne and Linda Zaks.....and Kerry Duke
Fran & Barry Hunsicker.....and Dan & Maureen Wurst





On Saturday, May 8th we'll breakfast at The Country House Diner in Warminster at 9:30am. We hope to see you there.

Johnny Bacon

LISEN UP!

We're looking for Historic CCDV Photos...

Do you have photos of past Cavalcades or CCDV Activities?

If so, we'd like to have a copy to place on our website.

Check out Activities->Past Events for examples.

Send your pics to: webmaster@ccdvd.com

Be sure to indicate What, When & Where the action is. Thanks

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

PLEASE READ:

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW CLOSED

If you did not pay your dues by now your membership has expired. If you want to rejoin, you will have to pay as a new member. Any questions contact: membershipccdv@gmail.com
Thank you.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP ADDITION

1) Concept:

Allow someone younger than 18 join the club.

Starting them in the club at a young age will help to:

- a) Draw more young people to the club
- b) Promote our healthy family-oriented activities
- c) Ensure the Club lives-on long after we are gone

2) Precedence:

Others have already started to get kids involved.

- a) A club in Ohio exists that helps kids to Drag Race their Power Wheels.

Link: <https://dragchamp.com/2019/bracket-racing/power-wheels-racing-the-next-big-thing/>

- b) "Take a Kid to a Car Show" is promoted by the Automotive Restoration Market Organization (ARMO).

Link: <https://www.facebook.com/Take-a-Kid-to-a-Car-Show-276405101742/>

- This concept falls in line nicely with our proposed Jr membership.
- Jr Members will be attending car shows with a relative that belongs to our club.
- After scrolling through the above FB page, is there any doubt that we need to do this?

- c) Charity: We already support a Driver's Training class for young people-this aligns nicely, but gets the kids involved earlier in life.

- d) Our Website: We now have a Jr Membership page on our website. It's full of interesting links for the whole family.

3) Benefits:

There are many benefits to both our club & kids.

a) We are planting the seeds of the future leaders of this club

Our club & our cars will carry on into the future thanks to the little motor heads we help today.

(A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in. Greek Proverb)

b) We are more closely aligning our charitable efforts & giving with our membership efforts.

We give money to several "Kid focused Charities", so why not involve kids in our club

c) We can expand the scope of our club events. Envision this:

- A new class of car at our Cavalcade (Jr Member Corvette). This may be a gas, electric, solar, or pedal car.

- Expanded Cruise Nights. Folks can bring their kids & their Power Wheels to the show. (Fun for the whole family)

- Inclusivity: There aren't a lot of women driving Corvettes, but I'm sure we'll get some little girls with a Ride-on Barbie Vettes at our shows. (We'll be trend setters)

- Drivers Safety Classes (our club sponsors this class) will be more meaningful having young people already in the club.

- Possible Show & Tell /Career Day events at local schools could become commonplace once are younger members start talking (ie: take a few vettes to school for discussion/demonstrations).

- We can advertise our Junior Membership Program at local shows, Website, Facebook, etc.

3) Fees:

a) We won't charge at fee to a youngster. They won't attend meetings or most events.

b) A Membership packet will be mailed to new Jr Members (Calendar, Corvette Coloring Book, Hot Wheels Vette, etc.)

They will have a vested interest in the club which was bestowed upon them by grandparents or parents.

Adult Membership will start at Age 18.

Car Clubs are "old-school" & we understand that constant change is necessary to keep this club alive.

Tom Weigand



PICS FROM THE PAST

Internal Revenue Service
Regional Counsel

Department of the Treasury

Date:

24 APR 1985

Key District: Newark District

Year(s): N/A

Person to Contact: James J. Polsenski

Contact Telephone Number: (215) 597-3094

▷ The Corvette Club of Delaware Valley
140 Old York Road
Jenkintown, PA 19046

— Dear Applicant:

We considered your appeal of the adverse action proposed by your key District Director. The paragraph(s) checked below indicate(s) our decision.

☒ Your exemption from Federal income tax under section 501(c)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code is:

- ☒ confirmed.
- ☐ modified. A new determination letter is enclosed.
- ☐ denied or ☐ revoked. You are required to file Federal income tax returns on Form _____ for the above years. You should file these returns with your key District Director, EP/EO Division, within 30 days from the date of this letter, unless a request for extension of time is granted.
- ☐ You are not a private foundation because you are described in Code section(s) _____.
- ☐ You are an operating foundation as described in code section 4942(j)(3).
- ☐ You have no liability for excise taxes under IRC _____ for the above years.
- ☐ Your liability for excise taxes under IRC _____ for the above year(s) was properly reported on your return(s).
- ☐ There is no change to your unrelated business income tax liability as reported for the above years.
- ☐ Your Form(s) 990-T for the above years are accepted as filed.
- ☐

You may direct questions about the decision to the appeals officer whose name and telephone number are shown above.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas Spaccarelli

cc: Maureen A. Brusca, CPA
Mid-Atlantic Region Appeals Office
600 Arch Street, Rm. 4454, Philadelphia, PA 19106

Thomas Spaccarelli
Associate Chief
Appeals Office

Letter 1370(RO) (1-80)

Back in 1980 we worked on getting this document for about 5 years. Each time we submitted our application, the IRS rejected it because we were a “Car Club”. With tremendous tenacity on the part of Maureen Brusca we were approved. I remember Maureen telling me Spaccarelli IRS official said to her, “You guys aren’t going to give up?” This all started when the club put the Cavalcade banner across Old York Road on 2 telephone poles. As luck would have it on a very windy Friday afternoon one of the poles was pulled over to a 45 degree angle. PECO just happen to be in the area and cut down our banner and secured the pole till it could be replaced. I guess it was then we decided to incorporate. I think after this incident all the officers resigned!



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARD MEETING MARCH 11 , 2021

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING April 08, 2021

Membership Meetings will start at **7:00pm**. Once the weather is nice the Meetings will then be held outdoors in the parking lot.

Members who are unable to attend the Membership Meetings can Live Stream using Zoom. **Use code 832 475 5626 with password 1953.**

▪ **Activities – Barbara Pergine**

- Cruise Nights – 1501 Main Street in Warrington – rear parking lot at The Shops at Valley Square between 611 and Valley Square Blvd
 - April 17, 2021
 - May 15, 2021
 - June 19, 2021
 - July 17, 2021
 - August 21, 2021
 - September 18, 2021 Appreciation Night - Free Hot Dogs
- April 25, 2021 Schaefer’s Canal House 208 Bank Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915. There is a limit of 40 people allowed so sign up on the website to be able to get a spot. Reservations are for 11:00am. Leaving at 9:30am.
- May 22, 2021 Boyertown Museum Historic Vehicles, 85 South Walnut Street Boyertown PA 19512
- July 5, 2021 Oreland Parade

- Looking into a possible trip to West Point. As of now due to Covid they are still not doing tours
 - Reading Phillies date TBD
 - **50th Cavalcade** - MBIT has not approved any applications for use of their property due to School Restrictions imposed by the Governor of PA due to Covid19. We will have to see if there are any changes before, we can plan the Cavalcade even for September 2021. September 25th has been set aside for us if restrictions are changed.
- **Membership** – 222 Members, 96 Spousal Members, Total Members 318
 - **Gas Cap** – Anyone interested in taking on the duties of Gas Cap Editor please contact Ed Bonk – 267-253-7460
 - **CCDV Name Tags** – Barbara Grippo – bgrippo.ccdv@yahoo.com
 - New Members – get your name tags, New car, get your new name tag
 - Anyone interested in purchasing Name Tags please contact Barbara Grippo. They are \$20.00 each, at least three orders are needed to send to the Company.
 - **CCDV License Plate** – Tim Simmons
 - Anyone interested in purchasing a Club License Plate contact Tim Simmons;
 - Regular CCDV Plate - \$33.00
 - Personalized CCDV Plate - \$141.00



Date & Place to be determined



IDEAS FOR ITEMS FOR CAVALCADE CHINESE AUCTION

If everyone collects/donates at least 1 item for the auction just think of how great it will be.

Items like:

- Bottles of wine (or other alcohol) / Wine glasses
- Eagles memorabilia /apparel (signed or unsigned)
- Phillies memorabilia / apparel (signed or unsigned)
- Flyers memorabilia /apparel (signed or unsigned)
- Models of cars / die cast models (either corvette or not)
- Tickets to sporting, theater, concert events
- Car care supplies/ car cleaning supplies
- Gift certificates from restaurants/ movie theaters/ coffee shops/ auto stores
- Gift certificates to hair salons/ auto repair places/detailing businesses/ nail salons/ spas -for specific services or \$ amounts
- Items from auto stores/craft stores/ beauty stores
- Designer handbags / wallets / tote bags
- Bath & body supplies / gift cards
- Pet store gift cards / toys for pets (cats, dogs, fish, birds)
- Designer Jewelry / jewelry boxes / jewelry cleaning products
- Children's items – board games/arts & craft supplies/ Lego kits

Just some ideas to get you thinking – be creative!

Don't worry about duplication

Bring collected items to the meetings and give to Candy Merlino or call/text me at 215-779-9454, you can also reach me by email at cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com

CAVALCADE CHARITY AUCTION 2021

Here are some Themed Basket Ideas – but individual items are still welcome!!!



Accepting donations until June 16th for our Charity Auction Event on June 26th.

Bring your items to the Club meetings to give to Candy or Chris Merlino or call/text Candy at

215 779 9454 or by email at cmmerlino_ccdy@yahoo.com if you have any questions

CCDV Can Be Reached on Social Media!



Click on the links below to join us:

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/3494683937274072>

and on Twitter: <https://twitter.com/ccdvpa>





Keep up to date on upcoming activities and events!

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Full Page	\$480.00	Full Page	\$576.00
Non-Members			
Full Page	1 Month		\$90.00
Full Page	3 Months		\$185.00
Full Page	6 Months		\$290.00

Schaefer's Canal House



What a great day for lunch at Schaefer's Canal House on Sunday, April 25th. The morning started out with a chilly rain but cleared up for our travels to Maryland. We had five Corvettes as part of our caravan and the rest were leary of weather and road construction so they drove their other cars. But, never the less we were there in no time with not much traffic to speak of, even with Greg missing an exit, to no fault of his own.

Lunch was very tasty as most of us got some kind of seafood as we watched the barge and a sailboat pass us by. We oohed and aahhed at Jeff's large bowl of lobster mac and cheese. It looked so decadent. Everyone had a great time catching up with old and new stories. Afterwards, John

Indelicato tempted us to travel a mile down the road for ice cream. What a nice impromptu side trip to cap off our lunch. I love ice cream! Thanks, John.

Those in attendance were: Frank & Joanne Schmidt, Joan Allen & Kevin, Denny & Eileen Matlack, Greg & Janice Baugher, John & Rose Indelicato, Jeff & Chris Biscardi, Joe & Amy Parente, John Benischeck, and John & Barb Pergine.



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