

The Gas Cap



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CCDV Membership:

The current membership consists of:

302 Individual members

128 Spouses

430 Total

2019 New Members to Date: 42

Welcome New Members: John Soghomonian, 2008 Atomic Orange, Coupe

We look forward to your active participation!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT NOVEMBER 2019

heard you say that you've heard enough about me, so this month I'll get nostalgic and write about several (what I think), are interesting happenings throughout the past years. Some of you may remember these, others maybe not. But here we go:

First, there's a couple who joined in for a Club rally & they decided to take a short personal detour for what turns out literally a roll in the hay. Unfortunately, they encountered some poison ivy which they had quite some difficulty trying to explain exactly where they were stricken but later, we did find out.

At a Club wine tasting tour one club member hit on another member's wife and of course that wound up in a big brawl. At another rally, the "very first turn" sent everyone in the wrong direction. That fiasco was the last rally we let them plan!

Now here's a few more excerpts from our past (most can be found in our Club's history book). Most are highlights but there have also been a few low lights in our past:

In 7/82 – Hy Lit (do you remember him?) was our DJ with the Purple Haze Band who played at our Cavalcade workers' party at the Holiday Inn in Ft. Washington.

In 7/83, the following year, we had Bill Haley & the Comets play at our workers' party.

In 8/83, Dennis & Debbie Trayes led "The Junk Food Jaunt" with just 5 Corvettes in the caravan. The next year, the event was more popular and became the official Hot Dog Run for the next 29 years. Don Lemek actually attended every one!

In 10/86, we had just **46** members!!

In 5/87, with the vision of making a ton of money on our 17th Annual Cavalcade, we invested over \$8,000 in advertising alone and moved it to the Valley Forge Sheraton Hotel's lower level. Unfortunately, major road construction started the week before on Rt. 363, diverting traffic away from the center and then heavy rain partially flooded the show area. We were moved outside into the parking lot. That disaster nearly bankrupted the Club with an \$11,000 **LOSS**.

In 9/89, my son Brian and I were the only Club members who attended the Buckingham Greene Shopping Center's grand opening. It started very nice but soon started raining. However, the best part was when Don Lemek pulled up on Rt. 263 in his black '63 Vert with NO top!! I asked him what he was doing and if he noticed it was raining. His comment: "It's only a problem when I slow down or stop."

In 7/93, 107 CCDV members only Corvettes gathered at the old Bucks County Drive-In for a special photo shoot. The movie screen was superimposed in the photograph.

In 1/94, the "Fuel Tank" was our Club's first published book – a compilation of our members' favorite recipes – organized by Diane Waldron with help mostly from many of our women members.

In 11/97, Wendell Strode – the NCM Director – was our invited guest speaker at the General Membership Meeting. We paid for most of his travel expenses, etc.

In 9/2000 – 167 members in 93 Corvettes caravanned to Chip & Judy Miller's home in Carlisle for a garage tour & bar-b-que, <u>our largest caravan</u>.

In 10/2000 - 84 Corvettes attended the 16^{th} Annual Hot Dog Run, our largest to date. In 11/2000 - Our membership hits 500 for the very first time.

In 5/2005 - Wil Abney (a former CCDV VP) turns himself in for the 1978 murder of his former wife (found strangled in a Holiday Inn in Fairfax, VA). It was new DNA evidence that did him in!

In 9/2006 – Joe Mammana, CEO of Yardley Farms, was our guest speaker – his topic was fundraising. In early 2008, he was arrested for stealing an 18-wheeler carrying 10 new Corvettes.

In 2/2008 – Our membership hits an all-time high at 605.

In 12/2008 – we held our Gala 50th Anniversary Weekend and Johnny O'Connell, Corvette race car driver, delivered our keynote address. Our 50-Year History Book was also published.

We invite all of you to save the date and join us on June 6, 2020 as we continue our history and celebrate our "50th Annual Cavalcade of Corvettes."

Save The Wave, Joel

Be Happy - No PS this month!!



When you are ready to join, print out our Membership Application.

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November Birthdays

1	Edward Johnson	18	Diane Widmaier
3	Ruth Procaccini	19	Steve Vendolini
4	Susan Wolff	19	Deborah Covolus
6	Berneace DiValentino	20	William Burkholder
8	William Covolus	21	Jim Neelans
10	Judy Schreiber		Daniel Supplee
12	Paul McMullin		Daniel Wurst
13	Jean Dautel		Misti Volpe
14	Barry Hunsicker	22	Donald Conwell
	Andrea Lemek		James Lynch
	Maureen Wurst	24	Norman Clemmer
15	Helena Kozak		Jack Householder
	Robert Toomey Sr.		Paula Burkholder
16	Vincent Philomeno	26	Richard Wise
	Janice Baugher	27	Larry Steinhouse
	Sue Carnahan		Joey Valerio
17	Richard DiValentino		
	Walt Whitbeck		
	Jessica Canty		

CECF CORNER

Hello CCDV Club Members,

The Board of CECF would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2019 annual raffle and for all of you who worked diligently to buy and sell tickets. Your combined efforts made our raffle another success. We were able to maximize ticket sales and contributions which the club uses each year to provide grants to support non-profit organizations in our local communities.

This year's raffle was held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at Brookside Manor during our general membership meeting. We are happy to announce our winners:

First prize: Carl Maier, who elected to accept the \$3,000.00 cash prize (a Royal Caribbean Cruise was the other option) and graciously donated \$300.00 back to CECF. Thank you, Carl!!

Second prize: Bill Wexler, Huntington Valley, PA won \$500.00 cash

Third prize: Frank Stech, Pitman, NJ, won \$250.00 cash

Our contributions to local non-profit organizations will be distributed during our January general membership meeting. We look forward to having many of our members join us, as the whole club works hard all year so that we can make an impact for many of the families served by the programs we support.

The Board of CECF would once again like to thank all of our club members for their participation and support of our mission, and would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families safe and happy holidays during the weeks ahead.

Respectfully Yours,

The CECF Board

CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST CORNER sign up contact: JOHNNY BACON (215-208-6620) or post a response on the CCDV website RAIN OR SHINE EVENTS

Join us for BREAKFAST SATURDAY, November 23, 2019 At 9:30 a.m.

RSVP by: November 22, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. Our next location is:

THE DUBLIN DINER 133 N. Main Street Dublin, PA 18917 215-249-3686



Admit it. For a second there, all your problems went away.

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Hope to see you there!

<u>The CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST AT THE TNT DINER</u> <u>OCTOBER 12, 2019</u>

Our own Eileen and Denny Matlock recommended the TNT Diner, located on York Road, in the middle of Hatboro. It was a dry Autumn day that brought 21 hungry Vettesters out to our morning party. When Kathy and I arrived at 9:20 a.m. almost everyone was at our reserved long table "chewing the BACON fat." We welcomed first-timers Chris & Jeff Biscardi, and "Prodigal Son" Greg Baugher. (Jeff and Greg have been close friends since high school). Almost newbies, George & Ellen Walters, also joined us for their second breakfast. And it was great to see Ken and Debbie Stacey back again. Service was great and the food was hot and delicious! (And did I mention that the Bacon was both plentiful and superb)?

This is a morning party with lots of laughs and an easy and great way for new members to join an activity. I happened to sit next to Richy Joseph and asked him about his career. I was fascinated and had no idea that Richy was such a distinguished tech inventor. (I thought Richy just liked to drive Corvettes fast)! Everyone had a great time!

The attending CCDV Vettesters were:

Joan & Kevin Allen	Fran & Barry Hunsicker	Ken & Debbie Stacey
Greg Baugher	Sandy & Richy Joseph	Debbie & Dennis Trayes
Johnny Bacon & Kathy	Charlie & Myrna Milstein	George & Ellen Walters
Chris & Jeff Biscardi	Fran & Joanne Schmidt	

The next CCDV roving breakfast will be held on Saturday, November 23, 2019, at The Dublin Diner (inwait for it......Dublin, PA) at 9:30 a.m. See the details above.

Hope to see you there,

Johnny Bacon

ACTIVITIES' CORNER

2019 Final Cruise Night of the Summer September 21, 2019

The last Cruise Night for 2019 was well attended and we had beautiful weather. As a tradition, the Club provides Free Hot Dogs for all attendees. Thanks to Ray Marijczuk, our chef who prepared the delicious dogs, every last one was gobbled up. Rose and Tracey served both the hot dogs and soda and Johnny Bacon joined in to be our announcer for the evening.

A special thank you to Candy and Chris Merlino for coordinating and hosting this monthly event. Many of our club members look forward to the monthly cruise night and it has been a great way for new members to get to know more of our long-time members and to engage people in the community so they are aware of our existence.

A few of the pictures from the event appear below:





Thank you to everyone in the club who participated!

The Pittsburgh Experience

"Why would you want to go to Pittsburgh?" friends asked Rose Indelicato. Let's see if we can answer that question.

Our five-day journey began on Friday, September 27, as we traveled across the PA Turnpike and stopped to pay our respects at the Flight 93 Memorial. The subdued, somber feeling was evidence that something extraordinary still remained in the open, wild flower fields on this wind-swept hill, reminiscent of that September morning, now referred to as 9/11.



After checking in the Hampton Inn, Barb and John Pergine, Tracey and Ray Marijczuk, and Janice and Greg Baugher were off to the Hofbrau House for an Oktoberfest. The rest of us crashed from the trip.



Saturday and Sunday found us going in a hundred different directions to capture as much as possible in two days. The Gateway Cruise Line attracted everyone. The cruise took us to the confluence of the Monongahela, Ohio, and Allegheny Rivers. Immediately we were swept up by the gorgeous Pittsburgh skyline. Pittsburgh natives attending games at Heinz Field not only to cheer on their teams, but at the same time are treated to an unfettered view of the skyline over the river. The vessel's spokesperson described the scenery, buildings, history and Monongahela and Duquesne funiculars as we passed by. Pittsburgh is known as the "City of Bridges," having 446 bridges.

Several yellow bridges can be seen as you travel up the Monongahela Incline. However, Rose pointed out that our "fearless activities chairperson" Lorna Bearn wasn't looking! Yes," I thought, "if I keep my sunglasses on and close my eyes and hold on for dear life, I'll make it up this mountain!" Bob Bearn just looked on as he is used to my fear of heights. So nice to know that Tracey, kept her eyes closed too! A coward always loves another coward. Arriving at the top we were rewarded with a magnificent view. You could almost hear Karen Carpenter singing, "I'm on the top of the world, looking down on creation." Our next reward for scaling the mountain was a delicious lunch.



Each of us had our favorites among the many attractions that we visited:

- The Carnegie Science Museum offered a robotics exhibit and tour of a submarine.
- The Andy Warhol Museum demonstrated that there was far more to Warhol than silk screen renderings of Marilyn Monroe and Campbell Soup cans. His influence can be seen in Pop Culture, advertising and film.
- The Phipps Conservatory was visited by the Marijczuks and Pergines and were later joined by John and Kathy Benischeck for dinner at the recommissioned Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad Station which has been converted into a restaurant.

Most of us found The Heinz Museum to be outstanding, spending hours going floor to floor. Ed Scannapieco probably expressed it best when he said, "This is among the best museums I have ever been to. I love it here!" Ed and John Indelicato were marveling over one exhibit in particular that had a display of kitchen tools used to make all kinds of pasta. One of them would say, "My Mom used that! I remember......" "So did mine! I remember....." Ah, these guys were 10 years old again and standing in their mothers' kitchens. Bonnie Montague, Gary Romberger and Amy Parente grabbed a rocking chair when they were back on the first floor and were soon joined by others.



The Strip is a neighborhood of shops, breweries, bakeries, restaurants and sidewalk tables of miscellaneous stuff. The MUST stop for John Pergine was Primanti Brothers serving their world-renowned sandwiches stuffed with meat, cheese, French fries (yes, they are <u>INSIDE</u> the sandwich!) and slaw. The sandwiches are almost as high as the noise level in the restaurant. John Indelicato decided to stuff his ears with straws to bring down the noise level.



Breakfast is included at the Hampton Inn and is served in their common room. In the evenings, however, we gathered there for wine, snacks and socializing. Problem: What do you do when you forget a cork screw?? How many Corvette owners does it take to open a bottle of wine with a toy cork screw?? We sang "Happy Birthday" to Greg. Jenga is the game of choice on these treks and this time Joe Parente topped past winners by adding a thirty-fifth row! Rose fought the battle of Jerico and the walls came a-tumbling down!





The final excursion was to Fallingwater, Frank Lloyd Wrights' idyllic and most widely acclaimed work. The guided tour features the main house and guest house, but the self-guided tour of the exterior shows the unmatched beauty of the cantilevered house extending out over the waterfall. The tour was followed by lunch at the Bittersweet Café, a restaurant in the middle of nowhere Pennsylvania, serving delectable, well-prepared food. We closed the day with a wine tasting nearby and toasted one another to the end of a glorious long weekend.

Article and Photos by Lorna Bearn

2019 HOLIDAY PARTY DECEMBER 14, 2019 BROOKSIDE MANOR

Sign up now: <u>Click here to sign up for Holiday Party.</u>

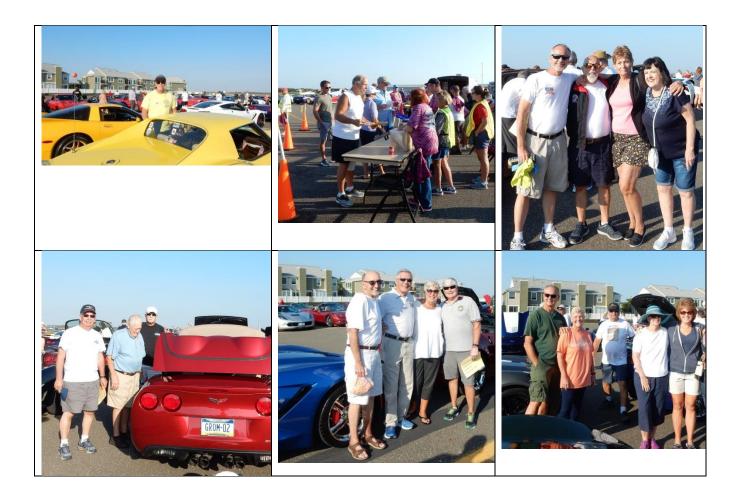
It's hard to believe but, the Holiday Party is less than 9 weeks away. Come enjoy a relaxing sit-down dinner and music and dancing by Dave Kim for only \$40.00 a person. Your choice of salmon, chicken, or prime rib. Mail checks payable to CCDV to:



Barb Grippo 534 Tyson Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19111

2019 Corvettes on the Boardwalk (A Day at the Beach) Ocean City, New Jersey September 22, 2019

The sun was determined to burn off the morning haze over the bay, as the participants for the 2019 Corvettes on the Boardwalk made their way to the Ocean City Airport. Corvettes were sprayed, buffed, and shined to remove the last drops of overnight dew. 412 cars were readied for the parade to the Boardwalk, with the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley proudly taking home the honor of the club with the highest in attendance, 52 members, for the quite a few consecutive years.





We paraded through town and were instructed to follow the white lines on the boards until we finally came to a permanent resting spot for the day. How many Corvette owners headed right for Manco & Manco Pizza? French fries and ice cream were included in the favorites as well.

John Pergine, Joe Parente, Ed Scannapieco and Ray Marijczuk got right to the business of selling raffle tickets. It was a great opportunity for the team to help us eventually meet our goal of selling all of our tickets.



After a long day, finally the trophies were awarded. Two members of our club picked up trophies: Gail Mehann accepted a trophy for Don Lemek's car and Ron Rahmer picked up another. Greg Baugher accepted the \$100 swizzle stick, the prize awarded to our club for highest attendance, on behalf of the club.

To everyone's delight, no trophy was awarded for the most seagull droppings because this year Ocean City hired hawks to scare them away. Although after returning to our cars at the end of the trophy ceremony, Ken Woods (pictured below, far right) found that his Corvette was hit with a bullseye on his CCDV sticker!



At day's end, most of us headed home, some headed to their rentals and a few headed to their vacation homes. Another great year has passed for Corvettes on the Boardwalk and "A Day at the Beach," this one was an enjoyable one and a beautiful day for those of us who attended!

DON'T FORGET, PAYMENT FOR THE HOLIDAY PARTY IS DUE BY NOVEMBER 14, 2019!

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE CCDV BOARD MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2019

- Activities Lorna Bearn
 - List of Club Activities planned Check the web-site for updates and details of trips
 - $\circ~$ October 20, 2019 35th Anniversary of the Hot Dog Run See web-site for details
 - o American Treasure Tour Museum November 10, 2019
 - December, 14, 2019 Holiday Party Brookside Manor see web-site for Flyer, Payment due by November 14, 2019
 - List of Non-Club Activities
 - November 3, 2019 Veterans Day Parade
- Cavalcade Ray Marijczuk, John Pergine
 - June 6, 2020 Middle Bucks Institute of Technology
- New Members/Membership Pattie Lankford
- Gas Cap Julie Wise
 - There will be five printed copies of the Gas Cap at the Membership Meeting if you need one. If you are putting an Article in the Gas Cap please have them to Julie by the 25th of the Month prior
- CCDV Name Tags Barbara Grippo bgrippo.ccdv@yahoo.com
 - New Members get your name tags, New car, get your new name tag
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