



The Gas Cap

December 2022



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving with their family and loved ones. Hard to believe Christmas is coming upon us in the next couple of weeks.

At the **November** General Membership meeting I presented **Harry Hey** with his **25** consecutive year membership plaque. Congratulations **Harry** for your loyalty and dedication to our club. The **Golden Shaft** award was given to **Denny and Eileen Matlock** for their **5** years as being the persons running the '**Club Store**' and controlling the sale of clothing and the inventory. A special '**Thank you**' to **Denny and Eileen** for a job well done!! We also had our **CECF Raffle**, our **Grand Prize** winner was **Amy Parente**, Congrats Amy!

For the **6th** consecutive year our club was represented in the **Philadelphia Veterans** parade. I drove **Judge Pat Dugan**, who was one of the 2 Grand Marshalls and **Joe Parente** drove Sargent Major **Joann Presco**, a **32** year veteran in the Army. The club had an additional **8** Corvettes in the parade driving various celebrities. Beside Joe and myself, I want to Thank the following members for giving up their time and car to be in the parade. They are **Al Depue, Jack Blumenstock, Candy Merlino, Chris Merlino, Denny Matlock, Roy Adams, Steve Baker, Cliff Hamilton**.

I am still looking to fill the **Technical Chairperson** position who will be a communication link in getting an answer or giving directions for technical questions. The position is a Board positions with voting rights. **Joel Fellman** is temporary filling in this position. Please consider volunteering your time to help out the club.

As in the past there is no **December** General Membership meeting, but there is the annual Holiday Party, which we sold all 70 tickets! As always, we hope to have a great time and a very enjoyable evening. I'm looking forward to this fun night out!!

Everyone, have a Safe and Happy Holiday!!

I wish you and your families the best,

Ed





WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

**Welcome!!
Raymond Brown**

Total Members to date - 362!!



CCDV BOARD MINUTES

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING

November 10, 2022

- Pictures from the Jefferson Fire Co car show and the Philadelphia Veterans parade are up on the website.

Activities – Barb P / John B. / Candy M. / Jack B.

- November 12th – Breakfast at Cracker Barrel @ 9:30am – 2095 Gallagher Road, in Plymouth Meeting
- November 19th – Dinner at Santucci's Pizza @ 5:30pm - 460 W Street Road, Warminster
- November 20th – Cancelled due to logistics - Covered Bridge Run – Meet at Washington Crossing Historic Park Visitors Center, 1112 River Road, Washington Crossing, PA at 10am.
The Country Place Restaurant, 1007 Rt 313.
- December 10th – Holiday Party from 6 - 10pm – at Spring Mill Country Club at 80 Jacksonville Rd. Includes cash bar, hot hors d'oeuvres, salad, choice of 3 entrées, and dessert.

Membership – 362 total

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Jack DeLong

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Joel Fellman (Interim)

A MESSAGE FROM THE CORVETTE ENTHUSIAST COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (CECF)

Hello Club Members,

The board of The Corvette Enthusiast Community Foundation is hoping that you and your families are in the best of health. We are seeing nice participation from our members who are able to make it to the meetings, but we also need our members who are unable to make it to the meetings to help. Even if you purchase one ticket your donation will help our charities.

This year CECF decided to do a Cash Raffle and it was held at our General Meeting on November 16th, 2022.

The winners were:

Grand Prize of \$5,000 - Amy Parente
Second Prize of \$1000 – Tom Vasek
Third Prize of \$500 – Richard High
And the winner of the Seller's Drawing for \$500
(for those who sold 10 or more tickets) – Joe Parente

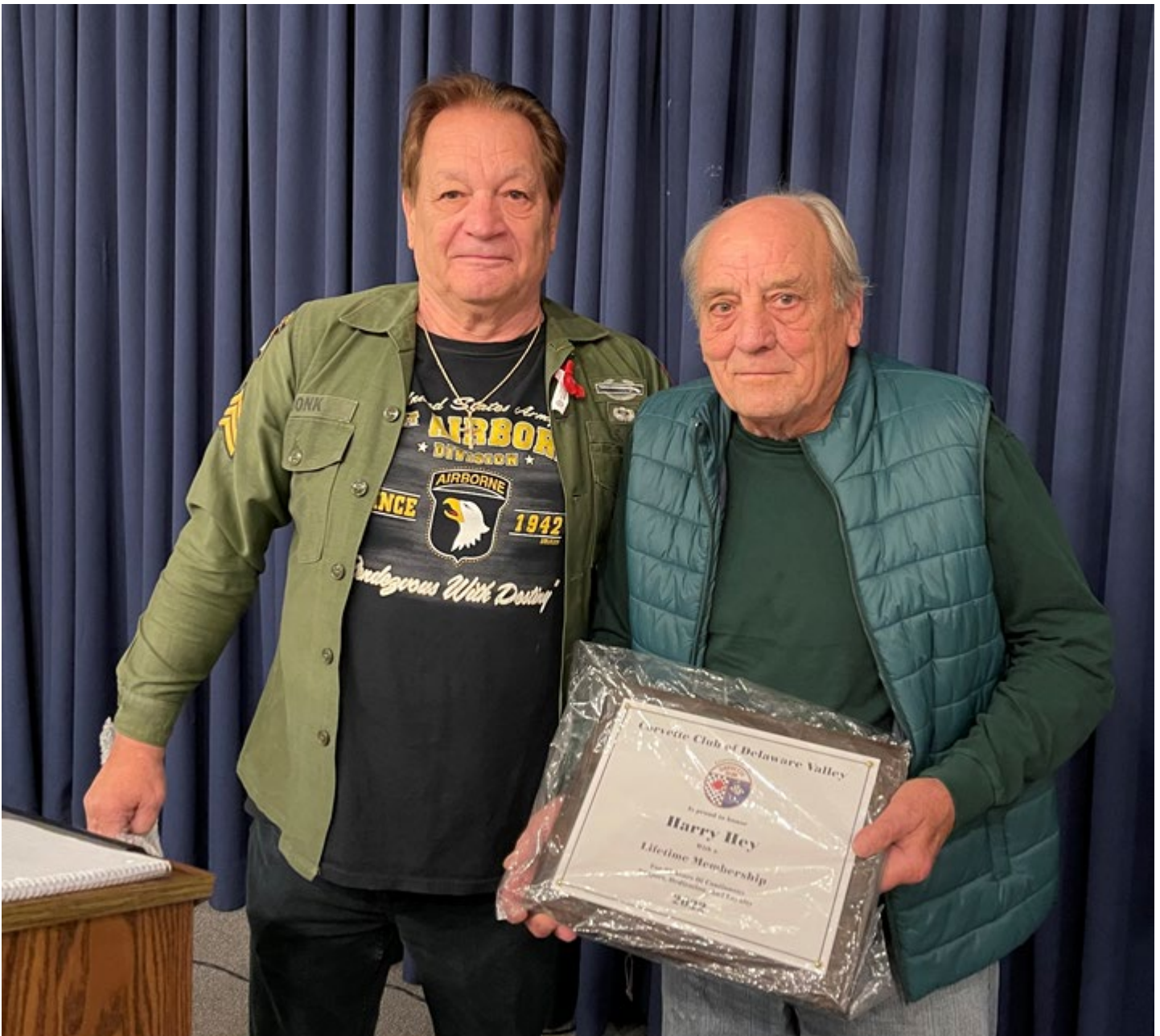
Thank You for your club participation.

The Board of CECF



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CCDV 25 YEAR MEMBERS!!

Congratulations to Harry Hey
Our CCDV Member for the last 25 years!!



THE GOLDEN SHAFT AWARD

This is an award presented by the President to a member of the club for outstanding service.

This award was given to
Eileen and Denny Matlock

Eileen and Denny win the golden shaft award for their
years of service in running the club store.
They are retiring from this position at the end of the year.

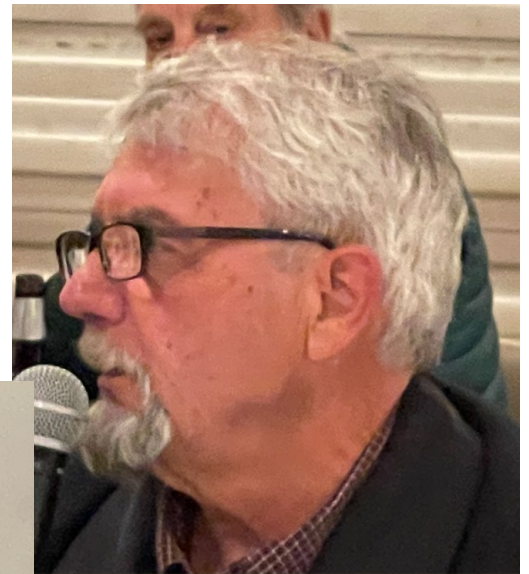


The winner receives bar privileges for the night.

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The 2023 CCDV Wall Calendar is now available!

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Thanks Dave P. from Bryner Chevrolet for your purchase of 50 calendars, We appreciate your support!!



The Corvette That Shouldn't Have Been!

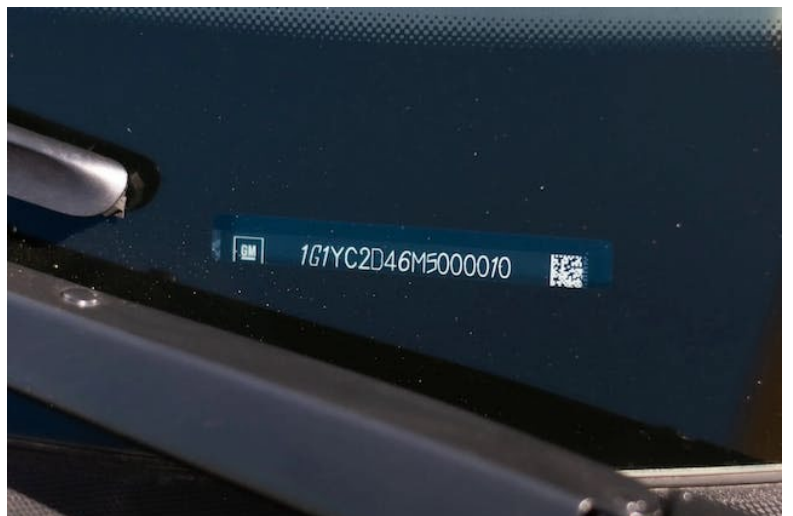


Late this summer, the big orange Reliable Carriers 18-wheeler rolled up to Randy Kent's door in Sarasota, Florida, and a yellow 2021 Chevrolet Corvette rolled out. Kent, who describes himself as an "enthusiast," has a small car collection and he was happy to add the [C8 Corvette](#), which he wanted as a daily driver.

It seemed like a pretty good deal when he bid on the car [at the Barrett-Jackson auction](#) in Las Vegas in July. The car had just over 50 miles on the odometer, and it was part of the GM Heritage collection. When bidding topped \$100,000, Kent hoped it wouldn't go much higher. It didn't. Kent bid \$104,500, and the car was his.

One of the things that appealed to Kent about the car was that it appeared to be an [IMSA GTLM Championship C8.R Edition](#), a \$6595 package when sold. Admitting that he didn't know that much about C8 Corvettes, he assumed that his car, which was sitting next to one such GTLM Championship Edition, was the same thing, just lacking the graphics. The VIN number ended in 000010, so Kent knew it was an early car.

The [motorsports-inspired package](#) was introduced at the IMSA race at Belle Isle, in Detroit, in June of 2021, honoring the 2020 season championship won by the [C8.R race car](#). The package came with a high-wing spoiler in Carbon Flash, yellow brake calipers, black Trident design wheels with black lug nuts and the "Jake" logo on the center caps, exterior mirrors in Carbon Flash, plus black side rockers and splash guards. Inside, the Championship Edition features a Strike Yellow and Sky Cool Gray cabin that mimics the exterior yellow and gray racing theme, with standard GT2 seats, along with yellow seat belts and a C8.R Special Edition numbered plaque. A plaque? Kent had missed that. Driving to lunch the next day, he glanced down, "and I did a doubletake." The plaque was there, between the seats, and it read, "C8R Edition 01EX."



EX, as in “experimental,” 01, as in the first, and maybe only experimental car. Hmm. When the car arrived, it was quite dusty, so Kent took his California Duster to it. In several places, the Duster found some adhesive from the original C8.R stickers, which had been stripped off. But wait. Kent’s car is a 2021, though it was built in 2020. The C8.R Edition was for 2022, with Chevrolet building only a thousand.

Kent had met a GM Design employee at Las Vegas, and they stayed in touch. Kent texted him a picture of the badge. “Two seconds later,” the GM employee called Kent. His first two words: “Oh, shit!” Kent was told the car was supposed to be stripped or even destroyed, but it was hiding in the Media Building at GM when the other cars met their fate. It had been used as a display car at IMSA races, and apparently was a photo car for GM brochures. And then it was supposed to meet its fate. But this one got away.



Bottom line: There were only supposed to be 1000 of the IMSA GTLM Championship C8.R Edition cars. Now there were 1001, and one of them was a 2021 model, while the rest were 2022s. Kent had one of one.

He thought about keeping it, but with such low mileage—it still has under 100 miles on the odometer—and its rare status, “I figured this car deserved to be in a collection.” GM sent a tech down the next day to erase some proprietary software, such as a program that has the car speaking to GM in real time, “telling them how it’s cornering, the spring rates, that sort of thing,” and apply some warning stickers. The changes make it a street-legal and entirely insurable car, Kent says.

Now the car is on bringatrailer.com. Bidding is up to \$89,200 at this writing, but with four days left on the auction, it’s likely to go much higher. How much higher? Kent, who owns a boat cover company, isn’t sure. After all, “it’s one of one. How do you put a value on that?” A set of C8.R graphics is included with the car, but it looks awfully clean without them.



Meanwhile, Kent bought a 2022 Corvette C8 to drive, with no backstory. And he’s hoping his C8.R—that isn’t finds a good home.

*****UPDATE*****

The car sold for a high bid of \$182,999 and is on its way to its new home in Helsinki, Finland.



CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST

The CCDV BREAKFAST at CRACKER BARREL on NOV. 12, 2022

The CRACKER BARREL we dined at is located in Plymouth Meeting. Unfortunately, the restaurant did not take reservations. Since the restaurant's manager was intending to sit us at tables of 4 people, scattered around the restaurant, John & Barb Pergine showed up at 8:30am and convinced the manager to sit us all in one section. THANK YOU, John & Barb!

As we arrived, we were all seated pretty quickly. Barb Pergine has stowed her "Car Show Widow" status, since her husband John has returned from the Car Show Battles unscathed. As a matter of fact, John P. has won so many trophies – beautifully displayed in his garage – that I am trying to convince him to rent some trophies out. I am interested in renting his 5-foot high "Best In Show" trophy next spring, for 4 months. I want to put it on my 300 square foot front lawn to impress my neighbors!!



The servers were pleasant and efficient, and delivered our tasty food. Everyone had a fun time conversing and laughing with their tablemates. These CCDV

breakfasts are an easy way for new members to get involved with our club. Our party animals were:



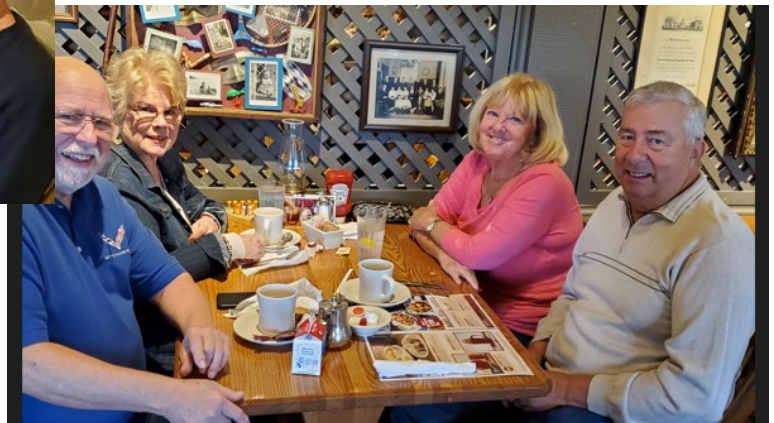
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Wayne and Linda Zaks
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Henry Shupp



**On Saturday, December 17th we'll breakfast at Michael's Family Restaurant
& Diner in Montgomeryville at
9:30am.**

We hope to see you there.

Johnny Bacon



CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST

**Join us for
BREAKFAST**

Our next location is:

**Michael's Family Restaurant
709 Bethlehem Pike
(a.k.a. Rte. 309)
Montgomeryville, PA 18936
215-368-9909**

**Saturday
December 17, 2022
At 9:30 a.m.**



Rain or Shine

**RSVP by 3:00 p.m. on 12/16/22 to Johnny Bacon at
215-208-6620 OR Post your response on CCDV's website –
in the FORUM**

*A Big Thank You and a "Tip O' The Hat" to
Linda and Bruce Houser who recommended this Eatery!*

Hope to see you there!!

Johnny Bacon

DINNER AT SANTUCCI'S, 11/19/22

Santucci's Square Pizza 11-19-2022

We had a great time at our monthly dinner at Santucci's Square Pizza in Warminster. It was one of those cold nights, but we still managed to have 22 members at the long table. Santucci's is a BYOB and I heard Jack finished off the last drop of wine right out of the bottle. Everyone enjoyed their meal so we will be putting this into our rotation for future dinners. Thanks to Kevin and AnnMarie for the suggestion.



Dinner at Giovanni's Pizza

10/29/22

Giovanni's Pizza Dinner 10-29-2022

We had a fun time again at our monthly dinner at Giovanni's Pizza with 23 members in attendance. As always, we all shared stories and had lots of laughs all evening long. The restaurant didn't update our head count, so they quickly put another table in place for our remaining five members.

Afterwards most of us headed over to Rose & Tony's house to hang out around the patio fires. It was a chilly night, but we kept cozy near the fire and the heat lamp. What a nice way to relax as we were treated to ice cream, cookies, smores and drinks. What a way to cap off a good dinner to have dessert! A Big Thank You to Rose & Tony for hosting us.



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



First name	Last name	December
Karen	Sinn	3
Shirley	Blumenstock	4
Linda	Houser	4
Michael	Weiss	5
Nick	Cione	6
Marlene	Etkowicz	7
Jim	Naylor	8
Barbara	Creighton	10
Laurie	Long	11
Virgil	Walker	12
Bonnie	Milnes	13
William	Washnock	13
Tim	Simmons	14
Lynne	Harnish	16
Sue	Fellman	17
Gary	Romberger Sr	17
Joan	Allen	18
John	Benischeck	18
Bill	Cmorey	18
Allan	DePue	18
Nancy	Hale	19
Bob	McCrumn	20
Russell	Bentman	23
Dave	Peterson	23
Allan	Lane	24
John	Pergine	25
Bill	Huey	27
Kristy	Conwell	28
Nick	Dautel	29
Robert	Lundgren	31
James	Polis	31

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Name	Title	Role/Responsibilities
Ed Bonk	President	Presidential Responsibilities
Tom Weigand	Vice President	VP, Website, Calendars, Cavalcade
Tim Simmons	Treasurer	Treasurer, Membership, Cavalcade, License Plates
Candy Merlino	Recording Secretary	Cavalcade, Cruise Nights, Name Tags
Dennis Trayes	Corporate Secretary	Corp Secretary, Archive Docs

Board Members at Large

Name		Role/Responsibilities
Joel Fellman	Chairperson	CECF Liaison, Cavalcade, Club Historian
John Benischek		Activities (Roving Breakfasts), Cruise Nights, Cavalcade, Picnic
Jack Blumenstock		Activities
Jacques Etkowicz		Bylaws, CCDV Ops Manual Project Manager
Rose Ferrante		Public Relations, Cavalcade, Cruise Nights, Picnic
Angelo Grippo		Activities
Zach Hamada		Cavalcade
Penelope Hunt		Cavalcade, Cruise Nights
Carole Canazaro		Gas Cap Newsletter Editor
Barb Pergine		Activities (Monthly Dinners), Cruise Nights, Cavalcade

JOEL'S JOLLIES



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Classifieds

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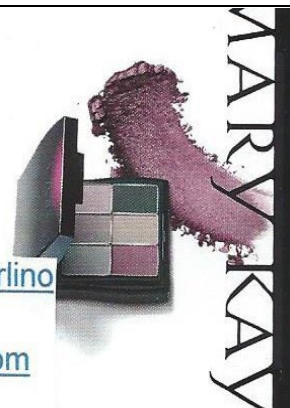
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