



The Gas Cap

February 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everything is going well for you and your family so far this year. The weather has been treating us very well as I am one who hates the snow. So, I have been extremely happy with Mother Nature! Maybe I better be quiet before I get punished for opening my mouth.

The **January** General Membership meeting was a great start to begin the New Year. The turnout was great as well as the pizza. A special '**Thank you**' goes out to **Tony Buonassisi** and **Rose Ferrante** for getting the pizza and setting it up at the meeting for everyone in attendance to enjoy. Additionally, **CECF** awarded its annual donations to our charitable originations from the proceeds collected from the raffle tickets sold by our members. A total of **8** organizations received donations for a combined total of **\$20,000 dollars!!** More info on the recipients is listed under the CECF page. All **8** organizations were extremely grateful for their share of the donations.

I am still looking to fill the **Technical Chairperson** position who will be a communication link in getting an answer or give direction for technical questions. The position is a Board positions with voting rights. **Joel Fellman** is temporary filling in this position.

Additionally, I am looking for a member to take on the role of **Gas Cap** editor as our current editor **Carole Canazaro** will be putting more focus on her personal and family commitments in 2023. Carole has done an excellent job in this role, and I wish her the best. The position is a Board positions with voting rights. Contact me if you're interested in more details as to what is involved. On average a minimal amount of time (**2-3 hours**) is required each month in putting the information together.

The **February** General Membership will be at the **Warminster VFW** on the **15th** starting at **7:00 p.m.**

As a side note the **New Jersey Ocean City** boardwalk Corvette show is filling up rapidly, so I suggest you sign up now and not wait much longer if you want to put your car in the show. You can register on-line at their web site.

I wish you and your families the best

Ed





WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

Welcome

Carl Voellm and David Cericola!!

Total Members to date - 362!!



CCDV BOARD MINUTES

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING

January 12, 2022

General Membership Meetings will start at 7:00pm.

- CECF - charitable donation checks to be handed out at the general membership meeting in January, pizza to be provided.
- Tom W /Rose F – to put together documentation to explain/clarify the CECF & CCDV function as organizations and their responsibilities.
- Corvettes on Wheels display at Allentown Museum is looking for specific year cars for their display from April – Oct. Joel Fellman to be contact person for anyone interested in submitting their car.

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

- Saturday, January 14, 2023 at 9:30AM - Breakfast at LANCERS DINER on
- SUNDAY, January 22, 2023, 4:30pm - Dinner at Giovanni's Pizza, 2190 York Road, Jamison,
- Sunday, April 30th - Reading-Phillies Baseball Game & Buffet, - Leave Conshohocken at 12:45pm
- For the 2023 Cruise Night season we are going to be selling hotdogs for \$1 each month except September. Motion was made and passed to get a new/replacement hot dog machine (For cruise night and Cavalcade use).

Membership –

- Carl Voellm - 2023 White Z51 Convertible
David Cericola – 2004 Black Z51 Convertible

CCDV Name Tags

Please contact Candy Merlino – cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com

Tags are \$20.00 each

(at least three orders are needed to place an order)

CCDV License Plates

Please contact Tim Simmons - tasimmons@gmail.com

Regular CCDV Plate - \$33.00

Personalized CCDV Plate - \$146.00

CCDV BOARD AND COMMITTEES

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Frank Kitchen

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Candy & Chris Merlino

Nametag Chairperson:

Candy Merlino

National Corvette Museum Ambassador:

Jack DeLong

Technical Chairperson

Joel Fellman (Interim)

CECF CHARITIES

What a way to start of the New Year by giving to our local charities. Before I begin, I would like to thank the Board Members of CECF for all their hard work in meeting our expectations. Thank You, Ed Scannapieco (President), Charles Milstein (Vice President), Bob Lear (Treasury), Barb Grippo (Secretary), without your help we could not succeed.

I would like to thank all of the club members who took their time to sell raffle tickets this year, we were able to bring in over \$32,000!! Great Job!!! Here is who you helped support with your very generous donations:

Vietnam Veterans Society \$3500
Lenape Foundation \$3500
Sunshine Foundation \$2500
Martha's Choice \$2500
Juvenile Diabetes RF \$2500
Caring for Friends \$2000
Manna on Main Street \$2000
Foster Angels on Earth \$1500

Several of our board members will be leaving this year, so I encourage anyone who would like to serve as part of this Board to reach out to one of our Board Members.

I would like to welcome Chris Merlino as a new member to the Charities group, I am confident he will do a great job!

Thank you again for your generosity!!
This was a great way to start of the New Year!

Joe Parente
CECF Charities

CECF CHARITIES, Cont'd



2023 *Membership Renewals*

Attention all members: 2023 membership renewals will be sent beginning January via your email address. Instructions on how to renew your membership will be provided at that time. **If you have made any changes to your address, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. Please send your changes to: membership@ccdvv.com. The deadline for renewals is March 31.** After the deadline, your renewal will be at full price.

If you do not receive an invoice by the first week of February, please contact me at the membership email address. You should also check your Spam folder in case the notification was placed there.

Your payment can be made either by bring a check to the monthly meeting or mail it to the Treasurer.

CCDV
C/O Tim Simmons
3549 Brae Bourn Dr.
Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006-3049

Once your payment has been received and processed you will receive an email, with your membership card. **P r i n t** it out and cut it to fit your wallet. You will need to present this at Bryner's to receive the club discount.

If you have any problems or questions, please contact me at the membership website: membership@ccdvv.com, and I will respond to your email as quickly as possible.

Thanks



Treasurer, CCDV

WANTED!!

Display Your Corvette at the America On Wheels Museum

“GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY” IS YOUR CORVETTE A STAR?

Hello all CCDV members. Here's your once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to show off your pride & joy like never before.

We've been contacted & requested to represent CCDV and join in a fabulous display at the America on Wheels Museum & Showplace in Allentown, PA.

Please review the attached pages of information for all the particulars and details. I also anticipate (no date as of yet) we will put together a group caravan to view the Corvettes on display and maybe have lunch together.

I hope we get some nice representation.

Thank you,

Joel Fellman

America On Wheels Museum

70th Anniversary Corvette Display

Corvettes will be on display from April 20, 2023, until October 17, 2023 (six-month loan)

The Exhibit will officially open on April 29, 2023 (AOW 15th Anniversary Celebration)

Generation	Number of cars needed	Notes
C1 1953-1962	3	
C2 1963-1967	3	
C3 1968-1982	3	
C4 1984-1996	1	Need a 1984
C5 1997-2004	1	1997 -2019 will be a challenge since visitors see them on the road currently, perhaps a Z06, ZR1, Grand Sport, competition car, one-off custom as example. Needs to be something special.
C6 2005-2013	1	
C7 2014-2019	1	
C8 2020-2023	1	
GM concept car	1	Display in lobby
Total	15	

Wanted!!

Display Your Corvette at the America On Wheels Museum – Cont'd



Hello Automobile Enthusiasts,

1/4/23

America On Wheels is an over-the-road transportation museum in Allentown, Pennsylvania. The 43,000 square foot museum offers over 23,000 square feet of exhibit space divided into several main exhibit galleries and other smaller displays. On the first floor you will find some historically significant vehicles powered by steam, electricity, hydrocarbon fuel and Hydrogen. Also, on the first floor you will find a Mack Truck display. On the second floor the Museum houses a rotating exhibit of historic and/or interesting vehicles. Also on the second floor is the HupCap Café, and a vehicle art gallery.

America On Wheels Museum is a 501c3 non-profit who showcases unique exhibits, has educational programs and year-round events.

I encourage you to visit www.americaonwheels.org for a wealth of information.

The America On Wheels Museum is looking for vehicles to display in the rotating exhibit gallery on the second floor that we call our "Changing Gallery". This exhibit room has its vehicles change every six months.

The next vehicle on display will be Corvette.

The Corvettes will be on display from April 20, 2023, until October 17, 2023 (six-month loan)
The Corvette Exhibit will officially open on April 29, 2023 (AOW 15th Anniversary Celebration)

At this time, we are looking for possible Corvettes that will showcase the history of the Corvette and would be loaned to the Museum for six months.

If you are interested in allowing your Corvette to be displayed during this time frame, please contact Rich Greene at corvairsrcooler@cs.com or 610-360-6441 (email preferred).

I have attached a copy of our incoming loan conditions for your review.

The America On Wheels Museum would like to thank you for your consideration.

Rich Greene

Rich Greene
AOW Volunteer – Assistant to the Exhibit Chairman

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!

51st Annual Cavalcade of Corvettes

Saturday, September 23, 2023

CAR SHOW ★ CAR SHOW ★ CAR SHOW ★ CAR SHOW

51st Annual Cavalcade of Corvettes 2023



PROUDLY PRESENTED BY
CORVETTE CLUB of DELAWARE VALLEY
and  **Bryner Chevrolet**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023/Rain Date 24th

10AM to 3PM (Set up 8AM)

@ MIDDLE BUCKS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

2740 York Road, Jamison, PA 18929 (www.mbit.org for directions)



\$100 BEST CLUB PARTICIPATION AWARD

New Judges — Trophies will be awarded for

Top 50 * Best in Class * Best of Show

Sunshine Foundation * Military/Veteran's Choice

Early departures will forfeit trophy.

**FREE
SPECTATOR
PARKING AND
ADMISSION!**

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR
A FAMILY FUN DAY,
CORVETTE STYLE!**



VENDOR SPACE AVAILABLE



CHARITY AUCTION



Partial proceeds from the show benefit various charities.

For Additional details, visit our website at WWW.CCDV.COM and click on the Cavalcade of Corvettes.

For registration information, contact Barb Pergine at 484-436-1111 or barb9409@comcast.net

Join Us for the Reading Phillies - April 30th, 2023



Sunday, April 30th, 3:15PM
\$36.00 per person
plus \$7 per car parking

We will be in the picnic area on the 3rd base line in reserved picnic tables for the club. We will not be under roof, so bring a sun hat. This is an All-You-Can Eat Buffett for 2 ½ hours – BBQ Ribs & Chicken, Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Vegetable Lasagna, Mac & Cheese, Baked Beans, Pasta & Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, Fruit, Cookies & Pepsi Products. Beer can be purchased separately.

Bring the kiddos for photos with the mascots and autographs.

Buffett is from 2:15PM – 4:15pm Game against Altoona starts at 3:15 PM.

Meet at Home Depot, (next to Ikea) 200 Alan Wood Road, Conshohocken - leaving at 12:45PM.

I have already purchased tickets for 10 people. If we get another 10 people who wish to go, I will purchase those tickets for you with the commitment to reimburse me the cost. Please sign up on the website forum or text Barb Pergine at 484-436-1111. They only have 3 tables left for the April 30th date, so please let me know as soon as you can. Send your money to Barbara Pergine, 1115 Belvoir Road, Plymouth Meeting, PA 19462.

Rain Date: If the game goes over 5 innings it's a complete game and no refunds. If the game is a total rain out and the gates don't open, we will be re-scheduled for another date.

2023 The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (PVGP) 70th Anniversary Z06 Corvette Coupe Sweepstakes Ending August 31, 2023

The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix (PVGP) has acquired a 2023 70th Anniversary Z-06 Corvette Coupe for a sweepstakes that ends on August 31, 2023. This stunning 670 horsepower monster is in Carbon Flash Metallic, and has the Z07 Performance Package, White Leather GT2 seats with red stitching, Satin Metallic Stripes, Brembo Carbon Ceramic brakes, and 70th Anniversary badging.



This will be the most anticipated car of 2023, and is one of the last remaining 70th Anniversary Editions **Z0**



PITTSBURGH VINTAGE GRAND PRIX
AN EXCITING SWEEPSTAKES TO RAISE FUNDS
FOR OUR AUTISM CHARITY PARTNERS

CHARITY: By donating to this amazing cause, you are helping the **Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix Association** make a huge difference in the lives of individuals with autism and intellectual disabilities. The PVGP is a 501 c3 nonprofit organization that stages a 10-Day Motorsport Festival complete with car shows, charity fundraisers and two weekends of racing, one at Pitt Race and the second through the city streets of Schenley Park.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT US
RACE TO **PVGP.ORG**



37 of the Limited Run of 70th Anniversary 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06s.

Please visit and link to us at pvgp.org/z06-sweepstakes/

To enter the drawing, scan or visit
<https://pvgp.org/z06-sweepstakes/>



C-8 Alignment

Align or not to Align?!?

C-8 Corvette Alignment, To Align or not to Align?

The question is: “should I have my new Corvette aligned, was it not aligned as part of the assembly process at Bowling Green?” Well, the answer is “yes” and the factory alignment occurs just after the car is started for the first time, is driven off the assembly line over a series of rumble strips to seat the suspension and the car is released for transport to the dealer. All of this takes place in just a few yards.

But just like the motor, it takes miles of real road use before the numerous parts in the suspension wear-in and assume their individual wear patterns. From my experience covering six new Corvettes in a time span of 34 years plus family cars, not one was within factory tolerances when checked at the first alignment that I do between 3,500 to 5,000 miles after delivery. The first photograph shows my 2022 Z51 Corvette on the alignment rack at Bryner Chevrolet after it had accumulated 3,700 miles of real road use. Note all the parameters that are outside of factory specifications, and I can show similar photographic documentation for other Corvettes including the 2014 and 2008, both Z51 optioned. The second photograph shows the C-8 after a careful alignment and note how the results are centered on factory mid-point specifications. Also remember that my preference is for an optimized street alignment to optimize tire wear longevity and street handling and these requirements are very different from the Chevrolet Corvette track specifications. Incidentally, Motor Trend in a long-term test using the track alignment averaged only 12,000 miles before the tires were not suitable for daily driving, but they are performance track oriented as their preference.

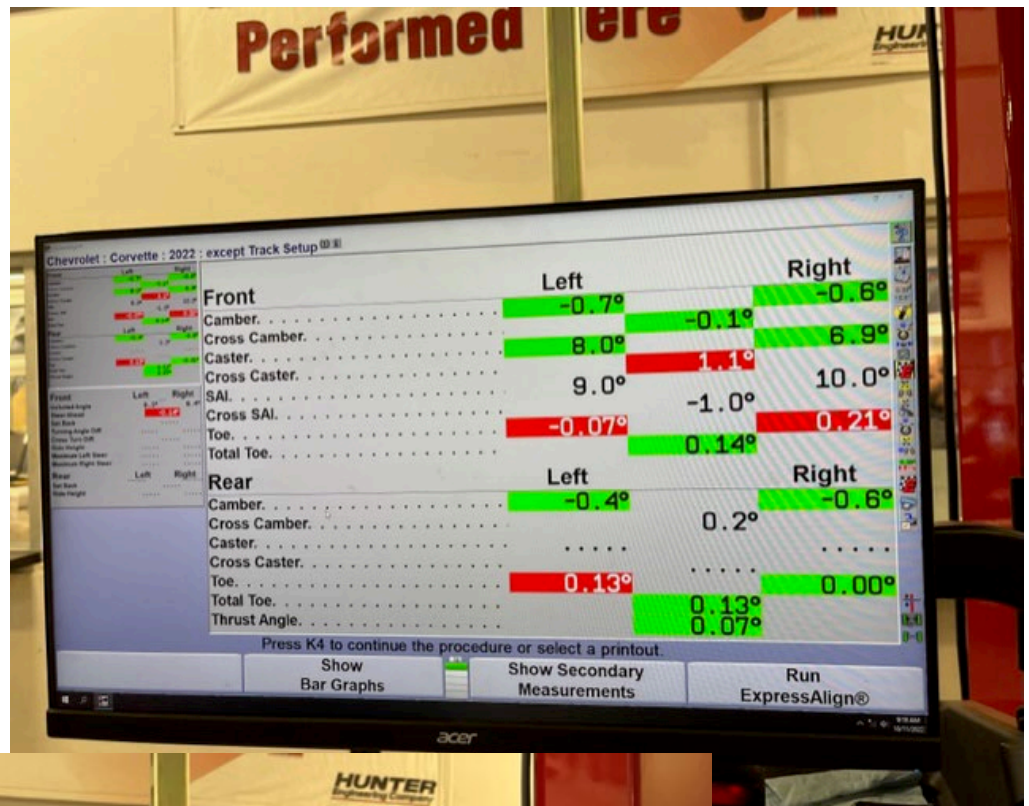
What does this imply in an owner’s decision to verify the alignment on a relatively new low mileage new Corvette? For those that do not drive many miles per year it is probably not worth the cost unless the driver detects a noticeable problem such as pulling to the right or left. However, for those of us who put miles on our Corvettes the payback is enhanced street handling (also pays off on track lapping days) and to optimize tire wear. For example, on my 2008 Z51 with Michelin Super Sport tires (not the original OEM tire), my first set of Michelin front tires lasted for 52,000 miles and on my 2014 Z51 the front tires lasted for 27,000 miles, still had some wearable tread remaining but a road hazard ended their life.

Four-wheel alignments are tricky and require patience and technical skill and the proper tools. It still amazes me how just a slight turn on one adjusting nut will affect

other wheels both front and rear. Patience is mandatory and an owner who wants the best for his car and the best for his wallet in the long run.

Jack DeLong

January 6, 2023



*Article on the Development of the
Corvette Mako Shark and Manta Ray,
Courtesy of Carl Haeussler*

Bill Mitchell's

CORVETTE AQUARIUM

Mako Sharks & Manta Ray

WORDS BRUCE TROXELL // PHOTOS SUBMITTED

John Lennon once said, "There's nowhere you can be that isn't where you're meant to be." Bill Mitchell was driving home from the General Motors' design center when he stopped at a red light next to a white 1955 Ford. Being a genuine car guy, Mitchell looked over and nodded to the young driver. When the light turned green, Mitchell stomped on the gas pedal and the Pontiac, supercharged by GM engineers, jumped off the line with tires smoking. Mitchell saw the white Ford behind him, but as he shifted into second gear, the Ford went past him like he was standing still. Unknowingly, Bill Mitchell had just met Larry Shinoda who would later do the major design work on Mitchell's Corvette shark cars.

Mitchell & Shinoda

Despite their generational age gap, Bill Mitchell and Larry Shinoda were talented designers who worked well together, no mean feat with the volatile Mitchell. Shinoda must have made an impression when he whipped Mitchell in their famous drag race. When Bill came into his studio the next day and told his co-workers about the white Ford that left him in the dust, someone realized that the new guy, Larry Shinoda, had a white Ford and introduced him to Bill Mitchell. Mitchell asked Larry to bring his car into the executive garage to see what he had under the hood. In a later interview, Larry said that when he popped the hood, "Mitchell just about had a heart attack." Shinoda's car had a 352 cubic inch Ford stock car racing engine and a flock of other go-fast goodies making his Ford essentially a street-driven NASCAR racer.

With Mitchell's need for speed, he knew at once that Larry Shinoda was his kind of car guy. For the remainder of his twelve years at GM, Larry primarily designed concept cars in Bill Mitchell's special styling Studio X. He worked on several cars in Mitchell's Corvette aquarium, including Mitchell's Stingray Racer, the '63 Corvette Sting Ray, and Mako Sharks I and II. Shinoda also contributed heavily to the designs of several other Mitchell favorites, such as the Corvair Super Spyder, Monza GT, and Monza SS.

In 1968, Henry Ford II hired General Motors executive Bunkie Knudsen to be the president of Ford Motor Company. One of the

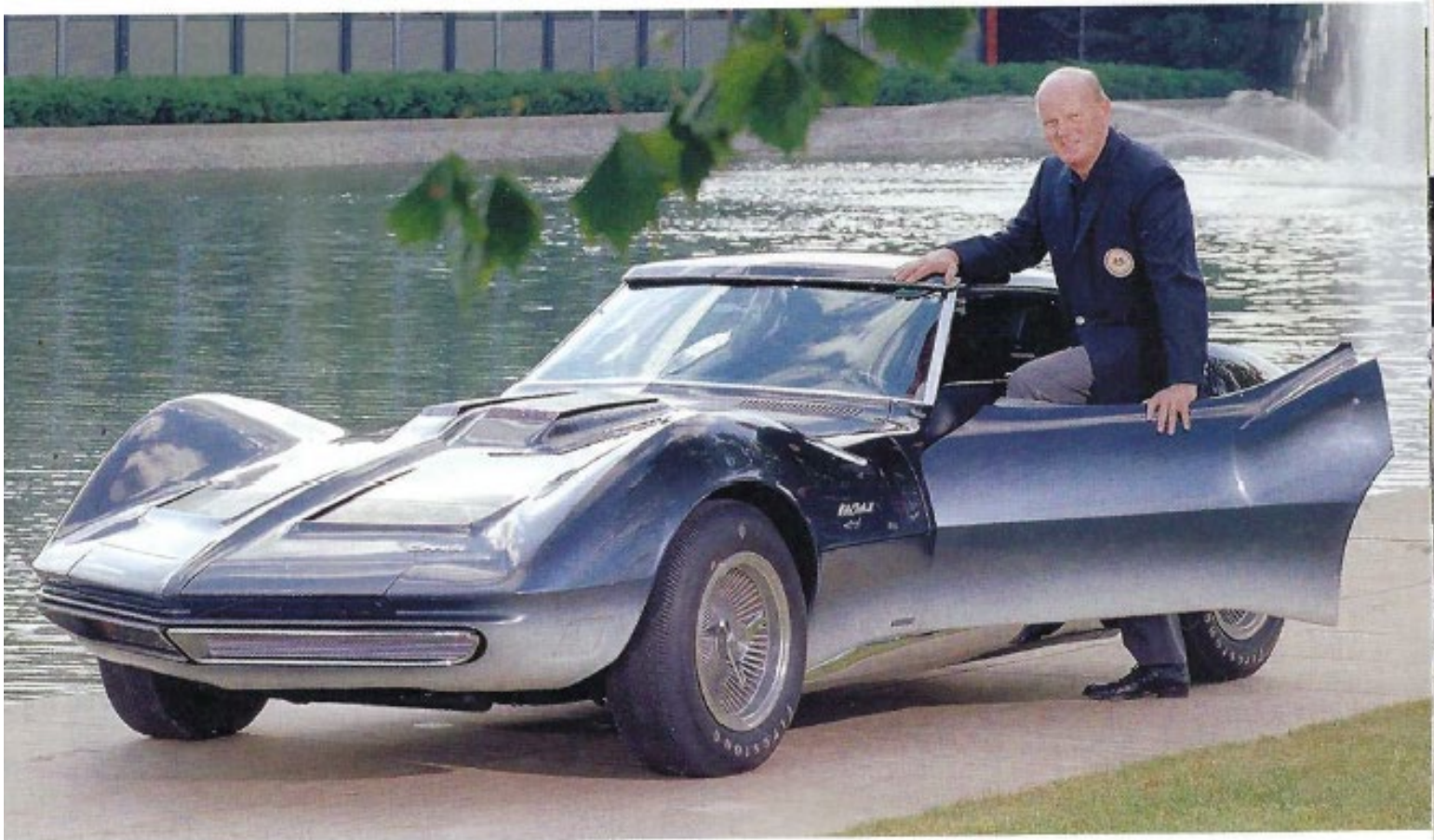
first people Knudsen recruited from GM was Larry Shinoda, who went to Ford to improve the styling of their lineup. Shinoda was credited with redesigning the successful 1969 Boss 302 Mustang and led the design for Mustang models between 1970 and 1973.

Origins of the Mako Shark I

The impetus for the Mako Sharks and the later Manta Ray began when work on the production 1963 Sting Ray was completed and General Motors wanted something to promote the car and generate some media "buzz" among car fans. Mitchell turned to Larry Shinoda to create an exciting concept car that was an extension of the '63 Sting Ray's design cues. Larry went to work and drew several sketches of the Sting Ray with the rear clip of the XP-700 Corvette concept car with its double-bubble transparent roof. After a few modifications, the concept met with Mitchell's approval to be Mako Shark I.

The basic lines of the Mako Shark I were inspired by a mako shark that Mitchell caught during a Florida vacation. The stuffed and mounted shark was proudly displayed in Mitchell's office to create design inspiration. During the design of the Mako Shark I in the early '60s, he emphasized to his design team that he wanted the paint on the car to match the color of the shark on his wall, which had a dark blue-gray upper surface that gradually faded into a white-silver near the bottom.

The design team made many tries, but none were satisfactory to Mitchell. He kept sending them back to try it again and again.





Finally, when Mitchell was again away on vacation, the design team removed the shark from his office, took it to the paint shop, repainted the car and the shark to match, and discreetly replaced the shark in Mitchell's office. When he returned from vacation, after clearing up the accumulated paperwork, he reviewed the car and was ecstatic that they had finally gotten it right.

We don't know if this story is true or just an urban legend, but it probably doesn't matter. In the end, Mitchell was happy, the design team was happy and Corvette fans were happy. And, as a famous scribe once wrote, "All's well that ends well."

Original and Modified Mako Shark I

The original Mako Shark I, or prototype XP-755 in GM-speak, was designed and built in the early part of 1961. The streamlined, pointed snout and other detailing of the car were inspired by the sleek, fast-moving real-life shortfin mako shark, Mitchell's 1959 Stingray racer, and the 1958 XP-700 Corvette "Double Bubble" concept car. Mitchell loved the transparent Lexan double-bubble roof of the Mako Shark I, which had a very thin vaporized aluminum coating on the inside to cut down on the interior heat build-up, and a built-in periscope rear-view mirror.

A number of experimental engines were tested in the Mako Shark, including a supercharged engine with four side-draft carburetors, a fuel-injected engine, and a V8 engine with two four-barrel carburetors. The present engine is a production 1969 427 cubic inch ZL-1 Chevrolet V8 with an all-aluminum block, heads, and intake manifold. It is equipped with a single four-barrel carburetor and produces upwards of 425 horsepower.

The Mako Shark I made its successful debut at the New York International Automobile Show in 1962. In addition to appearing at the bigger auto shows around the country, the Mako Shark I made a guest appearance on the popular TV show *Route 66*. Along with regular heroes, Buzz and Todd driving their 1962 Corvette, one of the story's guest characters piloted the Mako Shark I with its double-bubble top.

The Mako Shark I was modified during its auto show career to keep the car fresh and exciting. The hood and front fascia were modified to give the car continued eye appeal and the interior was updated to include the latest instrumentation. The double bubble top was replaced by a regular convertible top. The modified Mako Shark I now resides in the GM Heritage Collection.

Mako Shark II

The 1965 Mako Shark II was a prediction of things to come in the Corvette world. Bill Mitchell's objectives for the Mako Shark II design were: "A narrow, slim, center section and coupe body, a tapered tail, an all-of-a-piece blending of the upper and lower portions of the body through the center (avoiding the look of a roof added to a body), and prominent wheels with their protective fenders distinctly separate from the main body yet grafted organically to it." In plain English, it was to be a preview of the third generation (C3) Corvette.

The similarities between the Mako Shark II and the production 1968 Corvette resulted in third-generation Corvettes unofficially becoming known as "Sharks". The Mako Shark II concept car made its debut at the Paris Auto Show of 1965. Bill Mitchell's team made the Mako Shark II coupe look dramatic from any angle with an extremely low and very pointed front end, large fender bulges over the front and rear wheels, and a low fastback roof line tapering to a point at the rear fascia. Concept cars are meant to be eye-catchers and often have features that would not be appropriate for normal driving. The large fender bulges of the Mako Shark II restricted front vision from the driver's seat and the low fastback roof with a small rear window limited rear vision.

In order to make the 1968 Corvette drivable, Chevrolet engineers made the front end less pointed, reduced the height of the fender bulges, and created an entirely new roofline that allowed a full-width rear window. Enough of Mitchell's design was left that the "Shark" nickname remained with the C3 throughout its lifetime. Hidden windshield wipers that were introduced on

the Mako Shark II made the cut for the production C3, but not the adjustable pedals or the adjustable louvers for the rear window.

There were actually two Mako Shark IIs made – one a non-running prototype for display only and the other a fully operative prototype. The running prototype pulled out all the stops when it came to features. The two “headlights” each had three quartz-iodide lights and were normally covered by movable “eyelid” panels. The top surface of the hood had cooling vents and round access panels for engine fluid refills. The windshield wipers were located in a chamber at the base of the windshield and normally hidden by a movable panel covering the chamber. At the back end, the window slats, bumper, and spoiler were all electrically controlled from the interior. The seats were in fixed positions, while the gas and brake pedals were adjustable. Seat frames had racer-like, four-point seat belts. The roof-mounted headrests were adjustable and had speakers connected to an AM/FM radio. Lights and windshield wiper controls were on the turn signal stalk and the dash had neon digital readouts. The car used seventeen electric motors to power all of the various features.

Manta Ray

After the production 1968 Corvette debuted, Bill Mitchell still had a few ideas he wanted to explore before finishing up the shark design theme. For hardcore Corvette fans who may have wondered why they’ve never seen the running Mako Shark II at car shows, here’s your answer – the running Mako Shark II was brought back into the Corvette design group and was used as the foundation for the Manta Ray. Modifications of the Mako Shark II to create the Manta Ray included a front spoiler, a redesigned grille, external exhaust pipes, a buttress-style rear window, a longer, more horizontal rear section, and an all-new roof line. The front end had a pointed chin spoiler, and, for headlights, it used the two banks of three quartz-halogen lights, this time with transparent covers.

The fully operational Manta Ray was powered by an all-aluminum ZL-1 427 big-block V8 engine producing 425 horsepower at 6,500 rpm and 480 lb.-ft. of torque at 3,500 rpm. Other interesting features were brake lights horizontally mounted beneath the upper surface of the rear deck with a pair of mirrored doors that pivoted upwardly to reflect the braking light to the rear. The mirrored doors popped up when the brakes were applied.

Epilogue

Bunkie Knudsen was dismissed from Ford in late 1969, and Larry Shinoda left Ford a few days later. Shinoda worked on a variety of design projects in the automotive world even after developing kidney problems in 1996. While on a waiting list for

a kidney transplant, Shinoda died of heart failure in November 1997 at the age of 67.

Bill Mitchell ran into GM’s mandatory retirement-at-age-65 rule and bid General Motors goodbye in 1977 after a forty-two-year career. He founded William L. Mitchell Design, a private consulting firm that kept him busy between 1977 and 1984. Mitchell continued to live in Michigan and passed away from heart failure in September 1988. He was 76 years old.

The GM Heritage Collection is now home to the remaining cars from Bill Mitchell’s aquarium, including the modified Mako Shark I and the Manta Ray, in addition to Mitchell’s Stingray Racer.



Bruce Troxell is a professional freelance writer who has been contributing articles on aviation and automotive topics to a variety of sites since 2009. Following careers as an engineer with a major automobile manufacturer and as a lawyer in private practice, Mr. Troxell discovered the joys of writing and has never looked back. He brings a unique perspective and an engaging conversational style to all his writings. Born and raised in New Jersey, he and his wife Cindy now live in bucolic central Virginia with Max, a prescient stray cat who wandered into their lives several years ago and decided to stay.

Thanks Carl for a great article!!!

If you have an article you'd like to share, please send to Tom Weigand and/or Carole Canazaro for publication in and upcoming issue of the Gas Cap!!

CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST

The CCDV BREAKFAST AT LANCERS DINER

ON JANUARY 14th, 2023

Our own Eileen and Denny Matlock recommended this Diner, which is located on Easton Road, in Horsham. It was a cold and sunny day that brought 30 hungry Vettesters out to our morning party. We welcomed new breakfasters Jim & Nancy Hale and Bill & Kathy Cmorey.

The food was well-served, hot and delicious! We were within a day of a couple of birthdays, so we properly embarrassed Maryann Fisher and Barbara Pergine by singing Happy Birthday to them and watching them blow out their candles. (And this came, of course, with heartfelt wishes of happiness and good health for them both.) This is a morning party with lots of laughs. Plus, it's an easy and great way for new members to join an activity.

Everyone had a great time!

The attending CCDV Vettesters were:

Denny & Eileen Matlack

Stan & Maryann Fisher

Jeff & Julie Kauf

Barbara Blenheim & Paul McMullin

Jim & Nancy Hale

Bruce & Linda Houser

Peter & Stella Nikolopolous

Tracey and Ray Marijczuk

Candy & Chris Merlino

Barbara & John Pergine

Fran & Barry Hunsicker

Linda & Wayne Zaks

Bill & Kathy Cmorey

Joan & Kevin Allen

Johnny (Bacon) & Kathy Benischeck



On Saturday February 11th, we'll be having breakfast at Warminster West Diner at 9:30 a.m. I hope to see you there!!!

Johnny Bacon



CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST

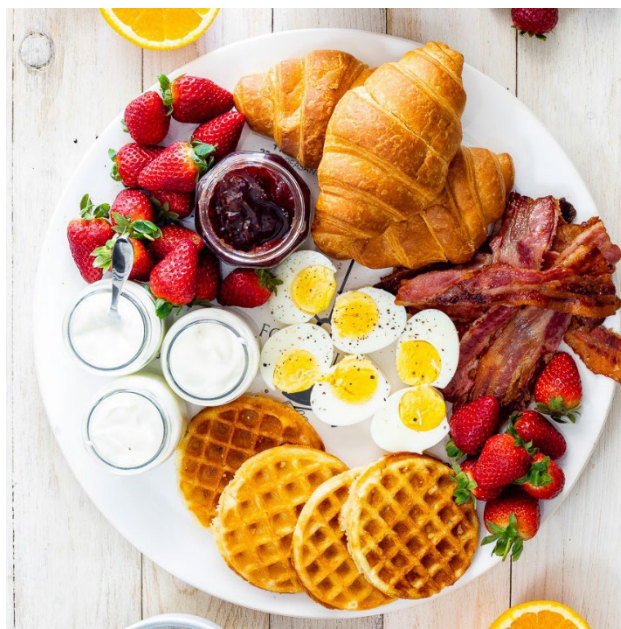
Join us for BREAKFAST

Our next location is:

**Warminster West
333 West Street Road
Warminster, PA 18974
215-674-3646**

**Saturday
February 11, 2023
at 9:30 a.m.**

Rain or Shine



RSVP by 3:00 p.m. on 2/10/23 to

Johnny Bacon at 215-208-6620

or

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

Hope to see you there!!

Johnny Bacon

DINNER AT GIOVANNI'S *Sunday, January 22, 2023*

CCDV DINNER AT GIOVANNI'S *ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023*

In January we were back at Giovanni's in Jamison for some tasty Italian food and that Oh So Tasty Fresh Baked Bread & Butter. Our reservation was at 4:30, so our group of 20 was able to sit together at two tables. We were pleased to welcome first-time diners Russ & Diana Thomas and Mariel Matlack.

The conversation was animated, and loud at times, as everyone enjoyed themselves. The servers did a very good job taking care of us. After obtaining the restaurant's permission, John Pergine showed up with a sheet cake, which we used to celebrate the birthday of John Indelicato. Thank you John P. and John I. for having a birthday! Everyone had a blast! The portions are large, so most of us took enough food home for our next evening meal.

The twenty attending CCDVers were:

Russ & Diana Thomas

Cliff & Evelyn Hamilton

Jeff & Julie Kauf

Pete Nikolopolous

Candy Merlino

Johnny (Bacon) & Kathy Benischeck

Tracey & Ray Marijczuk

John & Rose Indelicato

John Pergine

Kevin & Annamarie Allen

Denny & Eileen & Mariel Matlack



On Saturday, February 25th we'll dine at Giuseppe's Pizza in Warminster at 5:00pm.

I hope to see you there!!

Johnny Bacon



DINNER AT GIUSEPPE'S RESTAURANT
February 25, 2023

Dinner at Giuseppe's Restaurant
1380 Street Road
Warminster, PA 18974

Saturday
February 25, 2023
5 p.m.

**RSVP by 2/24/23 to John Benischeck at 215-208-6620 or
Post your response on CCDV's website – in the FORUM**

Hope to see you there!!

Johnny Bacon



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First name	Last name	BD
Linda	Zaks	1
Steven	Magaruh	2
Susan	Levitus	4
Laura	Salvatore	4
Maria	Gemmi	5
Vicki	Sellers	5
James	Davis	6
Sandy	Josephs	7
Paul	Williams	7
Marg	Klick	8
Karen	Snyder	8
Nancy	Simmons	10
Tim	Amoroso	13
Jeffery	Skalicky	14
Jim	Creighton	16
Wayne	Paskel	16
Joe	Van Osten	16
Roy	Adams	17
Richard	Tynes	17
Chris	Antoniello	19
Ann	Grippio	20
Barbara	Blenheim	22
Charles	Geissler	23
Richy	Josephs	23
James	Pitra	23
Myrna	Milstein	24
Jim	Mossop	24
Jeff	Biscardi	25
Bob	Lima	25
Pat	Stelacio	27

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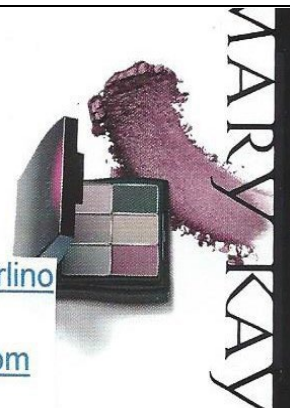
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