

The Gas Cap

May 2023



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The month of **April** has passed and with some great weather days, except for the night of our first Cruise Night! Due to heavy rain, the event was canceled. But on the positive side we still have **five** more Cruise Nights remaining throughout the summer.

The **April** General Membership meeting went quickly due to not having a guest speaker. I'm looking for guest speakers for the upcoming meetings, so if you know of someone who might want to be a guest speaker let me know. The topic does not have to be car related provided it is an interesting topic for the attendees to listen to as well as learn something new.

The Golden Shaft award was presented to Dave Petersen, owner of Bryner Chevrolet, who has not only been the club sponsor since 1971, but has supported the club in so many ways throughout the years!! Dave also brings items to be given out with the 50/50 raffle at the end of our meetings. Thank you, Dave!!!

WANTED!!!

I am still looking to fill the following positions:

<u>Technical Chairperson</u> - This position will be a Communication link in getting an answer or give direction for technical questions.

<u>Activity Chairperson Coordinator</u> - This position will help coordinate all the club activities and work with the <u>Activities Chairperson</u>.

These positions are Board positions with voting rights. As you can see, I'm looking for members to step up and take on some of the club activities in keeping our club strong and elite. Contact me if you are interested or would like more details as to what is involved.

The VFW is looking for Corvettes to be in the Warminster Memorial Day Parade. I can't make it this year but if want to participate the staging area is at the Warminster Township building with a meeting time of 10:00 am.

The May General Membership will be at the Warminster VFW on the 17th starting at 7:00 pm.

I wish you and your families the best,

Ed



Welcome!!

David Gifford - 2016 Grey Coupe

Total Members to date - 255!!



CCDV BOARD MINUTES

HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING April 13, 2023

• Can now pay for new registration and renewals on website with credit card using new service Stripe.

Cavalcade - as of 4/13/23

- 13 pre-registered so far
- 7/8 Best in Class trophies have been sponsored
 - 3/4 Major trophies still need sponsors
 - 14 Top 50 trophies have been sponsored

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

- Saturday April 15th First Cruise Night at Shops at Valley Square @ 5pm dusk
 (Continuing on 3rd Saturday of the month until September). DUE to chance of rain decision to cancel was made Saturday morning and Barb posted it on Facebook.
 - Saturday April 22, 2023 at 5:30pm Dinner at Andy's diner @ 505 Ridge Pike, Conshohocken
 - Sunday, April 30th Reading-Phillies Baseball Game & Buffet, Leave Conshohocken at 12:45pm
 - Saturday May 13, 2023 at 9:30am Breakfast at Ben & Irv's @ 1962 County Line Rd, Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006

Membership – David Gifford – 2016 Grey Coupe Currently at 255 Members

CCDV Name Tags

Please contact Candy Merlino – 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 - \$141.00



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Candy Merlino

National Corvette Museum Ambassador:

Jack DeLong

Technical Chairperson

Joel Fellman (Interim)

Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation (CECF)

Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation

The Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation was formed in 1994 as a 501c.3 tax exempt organization by the members of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley to be used to conduct tax advantaged charitable giving and educational scholarship activities of the club. Our foundation has contributed to date \$551,000 to worthy causes including The Sunshine Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, many local food banks including Manna on Main Street, Mattie Dixon Community Cupboard, Caring for Friends, as well as other local community organizations such as Lenape Valley Foundation, Foster Angels on Earth, Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Society, and many others.

The Officers and Board of Directors would like you to consider ways you might contribute towards our charitable giving. Many of us have been very fortunate and might consider donating something of value that the foundation could monetize. Of course, cash donations are always welcome. Our foundation does receive some cash donations each year. You might prefer to sell something that is no longer used by you and consider donating a portion or all the proceeds to the foundation. You might possibly be thinking about downsizing your collection and want to donate an automobile to our foundation. You might want to consider a Directive in your Trust or Will to benefit the Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation. While overall the raffle this year was a success, there are some concerns regarding club member participation.

Here are some facts regarding this past year's raffle:

- A total of 1402 tickets were sold, totaling \$28,040.
- However, more than half (764) of the tickets were sold by only 2 club members
- Total Club Membership is 363. Only 36 club members participated and only 12 CCDV Board members participated. This level of participation is not a recipe for future success.
- This is your club and your foundation.

Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation (CECF), Cont'd

The CECF Board has given significant thought to how CECF can and should conduct fund raising this year and in future years as well. To be successful, we need as much participation as possible from club members.

To continue our charitable giving the Officers and Board of Directors would like to form a CECF Raffle Committee. We are seeking three or four volunteers. Please contact Charles Milstein, Bob Lear or Chris Merlino. We need to determine from the CCDV club members their level of interest in a raffle. What type of raffle? How we should go about conducting the raffle, etc. We need to know what club members want and are willing to support.

This committee would report to the CECF Board and would be responsible for planning and conducting fund raising for our foundation by raffle or other means and should be a minimum of three people from the club. To be successful we need to get some fresh perspectives and ideas to generate the member participation necessary for success. These are our thoughts.

We welcome yours!!

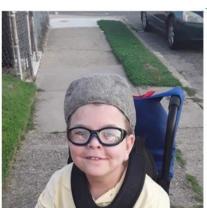
Charles Milstein, President

Chris Merlino, Secretary

Bob Lear, Treasurer









The Golden Shaft Award

Thank you, Dave, for all you do for CCDV!!!

Dave Peterson, Owner, Bryner Chevrolet, Jenkintown, PA



CRUISE NIGHT IS BACK!!!

Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

C.C.D.V's Cruise Night – Open to all Cars Saturday, May 20th, 2023 5pm to dusk

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

(between Rt 611 & Valley Square Blvd) Kids: Bring your Power Wheels or Pedal Car!



Free to enter – Pretzels & Hotdogs \$2 50/50 Drawing – Trophies





Join Us at the Croydon Memorial Day Parade, Monday May 29th!!



When: Monday, May 29th, 2023
Assemble at 10:45 am at VFW, 901 Bellevue Ave, Croydon
Please meet at the Croydon VFW and we will go to the staging area together.

The Parade will start at 11:30 am and is 1 mile long.

There will be a Memorial ceremony after the Parade at the VFW.

Decorate your cars for the parade if you choose to do so.

Please sign up in the forum if you will be attending, so we can let the parade planners know as a courtesy.

If you have any questions, please call Candy Merlino 215-779-9454.
Thanks!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!! 51st Annual Cavalcade of Corvettes Saturday, September 23, 2023

***Registration is now available on the CCDV Website
All pre-registered cars will receive a free t-shirt!!!***

51st Annual Cavalcade of Corvettes 2023





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.

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A FAMILY FUN DAY, CORVETTE STYLE!

★ VENDOR SPACE AVAILABLE ★ CHARITY AUCTION



Cavalcade Charity Auction 2023

If you have new, unopened, unused items that we can put into our auction and would like to donate them we could sure use it/them!

Think of it as Spring cleaning or practice for downsizing!!

If you have a business and can donate a service or gift card, that's great, too!

Vendors are very generous to our Charity Auction every year and we appreciate everyone's help to make this year's event successful.

List of some ideas to get you thinking...

Bottles of wine/ other alcohol and/or glasses or other stuff to go with

Memorabilia /apparel (signed or unsigned) - sports or car related

Models of cars / die cast models (either corvette or not)

Tickets to sporting or concert events

Car care supplies/ car cleaning supplies

Restaurant Gift card/certificates -for either specific services or \$ amounts

Designer handbags / wallets / tote bags

Pet store gift cards / toys & treats for pets

Tools or tool sets

Tailgate party themed basket

BBQ themed basket

Adult coloring books and supplies basket

Large wicker/plastic baskets or trays – to group items in – always on the lookout for these

Bring collected items to the Club meetings or Cruise Nights to give to Candy Merlino

no later than the August 16th meeting

Call or Text Candy at 215-779-9454 or

email @ cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Let's make this year even better than last year!

Thanks in advance - Candy

CAVALCADE CHARITY AUCTION 2023

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















Now accepting donations for our Charity Auction Event on September 23rd.

Bring items to Club meetings or Cruise Nights to give to Candy –

NO later than August meeting. If you have any questions - call/text Candy at 215-779-9454 or **cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com**







CCDV Wall Calendar

- The club plans to build a **CCDV Wall Calendar** each year.
- Sales of the calendar will help to pay various club expenses (insurance, hall rental, website, etc).
- The calendar is 18" Long x 12" Wide (when open).
- We encourage **all club members** to submit a photo of their Corvette for inclusion in the Calendar.
- Submitted photos will also be placed onto our website.
- Here are some **Rules of Thumb** for your photos:
 - o Include your complete name & year of Corvette (ie: John Smith 1992 LT-1).
 - o Be aware of the **background** in your photo (try to exclude trash cans, poles, vehicles, fences, random people, parking lots lines, large shadows, etc).
 - On't point your camera towards the sun (best to have the sun at your side).
 - o Watch for excessive sun glare on your windshield or chrome.
 - Keep windows down to prevent reflection or glare
 - A "closed hood" looks better & requires less print space than an "open hood" photo.
 - Verify your email address hasn't changed since joining the club. This information must stay current.
 - o For the 2024 Calendar, please submit a new or differ
 - o **rent photo of your Vette. We won't be re-using old photos.** If you submit a photo, it will be in the calendar.
- Email 1 or 2 of your favorite photos to: webmaster@ccdv.com. Be sure you receive an acknowledgement email (sometimes messages with attachments are sent to the Spam folder).
- Photo submittal deadline is October 7th 2023.
- Calendars should be available for purchase by mid November.



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 than 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.





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

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



CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST Santiago's 3/11/23

The CCDV BREAKFAST at ZOTO'S DINER on APRIL 1, 2023

ZOTO'S is located on Bethlehem Pike in Line Lexington – above the Montgomeryville Mall. This eatery was recommended by Kerry Duke. The weather was mild but wet, so our Corvettes stayed in their garages. Thirty-one very hungry Vettesters joined the party. Steve Zoto, a high-school classmate of Tim Simmons, reserved a private room for our party, and the breakfast was served "Buffet Style". The delicious spread included the normal breakfast fare, plus fresh cut fruit and Creamed-Chipped Beef, which is apparently a weakness of a number of our members. The service was excellent! The people at our table got a chance to meet and get to know Josie Harris, who is Tim Simmon's Granddaughter. Josie is bright, outgoing, and enthusiastic, and we all enjoyed her company! As usual, the conversation and the camaraderie of the entire group was Outstanding! Everyone had a great time!

These monthly Roving Breakfasts are a great way for new members to try an activity and to meet the great bunch of fun members in this club. The 31 CCDVers attending were:

Stan & Maryann Fisher...and Barb & John Pergine
Denny & Eileen Matlack...and... Fran & Barry Hunsicker
Annamarie & Kevin Allen...and... Kerry Duke
Wayne & Linda Zaks...and Paul McMullin & Barbara Blenheim
Cliff & Evelyn Hamilton...and... Bob & Jahn Landis
Peter & Stella Nikolopoulos...and...Hank & Phyllis Shupp
Jeff & Julie Kauf...and...Bruce & Linda Houser
Tim Simmons & Josie Harris.... and...John & Kathy Benischeck

On Saturday, May 13th we will meet for breakfast at BEN & IRV'S in Huntingdon Valley at 9:30am.

We hope to see you there!!

Johnny Bacon





CCDV ROVING BREAKFAST

Join us for BREAKFAST

Our next location is:

Ben & Irv's 1962 County Line Road (In Justa Farm Shopping Ctr) Huntingdon Valley, PA 19006 215-355-2000

Saturday, May 13th, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Rain or Shine



RSVP by 3:00 p.m. on 5/12/23 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 Kathy Benischeck, who recommended this venue!!

Hope to see you there!!

Johnny Bacon

DINNER AT Andy's Saturday, April 22, 2023

Dinner at Andy's Diner - April 22, 2023

Andy's Diner is a 50's style diner on Ridge Pike in Conshohocken. It is easy to get to right off the turnpike. They have just about everything on the menu and dinners include the soup and salad bar.

It was Saturday night when we got hit with yet another heavy rain shower. We watched as the storm moved in with downpours and quite a bit of lightning. We did have to run to our cars through the rain when we left while carefully juggling our leftovers.

A few of us had crab cakes, which are one of my favorites. Some had waffles with loads of strawberries, broiled pork chops, sandwiches and fries, chicken skewers and most of us were able to dig into the salad bar which includes four soups, breads, and lots of veggies to load up on. If you are ever in the area, do check out this nice eatery!!

Our 17 folks in attendance were:

Paul McMullin & Barbara Blenheim
Pete & Stella Nikolopoulos
John & Kathy Benischeck
Ray & Tracey Marijczuk
Wayne & Linda Zaks
Kevin & Ann Marie Allen
Cliff & Evelyn Hamilton
John & Barb Pergine
Candy Merlino

On Saturday, May 27th we'll meet at Graeme Park Pizza at 5:30pm for our next dinner. Hope to see you there!

Barb Pergine



Satura

Dinner at Graeme Park Pizza Saturday, May 27th, 5:30 p.m.

Dinner at Graeme Park Pizza Saturday, May 27, 2023 – 5:30pm

Graeme Park Pizza 801 County Line Road, Horsham

We haven't been to Graeme Park Pizza since July of last year so, please join your fellow Corvettesters for another lively dinner.

You can check out their menu at: https://www.graemeparkpizza.com/menus

Please sign up on the website forum or text Barb Pergine at 484-436-1111, to join us for dinner Thank you!!

Joaq & Specials &

*1. Seafood Mixto: Sauteed

Scallops, Shrimp, Calamari, mussels

E Crabmeat in a Spickmarinara

Sauce over Fettucine #119.95

#2. Scallopine, Puttanesca:

Sauteed Veal & Shrimp, w/ Fresh

Tomotoes, Kalamata Olives, capers &

Garlic in white wine w/ touch of:

Marinara Sauce over Linguine #18,95

#3. Chicken Rolatine: Chicken

Footbasted peppers & Mozzarella

Cheese topped w/ Sauteed

Cheese topped w/ Sauteed

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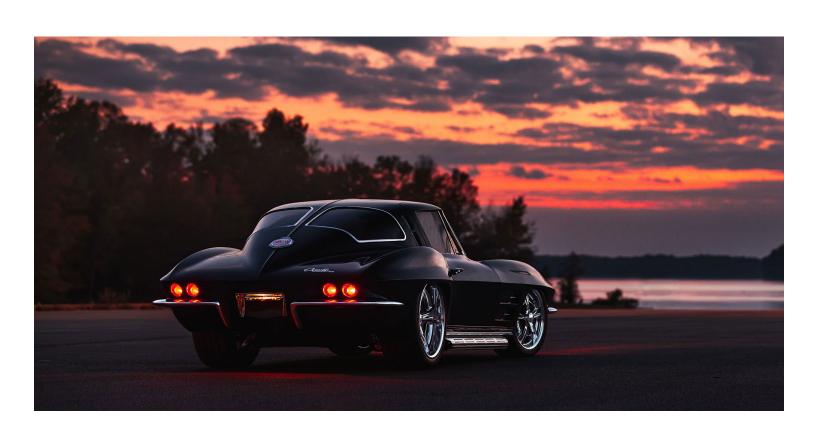
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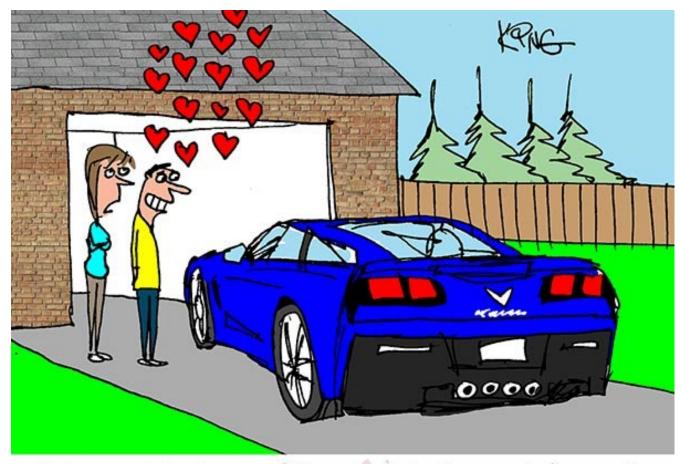
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Elaine	Christian	5
Robert	Kostaras	2
Paul	Stephens	2
Charles	Carr	4
Art	Gallagher	4
Richard	Shanfeld	6
Rich	Rogers	9
Shari	Pfrommer	10
Dave	Cericola	14
Robert P.	Dalton	15
Glenn	Hanna	21
Leroy G.	Blimegger	22
Ronald	Grippo	22
Steve	Watts	23
Ron	Gaffin	24
Fran	Hunsicker	29
Louise	Woods	29
Ken	Woods	31

Let's Pay Honor to Some of Our Members Who Have Driven into the Sunset...

Robert Levin
Donna and Walt Boyco
David Jasner
William Klick
Stanley Tkaczuk
Michael Vischer
Jim Scaffidi
Robert Tierney
Bob Bearn
MaryAnn Lenzi
Mark Ercolani
Frank Suntheimer



JOEL'S JOLLIES



"I hope at least one of those hearts is meant for me."

The next page is a flyer that all club members can print & provide to non-club members.



Please consider yourselves as "Goodwill Ambassadors" that invite other Corvette Lovers to join our club.

Corvette Club of Delaware Valley (CCDV)



We participate in a wide variety of Fun-Filled Activities:

Breakfasts, Car shows, Charitable Events, Monthly Membership Meetings, Monthly Cruise Nights, NCM Events, Parades, Picnics, Dinners, Tours, Trips & more...

Established in 1958, we've donated over \$600,000 to dozens of local charities.

With over 255+ members, you're bound to have a great time while making new friends who share your Corvette passion.

If you have any questions, please contact us.

Website: www.ccdv.com

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Contact: Lorna Bearn

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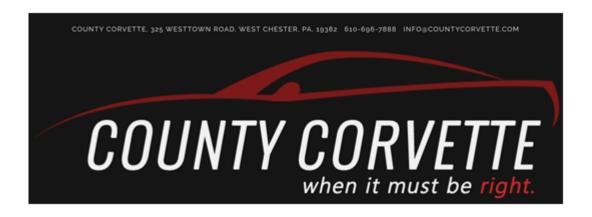




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