

The Gas Cap September 2023



A Monthly Publication of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I am writing this message a day before driving out to **Carlisle** to attend the biggest Corvette show on the Planet Earth. On Friday I was invited to attend the Celebrity luncheon with Corvette engineers and key staff from **Detroit** and **Bowling Green** as well as great people from other Corvette clubs. I also get to select a Corvette that I like to get an award which is presented to the owner on Saturday. I stay at the **Comfort Suites** in downtown **Carlisle** and get to watch the parade Saturday evening and party with the band and people on **Hanover** Street at night. I'll give an update in my **October** President message on how it went overall.

During the **August** General Membership meeting our guest speaker was **Brian Damiani** who owns **'Classic Rock Auto Detailing'**. Brian spoke about what his shop does when detailing cars and the products he uses.

I presented the **25** consecutive year membership plaque to myself, as I have been a member since **1999**. Congratulations to me for my loyalty and dedication to our club. **LOL!** The **Golden Shaft** award was presented in absentia to **John Pergine** who has done an exceptional job raising over **\$4000** dollars from sponsors to be used for the **'Cavalcade of Corvettes'** show. Thank you, John, for your effort in raising this amount of money.

I continue to look for guest speakers for the meeting so if you know a person who might like 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. I am also looking for volunteers to help with our big Corvette show, the **'Cavalcade of Corvettes'** on Saturday September **23**rd at the **Middle Bucks Institute of Technology** in **Jamison.** Contact me or any Board member to volunteer.

The Ocean City Boardwalk Corvette show will be on September 10th and if your Corvette is already registered to be on the Boardwalk, and you want to caravan with me, then meet me at my old restaurant (Katie O'Donnell's) now Nick's Roast Beef in the Franklin Mills Philadelphia complex at 6:00 am. You can also meet up with us at the Frank Farley Plaza on the Atlantic City expressway at 7:15 am. We will then caravan to the Josie Kelly's restaurant in Summers Point. Call me if you have any questions (267-253-7460)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont'd)

WANTED!

Technical Chairperson – This position will be a communication link in getting an answer or giving direction for technical questions. This position is a Board position with voting rights.

The **September General Membership** will be at the Warminster VFW on the **20th** starting at 7:00 pm.

I wish you and your families the best. Ed



WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

Welcome!!

Bill Pierce - 2023 Rapid Blue Convertible

Total Members to date - 320!!



CCDV BOARD MINUTES



HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING August 10, 2023

General Membership Meetings will start at 7:00pm.

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

- Sunday August 13th Breakfast at Metropolitan Diner @ 10am location 750 Upper State Road, North Wales, PA 19454
- Saturday August 19th Cruise Night at Shops at Valley Square @ 5pm dusk
- Fri/Sat August 25 & 26th, Corvettes at Carlisle Ed will be there Friday and Saturday if anyone wants to get together.
- Saturday Sept 9th Club Picnic @ Jim & Edy Doan's house 20 people signed up to far, Barb to check on min # required by caterer. One person who registered needed a partial refund.
- Sunday Sept 10th, <u>Boardwalk of Corvettes</u> meet us at the Frank Farley Plaza on the Atlantic City Expressway at 7:00 am or Josie Kelly's in Somers point at 7:45 a.m. Additional details to be in Ed's president's message.
- Sunday, September 17th Cruise Night at Shops at Valley Square @ 5pm dusk FREE HOT DOG night.
- Sunday, November 5th, Philadelphia Veterans Day Parade more details for follow
- **Saturday Dec 9th** Holiday Party, menu is being finalized and signup forms expected to be in September Gas Cap.

Cavalcade - Saturday Sept 23rd

• 72 total registrations – 47 members/25 non

Membership - • Total number of members - 320

• Ed Bonk is now a 25 year member.

CECF – Reported that they received \$15.62 from the Amazon Smile charity donation program.

Toy Corvette Raffle - 100 tickets of the 350 sold for the Kiddie Vette

CCDV BOARD MINUTES (cont'd)

CCDV Name Tags

Please contact Candy Merlino – <u>cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com</u> New Members – get your name tags. New Car - get your new name tag. Tags are \$20.00 each, at least three orders are needed to send to the Company.

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Anyone interested in purchasing a Club License Plate, please contact: Tim Simmons - <u>tasimmons@gmail.com</u> Regular CCDV Plate - \$38.00; Personalized CCDV Plate - \$166.00

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Ed Bonk

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National Corvette Museum Ambassador: Jack DeLong

Technical Chairperson Joel Fellman (Interim)

Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation (CECF)

The 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.

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.

Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation (CECF) (cont'd)

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



CRUISE NIGHT IS BACK!

Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

C.C.D.V's Cruise Night – Open to all Cars SUNDAY, September 17th, 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)



Free Hot Dogs for Appreciation Night Free to enter – Music and Snacks – 50/50 Drawing – Trophie

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CRUISE NIGHT AUGUST 19TH !

It was a wonderful turn out for Cruise Night at The Shops at Valley Square on August 19th. The weather was absolutely beautiful and not a cloud in the sky.

Thanks to Candy & Chris Merlino, Penelope Hunt and John Benischeck who sold 50/50 tickets and snacks and kept the music going. The income from the 50/50 tickets was \$47. We made \$184 from pretzels, hotdogs, soda, and water sales even though we sold out of hotdogs again. Way to go!

Our trophy winners were Ron Camburn with his 1934 purple 3-window coupe, Steve McBlane with his 1964 black Ford Fairlane 500 race car with injection stacks and our own Candy Merlino with her 1976 black with colored sparkles Corvette coupe with T-tops. Congratulations to all the winners.

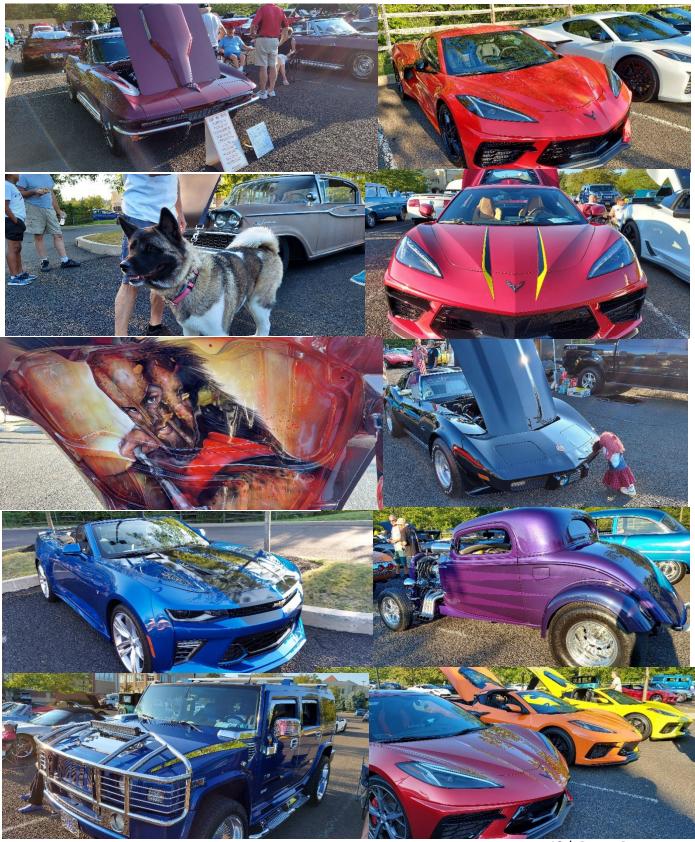
Here's a few pictures from the event. There are many more pictures on our Website and Facebook Page. Join the Facebook Page listed as "Corvette Club of Delaware Valley". Hope to see everyone again next month on



SUNDAY, SUNDAY, SUNDAY September 17th. Barb Pergine

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CRUISE NIGHT AUGUST 19TH !



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51st Annual Cavalcade of Corvettes Saturday, September 23, 2023

Registration is now available on the CCDV Website!!!



CCDV 2024 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:
 - Include your complete name & year of Corvette (i.e.: John Smith 1992 LT-1).
 - Be aware of the **background** in your photo (try to exclude trash cans, poles, vehicles, fences, random people, parking lots lines, large shadows, etc.).
 - Don't point your camera towards the sun (best to have the sun at your side).
 - 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.
 - For the 2024 Calendar, please submit a new or different 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: <u>webmaster@ccdv.com</u>. Be sure you receive an acknowledgement email (sometimes messages with attachments are sent to the Spam folder).
- LAST CALL! Photo submittal deadline is October 7th 2023.
- Calendars should be available for purchase by mid-November.





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CCDV Roving Breakfast

The CCDV BREAKFAST AT Metropolitan Diner on August 13, 2023

The Metropolitan Diner is located at 750 Upper State Road in North Wales. This eatery was recommended by Jeff & Julie Kauf, who live nearby and dine there often. The weather was gorgeous. It was a perfect day to drive our "TOYS". Twenty-three very hungry Vettesters joined the party. We welcomed back T. Wayne & Pattie Lankford, who rode in on their stunning 2023 Ceramic Matrix Gray Metallic C-8. They allowed me to sit in it, so that I could enjoy that comfortable futuristic cockpit. Ahhhhh, that new car smell!

The service and food were excellent. (I think that our table was served first because Maryann and Stan Fisher were regulars.) As usual, the camaraderie was Outstanding! Everyone had a great time!

These monthly breakfasts (and Barb Pergine's dinners) are an easy way for new members to get involved with our club.

Our party animals were: Barb Pergine.....and..... Kevin & Annamarie Allen Jeff & Julie Kauf..... and.....Eileen & Denny Matlack Bruce & Linda Houser.....and..... Phyllis Shupp Jack N Dor DeLong.....and..... Stan & Maryanne Fisher Jeff & Chris Biscardi,,,,,and..... T.Wayne & Pattie Lankford Paul McMullin & Barbara Blenheim.....and.....Linda & Wayne Zaks And that loose cannon: Johnny Bacon

On Saturday, September 2nd we'll breakfast at Michael's Diner at 9:30 AM. We hope to see you there. Johnny Bacon

CCDV Roving Breakfast September 2, 2023

Join Us for BREAKFAST!

Saturday, September 2, 2023 At 9:30 AM

Michael's Diner

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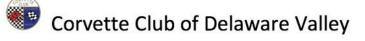
RSVP by 3 PM on 9/1/23 to Johnny Bacon at (215) 208-6620 OR Respond on the CCDV Website's Forum

A BIG "THANK YOU" and a "Tip O' The Hat" to Jeff & Julie Kauf, Who recommended this venue!

> Hope to see you there! Johnny Bacon!

Play to Win – Toy Corvette Drawing, December 1st, 2023

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- Drawing to be held November 15, 2023 @ 8pm (Need not be present to win)
- Free delivery within 20 miles of Willow Grove, PA
- 50% of proceeds benefit local charities
- This car is displayed at: Bryner Chevrolet, 1750 The Fairway, Jenkintown, PA 19046



Matchbox Corvette & Display Case Raffle Drawing, September 23rd, 2023

Al DePue has generously donated this Matchbox car case and 144, $1/64^{th}$ scale Corvette Matchbox cars for a raffle for charity. The mirrored glass case measures 24"H x 32"W. The approximate value of the case and cars is \$1,000.00.

Tickets will be available at Cruise nights, meetings, and Cavalcade. Drawing to be held on 9/23/23 at Cavalcade. You do not need to be present to win.

See **Candy Merlino** for details and tickets. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00. All proceeds will go to a charity.



2023 CCDV HOLIDAY PARTY SATURDAY DECEMBER 9, 2023

2023 CCDV HOLIDAY PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023 6 pm to 10 pm



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Payment Due by November 17, 2023 Mail checks payable to CCDV to: John Benischeck - 15104 Dahlia Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19116 Chicken Breast - \$29.00 Salmon - \$37.00 Petite Filet Mignon & Chicken Marsala Duet - \$46.00

Name Entrée Choice

Name Entre Choice

Payment Amount Enclosed \$

If you have any questions, contact John Benischeck at 215-208-6620 or Barb Pergine 484-436-1111. Payments may also be handed in at our monthly membership meetings.

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



First name	Last name	Date	
Linda	Clemmer	4	
Bob	Weiss	5	
Steve	Woodland	5	
Tamara	Rood	13	
Chris	Merlino	16	
Jahn	Landis	17	
Barbara	Weiss	18	
Wayne	Zaks	19	
Chris	Biscardi	30	

NEWSWORTHY

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Chevrolet Surpasses 50,000 Corvettes Produced for the 2023 Model Year

By Keith Cornett - Aug 22, 2023



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Last week the Corvette Assembly Plant managed to do something that has only been accomplished twice before in the 70-year history of the Chevrolet Corvette. Workers at the assembly plant have surpassed 50,000 Corvettes for the model year. Our actual count including Monday's production total now stands at 50,298 for the 2023 model year.

Here's how the 2023 model year numbers breakdown:

- Corvette Stingrays: 40,657
- 70th Anniversary Stingrays: 4,164
- Corvette Z06s: 4,628
- 70th Anniversary Z06s: 849

Total: 50,298

NEWSWORTHY (cont'd)

As we stated, Chevrolet has only reached the 50,000 milestone for Corvette production twice before. The 1979 model year was the first time that production had surpassed 50,000 and that year is still the record holder with 53,807 new Corvettes produced. Second on the leaderboard is the 1984 model year which was extended following the delay and then cancellation of the 1983 models. A total of 51,547 Corvettes were produced for the 1984 model year which was the inaugural year of the C4 generation. And now we have the 2023 Corvette at number three all time and still climbing the charts!

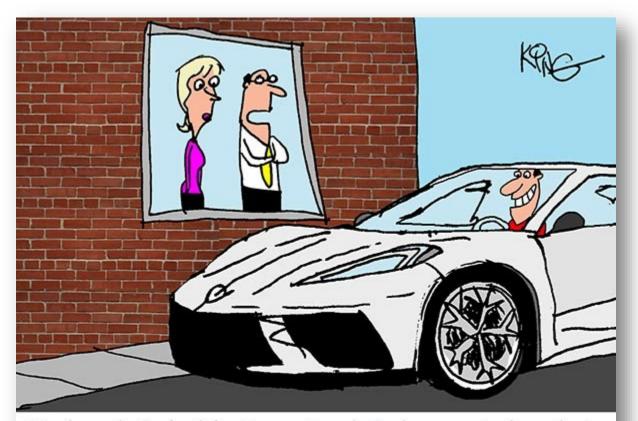
The 2023 model year currently has just 14 days left by our estimation with the final day being September 11th. Full production is generally acknowledged to be around 190 Corvettes built per day. If the plant can average that amount for the next two weeks, that would add an additional 2,660 Corvettes to the total. Even if production drops slightly on some days (Monday's total was only 170), we are still looking at ending the model year at second all-time, still short of the 1979 record.

The 2023 model year has been a banner year for the assembly plant and the customers who are still lining up to throw their hard-earned money at the car. If we can further eliminate the parts shortages and those few days where weather played a factor, the 2024 model year could see another record-setting total as the 2024 Corvette E-Ray enters the fray.

Source:

Production stats thanks to Roger Kiel via Facebook.

JOEL'S JOLLIES



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

Corvette Club of Delaware Valley (CCDV)



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If you have any questions, please contact us.

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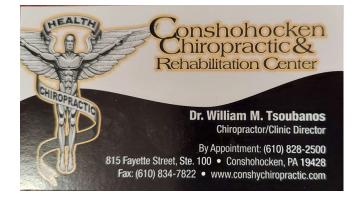






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