



The Gas Cap December 2023



A Monthly Publication of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a great and Happy Thanksgiving with their family and loved ones. And will you believe Christmas is coming upon us next.

The month of November was a lot of fun and enjoyable. For the 8th consecutive year our club was represented in the **Philadelphia Veterans Parade**. I drove one of the two Grand Marshals, **Jacob Ruser**, who was assigned to the 4th Infantry division and at one point in the war landed at Utah beach during the Normandy 'D' invasion. Jacob is 99 years old and is still mentally sharp. I can't see myself ever getting close to that age and if I did, I wouldn't know what to do with my life. The other Grand Marshall, **Benjamin Berry** who is 100 years old, rode in **Roy Adams'** Corvette. The club had another 7 Corvettes in the parade driving various celebrities. Beside Roy and me, I want to Thank the following members for giving up their time and car to be in the parade. They are **Al DePue, Bill Nichols, Candy Merlino, Chris Merlino, Denny Matlack, Steve Baker, Cliff Hamilton**.

The November General Membership meeting was the best November meeting I ever hosted as President of CCDV. It was more than just recognizing our veteran members, but it was also a very patriotic meeting. I invited professional Entertainer/Singer **Peter Venneri** to the meeting whose girlfriend is **Carol Vagnoni** a member of our club since 1994. Peter started with the Star-Spangled Banner followed by America the Beautiful and later ended the meeting with God Bless America. Starting the meeting that way really got everybody in the spirit. During the meeting I asked the members who are veterans to stand up to be honored as they spoke into the mike and stated what branch of service they served in and their place of deployment and rank.

There was no need for an election as nobody was nominated from the floor.

The **Golden Shaft** award was presented to **Zach Hamada** and his committee (**Tom Weigand, Barb & John Pergine, Candy Merlino**) for the great job they did with the rescheduled **Cavalcade of Corvette** show. This was the first time the award was given to 5 members at the same time. A special **'Thank you'** for a job well done. The **Philly Phanatic** was very entertaining and mingled with the participants.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The **Technical Chairperson** position is now filled by **Joe Parente** who volunteered to step up and take on this role. **Joe** is very knowledgeable with Corvettes and will be a good contact should you have any issues or concerns about your car.

As in the past there will not be a **December** General Membership meeting. There is the annual Holiday party for which we sold all **70** tickets. As always, we will have a great time and an enjoyable evening. I'm looking forward to the event.

Everyone, have a safe and happy Holiday this month.

I wish you and your families the best.

Ed





WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

Welcome!!

Rick Bagshaw – 2021 Accelerate Yellow Coupe

Total Members to date - 337!!



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CCDV BOARD MINUTES



HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING November 9, 2023

General Membership Meetings will start at 7:00pm.

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

- **Saturday, November 11th**, Breakfast at Andy's Diner in Conshohocken @ 9:30am
- **Saturday Dec 9th** - Holiday Party 76 people already registered. (Max was 70) Potential to be able to use the location's larger room if it isn't reserved in the next 8 days – if we get more people to sign up before the deadline of November 17th.
- **Saturday, December 16th** – Breakfast at Michael's in Montgomeryville @ 9:30am

Membership – • Total number of members – 337

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- **CECF – No Report**

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November 15th Membership Meeting Highlights

As part of our salute to Veterans Day, Ed Bonk invited professional Entertainer/Singer **Peter Venneri** to the November membership meeting. Peter started with the Star-Spangled Banner followed by America the Beautiful and later finished with God Bless America. Thank you, Peter, for your outstanding performance.



President, ED Bonk presented the Golden Shaft Award to the Cavalcade Committee in recognition of their tireless efforts and hard work in organizing and running the 51st Cavalcade. Pictured from left to right are **Zach Hamada(Chairman), Tom Weigand, and Candy Merlino**. Not Pictured are **Barb and John Pergine** as John is recovering from surgery.



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Philadelphia Veterans Parade November 5, 2023



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Hatboro 63rd Annual Holiday Parade November 19, 2023



CCDV 2024 Wall Calendar



2024 CCDV Wall Calendars are now available for purchase (\$12.00 each).

Calendar measures 18" high x 12" wide, when open.

You can buy one at our next General Meeting January 17th.

CCDV Roving Breakfast

The CCDV BREAKFAST AT Andy's Diner on November 11, 2023

Andy's Diner is located on Ridge Pike in Conshohocken. This eatery was recommended by John & Barb Pergine who live nearby. Unfortunately, John Pergine was unable to join us since he was confined to the house while nursing his brand new 2023 left hip. His right hip was replaced 5 years ago, and as of this writing, John is walking and recovering much quicker than the last time. These monthly Roving Breakfasts are a great excuse to exercise our beautiful Corvettes, and consequently, fourteen hungry CCDVers joined up for our morning party. As it was Veterans Day, there were red, white, and blue Corvettes parked together in the parking lot. The food was delicious and well-served by our waiter, who you can see in one of the pictures. (Due to his black clothing, slicked back hair, pale face, distinctive facial features and stately bearing, I dubbed our server "Dracula".) All-in-all it was a very fun time with much interesting conversation among our friends.

The attending Corvettesters were:

Nils & Sharon Jonaitis....and....Bob & Jahn Landis
Clifton & Evelyn Hamilton....and....Barb Pergine
Kevin & Joan Allen....and....Jeff & Julie Kauf
Chis & Jeff Biscardi....and....Johnny Bacon

On **Saturday, December 16th** we'll have breakfast at **Michaels's Family Restaurant** in Montgomeryville at 9:30am. I hope that you can make it.

Johnny Bacon

CCDV Roving Breakfast November 11, 2023



CCDV Roving Breakfast

Join Us for **BREAKFAST!**

Saturday, December 16, 2023

At 9:30 AM

Michael's Family Restaurant

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Montgomeryville, PA 18936

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OR

Respond on the CCDV Website's Forum

A BIG "THANK YOU" and a "Tip O' The Hat" to

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Who recommended this venue!

Hope to see you there!

Johnny Bacon!

HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



First Name	Last Name	Date
Debbie	Haeussler	3
Karen	Sinn	3
Shirley	Blumenstock	4
Linda	Houser	4
Michael	Weiss	5
Nick	Cione	6
Marlene	Etkowicz	7
Jim	Naylor	8
William	Washnock	13
Bonnie	Milnes	13
Diane	Micklin	13
Tim	Simmons	14
Lynne	Harnish	16
Sue	Fellman	17
Gary	Romberger Sr	17
Joan	Allen	18
John	Benischeck	18
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Robert	McCrumn	20
Ed	Edmunds	21
Russell	Bentman	23
Dave	Peterson	23
Allan	Lane	24
John	Pergine	25
Bill	Huey	27
Kristy	Conwell	28
Nick	Dautel	29
James	Polis	31

In Memoriam

Paying Tribute To Members Who Have Passed

Joel Fellman

<https://www.burnsfuneralhome.com/obituary/joel-fellman>



Wayne Zaks

<https://www.phillyburbs.com/obituaries/psom0606105>





NEWSWORTHY

August 29–31, 2024

2024 National Corvette Caravan

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Caravan - National Corvette Mus



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2024 National Corvette Caravan

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All roads lead to Bowling Green, Kentucky for the 30th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum.

Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. Hosted only once every five years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2024 and will mark the Museum's 30th Anniversary. Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to meet in Bowling Green, Kentucky for four days of festivities at the National Corvette Museum. As of November 1, 2023, registration is OPEN! Click to the button to register now.

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Play to Win – Toy Corvette Winner Announced!

At the November 15th General Membership Meeting, **Al Robison**'s winning ticket was selected from the entries for the Ride In Toy Corvette. Club Vice President **Tom Weigand** was kind enough to volunteer his time to meet Al in Harrisburg which was halfway for both. Al drives an 18-wheeler for a living and entered the contest for his 4-year-old grandson. Al belongs to the Cumberland Valley Corvette Club and drives a C7.



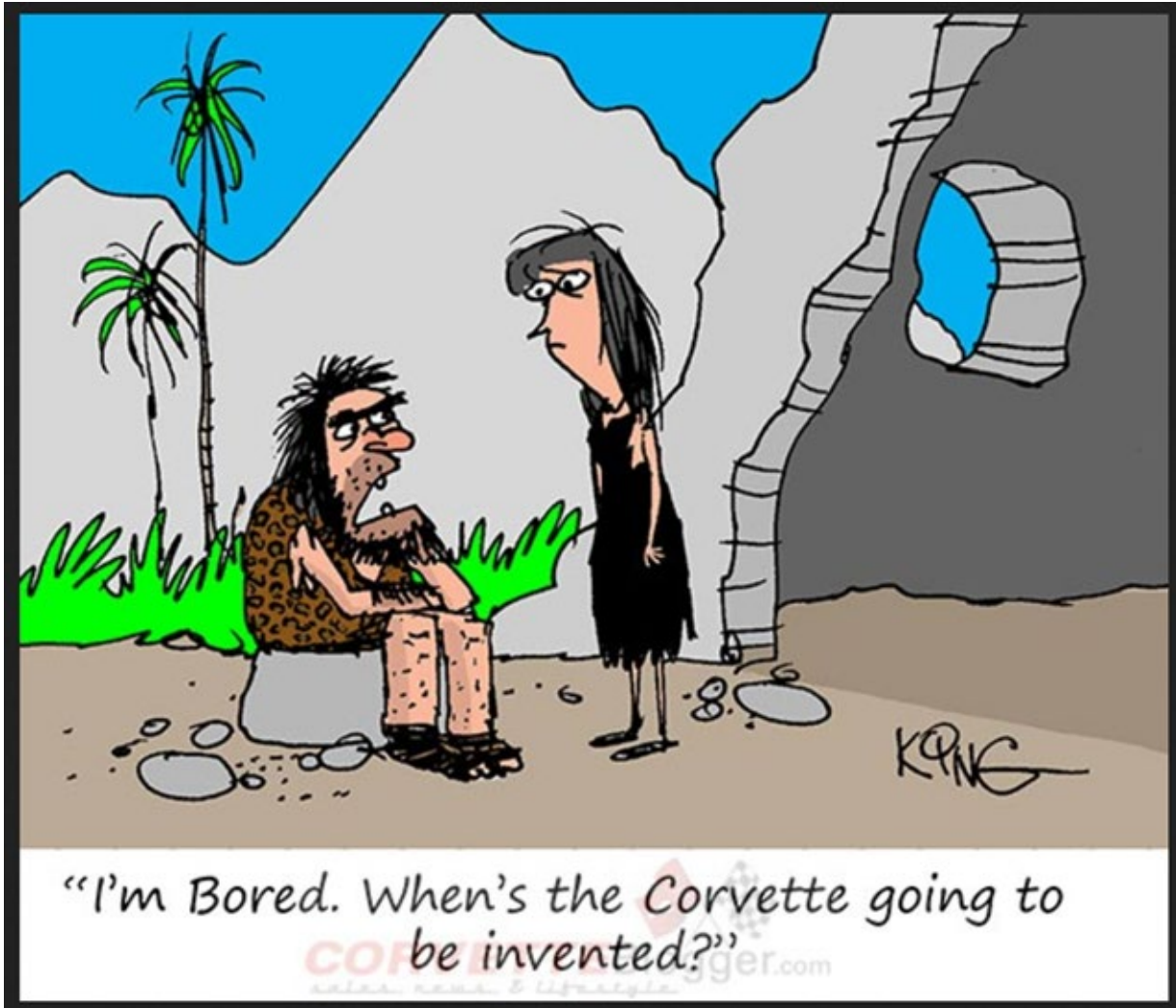
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Corvette Club of Delaware Valley



JOEL'S JOLLIES



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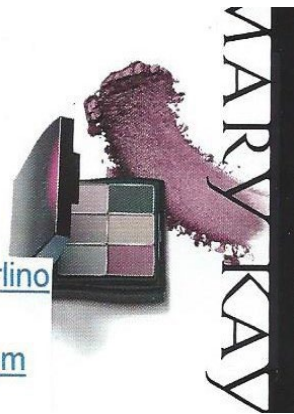
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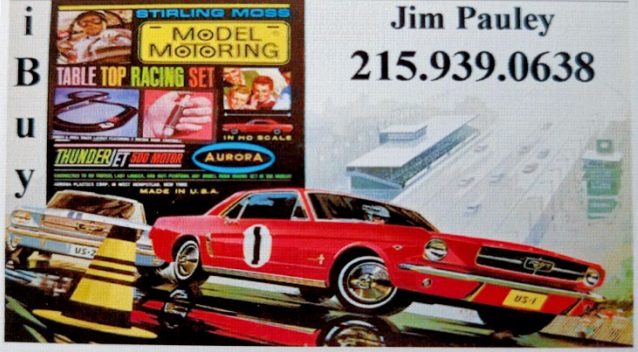

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