



The Gas Cap January 2024



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a great and Merry Christmas and a happy New Year with your family and friends. This past year (2023) was very successful and entertaining with all its events and activities. Looking forward to the New Year (2024) I predict that it will be just as successful.

The club, as in previous years, did not have a December General Membership meeting. But we did have the annual Holiday party and what a success that night was. It was held at the Spring Mill Country Club in Ivyland. There were 75 members and friends in attendance and the food and service was excellent. Additionally, there was a trivia contest and dancing to fill the night. Just so you know I did not dance. I didn't have enough beers to be like a John Travolta clone on the dance floor. A special 'Thank you' to **John Benischeck**, and **John & Barb Pergine** for planning and organizing the event and **Rose Ferrante** and **Dor Delong** for putting together the trivia contest which was a lot of fun. Congratulations to you all for a job well done.

I welcome our new Board members (**Caryn Fischetti & Silvo Tino**) who are relatively new to the club and want to step up and help support the club and membership. Congratulations on your new role.

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

NOTE: The VFW will no longer put out Hot Dogs for us at the meeting as they will have a cook on Wednesdays and will serve a limited menu. The limited menu will have Wings, 6 original wings for \$10.00 or Walking Tacos for \$2.00 from 5:30 PM – 7:00 PM. Take-outs are welcomed.

I wish you and your families the best.

Ed



WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

Total Members to date - 337!!

Attention all members: 2024 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, pay online at CCDV.com, click on membership and click on renewal, or you can mail it to:

Treasurer
CCDV
C/O Tim Simmons
3549 Brae Bourn Dr.
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Once your payment has been received and processed you will receive an email, with your membership card. Print 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: membership@ccdvv.com, and I will respond to your email as quickly as possible.

Thanks

Treasurer, CCDV

CCDV BOARD MINUTES



HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING

December 14, 2023

General Membership Meetings will start at 7:00pm.

Activities – Activities – John B. / Candy M.

- Holiday Party was a big success, lots of fun, food, and dancing.
- Saturday, December 16th – Breakfast at Michael's in Montgomeryville @ 9:30am
- **Saturday, January 6th** – Dinner at Iron Oven on Street Rd @ 5pm
- **Saturday, January 13th** – Breakfast at Lancers @ 9:30am

Membership – • Total number of members – 337

CECF –

- Ed received a check (\$1000) for Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Society
- Rose to contact Bob Lear to get a listing of the charities they decided to give to and the amounts.

Cavalcade –

- The committee had a meeting on 12/7 to discuss show date/rain date for 2024 show. Looking at Sept 14th for show and Sept 28th for rain date.
- Looking for volunteers to join committee to oversee specific roles (advertising and soliciting donations to replace Barb & John Pergine). Letter of request will go out in January Gas Cap.
- Thank you, letter, was written and sent by Rose to Phillies for use of the Phanatic.

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Club Leadership:

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Ed Bonk (267) 253-7460

Vice President:

Tom Weigand

Treasurer:

Tim Simmons (215) 947-4118

Recording Secretary:

Candy Merlino

Corporate Secretary:

Dennis Traves

Board Membership

Chairperson: *Vacant*

Johnny "Bacon" Benischeck

Jacques Etkowicz

Rose Ferrante

Ang Grippo

Zach Hamada

Kerry Duke

Caryn Fischetti

Silvio Toni

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Vacant

Cavalcade Chairpersons for 2024:

Candy Merlino & Tom Weigand

Club Store Chairperson:

Frank Kitchen

Cruise Night Chairpersons:

Candy & Chris Merlino

Nametag Chairperson:

Candy Merlino

National Corvette Museum

Ambassador:

Jack DeLong

Technical Chairperson

Joe Parente

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.



Cavalcade 2024 – We need your help!

<https://www.ccdv.com/cavalcade-of-corvettes/>

Volunteers Wanted!

The Cavalcade of Corvettes committee currently has multiple opportunities for talented club members to join us. We're interested in people dedicated to helping CCDV maintain its long-standing car show tradition of helping others. If you have experience in requesting donations/sponsorships and would like to help, we'd love to start that conversation.

Our current opportunities include:

Salesperson

We're currently on the lookout for one or two people interested and able to share their talents to collect money from businesses in the form of sponsorships --- to go towards things like the show, a trophy (or 2), the cost of tables & chairs, the cost of food, or to donate specific items like cases of sodas/waters, hamburgers, or rolls.

Advertising

We're currently on the lookout for someone interested and able to advertise our show through the car show season - mostly through emails, Facebook posts, distribution of flyers/posters, but other ideas/options are welcome in order to spread the word.

If you are interested, please send an email/text to the committee co-chairs Tom Weigand (tomweigand@comcast.net / 215-920-6929) & Candy Merlino (cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com / 215-779-9454) stating which of these you are interested in so we can co-ordinate with you.



CCDV Roving Breakfast

Join Us for **BREAKFAST!**

Saturday, January 13, 2024

At 9:30 AM

Lancer's Diner

858 Easton Road

Horsham, PA 19044

(215) 674-5088

Rain or Shine

RSVP by 1 PM on 1/12/24 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
Dennis & Eileen Matlack
Who recommended this venue!

Hope to see you there!
Johnny Bacon!

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

CCDV Roving Dinner

Join Us for **DINNER!**

Saturday, January 6, 2024

At 5:00 PM

The Iron Oven

1134 Street Road

Southampton, PA 18966

(215) 322-1907

Rain or Shine

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Johnny Bacon at (215) 208-6620

OR

Respond on the CCDV Website's Forum

Hope to see you there!

Johnny Bacon!

CCDV Holiday Party

THE CCDV HOLIDAY PARTY ON DECEMBER 9, 2023

CCDV's Annual Holiday Party took place at the beautiful Spring Mill Country Club in Ivyland. Seventy-five CCDV Party Animals showed up to share in the delicious food and festivities. Barb & John Pergine did a great job greeting everyone in the lobby, and directing them to the large ballroom, where Barb had laid out her beautifully created place-cards for each guest. The tables were set with green tablecloths, green napkins, and gorgeous gold centerpieces which Barb Pergine had designed and assembled. Professional Music was provided by DJ Tom Parker, who did an excellent job of using his extensive catalogue to set the aural moods during the evening.

The unofficial "long distance" award went to the "Double Ds" (Dennis & Debbie Traves) for making the trip from Milton, PA - in central PA. The Traves have 2 Christmas trees: a standard version, and a second tree decorated with dozens and dozens of many colored Corvettes (in 1:64 scale.) The pictures were impressive! The cocktail hour featured a Cash Bar and butlered hot hors d'oeuvres. The menu for the sit-down dinner included a choice of a fancy Stuffed Chicken, the Atlantic Salmon, and a duet of Petite Filet Mignon & Chicken Marsala – and, of course, salad and rolls. All the food was tasty and well-served by our Servers. Dessert was a truly scrumptious Warmed Apple Turnover with French Vanilla Ice Cream. (Just typing this makes me crave it!...but I digress.)

After dinner, Rose Ferrante and Dor DeLong entertained us by hosting a fun and challenging Trivia Game for our enjoyment. Each of the tables competed for a \$250 prize. The winning table ("Saturday Night Live") succeeded in answering 7 of 10 questions correctly and won the prize.

Thereafter, DJ Tom Parker "Pumped up the Music" and did a good job of filling the dance floor. The Eveready Bunny dancer award goes to Sharon Jonaitis, who danced up a storm, and never got tired. Everyone had a great time, partying with all the friends they've made at CCDV!

Johnny Bacon

CCDV Holiday Party



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HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!



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Billie	Satchell	2
Kerry	McClintock	4
Ellis	Gray	4
Dennis	Trayes	6
Jill	Shapiro	7
Jerry	Market	7
Sharon	Jonatitis	7
Andy	Thierry	9
Mark	Dash	11
John	McKinnon	13
Sarkis	Tashjian	14
Maryann	Fisher	15
Ed	Masterson	15
Helene	Bierman	16
Debbie	Trayes	17
John	Indelicato	20
Donna	Hoffmayer	22
Rick	Bagshaw	22
Sharon	Pisieczko	22
Suzanne	Ryan	23
Jacques	Etkowicz	25
Laura	Hunsberger	27
Zachary	Hamada	28
Bruce	Houser	29
Anthony	Buonassisi	30
Joseph	Parente	30
Sara	Adams	31
Daniel	Bracken	31
Jim	Hale	31



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RULES INCLUDE:

- Seatbelts must be worn at all times
- Please keep your hands and mobile devices inside the vehicle
- Maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you

JOEL'S JOLLIES



“Santa is making me clean up reindeer manure until next Christmas. I’ll never take his Corvette for a joyride again.”

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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.

Please Consider Joining Us!

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.

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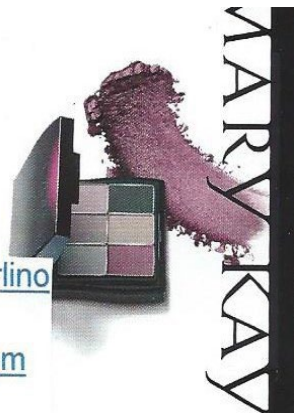
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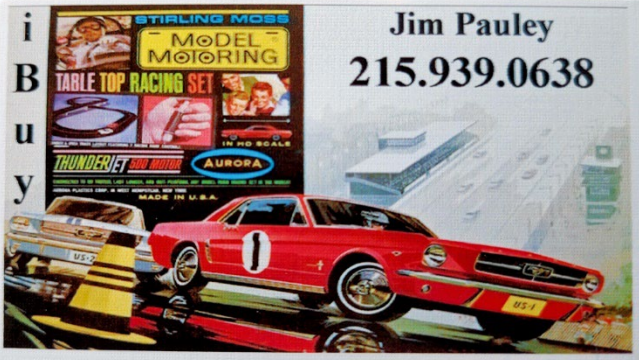

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