



The Gas Cap

April 2024



A Monthly Publication of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a great and happy Easter with their families. The month of **April** is here, and our first Cruise night will start on the **3rd** Saturday of this month. As in past years this event has always been very successful and I'm positive this success will continue throughout the summer. **Candy** and **Chris Merlino** will host this event again.

The **March** GM meeting had a very good turnout, and I presented the **25** consecutive years Lifetime membership plaque to **Rose Ferrante** and **Tony Buonassisi**. I also had a plaque for **Richy Josephs** who was not able to attend. Congratulations to **Rose, Tony** and **Richy** for your loyalty and dedication to our club. Due to medical reasons our Treasurer, **Tim Simmons**, will turn his duties over to **Jeff Kauf** in a controlled turnover with **Jeff** having an official start date in July. Thank you, **Jeff**, for stepping up and taking on this role.

The process of focusing on the future of **CECF** is on hold until after the tax season.

The April 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



25 consecutive year membership:
Rose Ferrante, President
Ed Bonk, Tony Buonassisi
Not pictured Richy Josephs



WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

Welcome!!

Jerry Wright – 2019 Convertible

Total Members to date - 340!!



CCDV BOARD MINUTES



HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING

March 14, 2024

General Membership Meetings will start at 7:00pm.

New Treasurer in training – Jeff Kauf

Activities – Activities – John B. / Candy M.

- **Saturday, April 13th** – Breakfast at American Star Diner @ 9:30am
- **Saturday, April 20th** - First Cruise Night of the season @ 5 PM until dusk

Membership – • Total number of members – 340

Cavalcade - still looking for help with advertising our show and for volunteers for judging cars and selling/cooking food - and volunteers in general. Also bring your new/like new donation items to the monthly meeting for the charity auction. Contact Tom Weigand or Candy Merlino

CCDV Name Tags

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

New Members – get your name tags.

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Candy Merlino

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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 April 17th.



Cavalcade 2024 – **We need your help!**

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

Volunteers Wanted!

To make sure we have another great show in September - we need volunteers in the Spring and Summer months to help with: getting donations/items for the auction, handing out flyers at local car shows, putting up show posters at local businesses, and/or putting up show signs at intersections (closer to show date).

The Auction is a primary source of funding from this show, for the charities supported by the club - so we want to make sure there are plenty of good quality items.

To be able to cook our own food again (like egg sandwiches and hamburgers) we need a grill (or 2) the day of show, as well as several medium/large size coolers for ice, waters, sodas, and other perishables - along with helpers for the day.

If you have any questions and/or are interested, in helping with any of these activities/supplies, 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, April 13, 2024

At 9:30 AM

American Star Diner

1200 Welsh Road #1
North Wales, PA 19454

Rain or Shine

RSVP by 3 PM on 4/12/24 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 **Kathy Benischeck**, who recommended this eatery!

Hope to see you there!
Johnny Bacon!

CCDV Roving Dinner

Join Us for **DINNER!**

Saturday, April 6, 2024

At 6:00 PM

Giuseppe's Pizza

101 Cowpath Road

Lansdale, PA 19446

Rain or Shine

RSVP by 3 PM on 4/5/24 to
Johnny Bacon at (215) 208-6620

OR

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A BIG Thank You and a "Tip O' The Hat" to **Bob & Jahn Landis**,
who recommended this Eatery!

Hope to see you there!

Johnny Bacon!

CCDV Dinner at The Yard House March 16, 2024

The YARD HOUSE is located at the Willow Grove Mall – at one of the Mall’s entrances. This venue was recommended by our own Jeff & Julie Kauf. The YARD HOUSE advertises and prides itself as having the largest variety of draft beers on tap. Indeed, a look at the long circular bar showed the impressive line of over 100 tap handles.

Our party was seated at the side of the restaurant that faced the mall entrance, which was obscured by much plant-life as well as decorative separation walls. The menu was eclectic with a lot of entrees which were uncommonly spiced. The Salmon Platters and Burgers were the popular choices. The food was delicious, and we all had a wonderful time with a lot of laughs. It seemed like no one wanted to leave. However, after 2 hours, on a busy Saturday night, we knew that we should exit so that another party could eat and enjoy their evening.

The party animals were Jeff & Julie Kauf, Candy & Chris Merlino, Paul McMullin & Barbara Blenheim, Cliff & Evelyn Hamilton, and John & Kathy Benischeck.

John Benischeck



CCDV CALVACADE CHARITY AUCTION 2024

CAVALCADE CHARITY AUCTION 2024

We are now accepting donations for our upcoming
Charity Auction Event on September 14th.

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 21st meeting** call/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

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



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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

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

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS!



First name	Last name	Date
Eric	Abrams	2
Bill	Bierman	2
Carl	Voellm	5
Judy	Neelans	5
Bruce	Blumenthal	6
Peter	Nikolopoulos	6
Joseph	Remich	7
Penelope	Hunt	8
Frank	Schmidt	9
Robert	Sellers	9
John	Tambourine	9
Jerry	Wright	9
Claire	Baker	9
Edith	Doan	10
Ed	Baranski	11
Bruce	Levitus	11
Joan	Supplee	11
Angelo	Grippio	13
Jack	Blumenstock	14
Janet	Bracken	14
John & Kerry	McClintock	19
Janet	Geissler	19
Joe	Haggerty	20
Joe	Gaul	21
William	Perice	23
Donald	Hohwieler	25
Allan	Kramer	25
Paul	Hoffmayer	28
Michael	Schmidt	28
Anthony	Rich	29
Dor	DeLong	29

MY CORVETTE STORY – Wayne Paskel

My Corvette Story is dedicated to the personal stories of our members. If you have a story to share, please submit it to the Gas Cap email address at gascap@ccdvd.com. I am always looking for content and welcome all suggestions.

Seems every classic car has a story. That certainly is the case with my 1969 Corvette.

My ownership journey began when I was very young. The original owner of this car Edward R. “Butch” Moore was my father’s best friend when I was born in 1967. Butch bought this car new from Horning Chevrolet in Royersford, PA from a salesman named Bud Frey. Butch helped my father start a car dealership in 1972 where I spent lots of time with my dad in my formidable years in the early 1970’s. That is where I caught the car bug, especially for Corvettes! As my dad’s best friend, Butch and I spent quite a bit of time together. I recall just riding along with him on errands then going for ice cream. I felt like one of his own, and in a sense I still do.

I learned of Butch’s Corvette when I was about 10 years old and expressed interest in buying it from him “someday when I get a job”. He would always give me the same answer “you’ll have to talk to my grandchildren about that”. Butch simply enjoyed owning it, not necessarily driving it, in fact I have no recollection of him ever driving it. The 8,000 miles on the odometer are indeed actual. Many years have passed but, I always knew where this Corvette was and have sometimes heard stories from others about “a local 69 Corvette with under 10,000 miles”. I never tipped my hand that I knew where it was.

It turns out that his grandchildren really weren’t interested in cars, but I still love Corvettes. Before his passing Butch remembered and gave me first right of refusal on the car I’ve wanted for so long. He was a good friend but also a good businessman so, I needed to pay a fair price. It was a stretch but the very car that has occupied my mind as a young Corvette loving boy now sits in my garage.

Wayne Paskel

CCDV Member

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NEWSWORTHY

BUCKS *ARTS and BARKS* PET & FAMILY FEST

CCDV has volunteered to provide Corvettes to be displayed at this fun family festival, which will be held June 2, 2024, from 11 – 3 P.M.

The event will be held at the Warminster Community Park on Bristol Road, which is a huge venue. Amanda Gershanick, who is running this event (in its 5th year) told me that she expects around one thousand attendees.

In addition to all the fun activities listed on the flyer, there will be various Animal Rescue Organizations & Adoptable Dogs & Cats at the Festival. They will be taking applications from people who are interested in adopting Rescue Dogs & Cats.

Proceeds from the Festival will benefit The Ben Wilson Senior Center in Warminster. I will be calling Amanda on **May 6th** to let her know how many spaces to reserve for our display.

Hopefully, we can get about a dozen Corvettes to be displayed. We have 4 cars signed up so far. If you are willing to join in the fun, please contact me **asap**, but **certainly by May 5th**. My cell number is 215-208-6620, and you can also sign up on CCDV's "FORUM", which is on our website. Thank You, in advance, for your interest.

John (Johnny Bacon) Benischeck

11-3 pm **2024 Bucks Arts & Barks Pet & Family Fest** **Sunday 6/2**
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FRIDAY MAY 17, 2024

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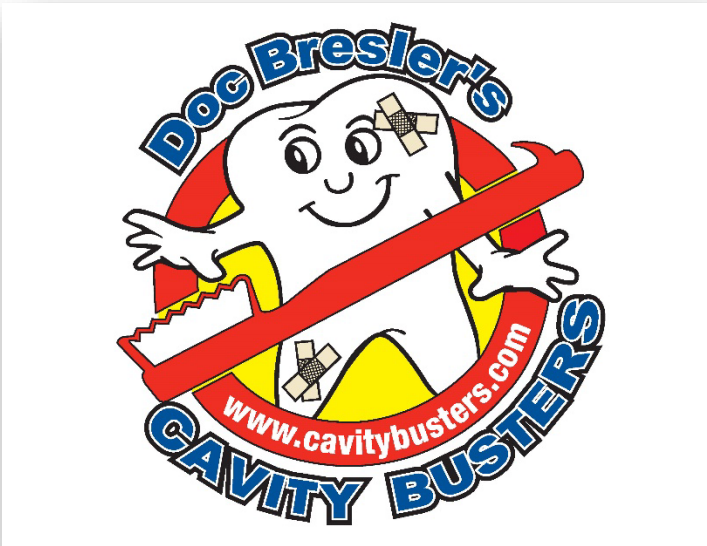


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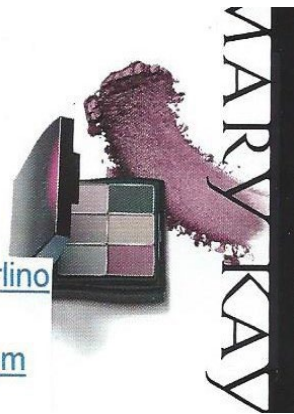
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