



The Gas Cap October 2025



A Monthly Publication of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This month is the end of the summer and the start of the Fall season. What a summer we had with all our successful events. Great job to all our volunteers that made this happen.

The **September** General Membership meeting had a very good turnout. The quest speaker was **Jim Pauley** who gave a presentation about the **'Three Stooges'** starting with their history and life through the years. **Jim** is very knowledgeable about the **'Three stooges'** and he also wrote a book about them. **Jim**, thank you and great work with your presentation. Next month's guest speaker will be **Tom Dunleavy**, whose company is involved in the settlement of insurance claims. The **Golden Shaft** award was presented to **Candy Merlino** and **Tom Weigand** who both were instrumental in the success of the Cavalcade. Thank you, **Candy and Tom**, for the job well done.

The **Ocean City Corvette Boardwalk** show was a complete washout and I'm not exaggerating. Out of the **450** Corvettes registered only **220** showed up for the show. Our club had **39** Corvettes registered but only **22** showed up. The only time my umbrella was down was when I went into a pizza place to eat or when I was under a pavilion. Despite the low turnout we again won the **'Best Club Participation'** award.

Other awards were given to club members. Consultations to everyone.

- 1) **Ron Rahmer** (Here for the Ride) – trophy
- 2) **Don Lemek** (Best on the Boardwalk) a motorcycle backpack from Viking Bags
- 3) **Russ Thomas** (Best Drop Top on the Boardwalk)

The **Cavalcade of Corvettes** show had perfect weather all day. There were **116** Corvettes in the show which is less than last year's turnout which was **146** Corvettes in the show. I believe this low turnout was because **Ciocca** Corvettes in Atlantic City had its annual Corvette **'Toys for Tots'** run that day thus taking away from some of those Corvettes coming to our show. Regardless it was a very successful show, and I want to personally Thank all the volunteers who got up early and set up the tents and worked the show.

Elections for the **CCDV** Board will be in **November**. See **page 4** for more details on this.

The **October** General Membership will be at the Warminster VFW on the **15th** starting at **7:00 pm**.

I wish you and your families the best

Ed



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Treasurer:

Jeff Kauf

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Candy Merlino

Corporate Secretary:

Dennis Traves

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CCDV BOARD ELECTIONS

2026 CCDV Elections November 19th meeting: Who's running?

Ed Bonk has committed to run for the position of CCDV President and submitted his slate of officers for 2026 as follows: **President:** Ed Bonk **Vice President:** Tom Weigand; **Corporate Secretary:** Dennis Traves **Recording Secretary:** Candy Merlino **Treasurer:** Jeff Kauf. As announced at last month's meeting, this will be Ed's last year to run for the office of President. We thank him for his dedication to the club.

The following 7 CCDV members have submitted their names to be placed on the ballot for the eight (8) Board Member positions which come up to be voted on each year.

John Benischek Jacques Etkowicz Tim Simmons Bruce Harris
Stan Fisher Rose Ferrante Angelo Grippo

Nomination for **board positions** can still be taken from the floor on the night of the election. Absentee ballots will NOT be available.

Thank you for supporting the club and for exercising your right to choose the people to represent and work for you in this great club of ours!

The nominating committee would also like to extend an invitation to any CCDV member in good standing that would consider working with the CECF as a part of their board to advance the charitable works of the CECF...please reach out to either Candy Merlino or me.

Sincerely,

Nominating committee members

Rose Ferrante & Candy Merlino



WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

Total Members to date – 286

Welcome New Members!



Sean Martin



Allen Solomon



John Katelas

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

CCDV DEFINITIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS (as of 2025)

1. ANNUAL EVENTS

- a. **CAVALCADE OF CORVETTES:** This is the club's biggest one day event and is most definitely our most prestigious event. The show has been held in June and now September, and is currently the largest fund raiser the club conducts. The show averages 150 Corvettes in which multiple Corvette clubs in the area enter their cars. The show attracts hundred plus Corvettes and it is the longest running Corvette show in the United States and the largest in our area. This event requires a large number of volunteers to make this how a success. Currently it is held at the Middle Bucks Vocational Tech School (MBIT) on York Rd in Jamison. There is judging for trophies, fun activities for the kids, charity auction, food sales, and vendors.
 - b. **PICNIC:** The Picnic date and place varies – but it is an opportunity for members to have fun and really get to know one another.
 - c. **HOLIDAY PARTY:** The Holiday party is usually the first or second weekend in December and the venue varies. At one time the party was geared for Adults and Children, but lately has been focused on being a dressed up event for Adults.
2. **BOARD OF CCDV:** Consists of five Officers (President, VP, Treasurer, Corporate Secretary, and Recording Secretary) and eight Board members are elected every November. There are additional member positions which include the Chairman of the Board (the previous President), 4 chairpersons (Technical, Activity, Membership, Gas Cap Editor) are appointed by the President. These positions come with voting rights, are open to any club member in good standing and require attendance to a monthly meeting.
 3. **BRYNER CHEVROLET:** This is the dealership that has sponsored our club since 1970 and is located in Jenkintown, PA
 4. **CORVETTE RAFFLE:** The club used to hold a Corvette car raffle every year with the proceeds going to the various charities the club supports. The primary charities have been the Sunshine Foundation and Juvenile Diabetes but there have been others over the years. This function is overseen by the charitable arm of CCDV known as CECF (Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation) and has 3-5 members/board members, which are voted on by the CCDV Board of directors.
 5. **CECF:** The Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation (CECF) is a charitable organization that grew out of and operates under the wing of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley and was founded in 1994. For decades CCDV has been committed to charitable work and helping our community. Since 1971 CCDV has been holding the Cavalcade of Corvettes and the donating partial proceeds to the Sunshine Foundation, Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and various other charities. Over the years, as the club grew, so did these charitable donations. In an effort to facility the clubs charitable work CECF was formed in 1994 as a 501c3 operating Charity. CECF then decided to raffle off a Corvette for charity as their main annual fund raising event. Additionally, as a 501c3 charity, all contributions to CECF are eligible as a tax deduction to the donor. Since that time until 2018, CECF has raffled off a Corvette every year and donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to various charities and to those in need in our community. Also, CECF began a scholarship program to help worthy students that meet our established

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criteria to further their education. More information can be obtained by viewing CCF's website at cecfcharities.com.

6. **CORVETTES AT CARLISLE:** This is an event not sponsored by the club but is the largest Corvette show in America. It is held in Carlisle, PA the last weekend in August and lasts 3 days. There is an average of 7000 Corvettes on the Fairgrounds. Up until recently, our club had a volunteer setup a hospitality tent so that you could relax and chat with others throughout the day/weekend. If interested in being this volunteer, please contact a CCDV board member.
7. **CRUISE NIGHT:** This is held on the 3d Saturday of the month from April through September. All types of cars are on display, and the current location is the Shoppes at Valley Square 501 Main St, Warrington, PA from 5pm – Dusk. There is music, food & drinks for sale, 50/50 raffle and trophies awarded.
8. **GAS CAP:** The Gas Cap has been the Club's monthly newsletter since the Club started in 1958. It used to be mailed out but now it is sent out electronically, and is one of the main sources of information concerning club activities, names of board members, advertising, and other information we hope you find helpful and interesting.
9. **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** This is the club's monthly meeting which is held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month except in December. The meeting location is the VFW Post, Louis Dr, Warminster, PA. The start time is 7:00pm. All members (and spouses) are welcome to come and enjoy the fun and camaraderie that goes on with other members. At some meetings there is a guest speaker – usually (but not always) related to auto/Corvette topics.
10. **INTERNET WEBSITE:** www.ccdv.com
11. **OTHER EVENTS:** These events are usually scheduled by the Activity Chairperson or anyone interested in organizing an event, throughout the year. Events such as participating in local parades, attending other car shows as a group, day trips, weekend getaways, etc. Some examples of events are as follows:
 - a. Covered Bridge Tour – last summer/fall caravan through Bucks County or Lancaster area – making sure to go through many Covered bridges.
 - b. Poker Run – a planned route where you receive a playing card at various stops... best hand wins! (Sometimes run in conjunction with the covered bridge tour)
 - c. Roving Breakfast/Dinner – New venue is picked each month from local diners to various restaurants. Suggestions are always welcome. Any member can come up with an idea for an event and bring it forward to the Activity Chairperson. If an event requires a cost that would be expensed by the club, it would have to be approved by the Board of Directors.

CCDV Name Tags

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

New Members – get your name tags.

New Car - get your new name tag.

Tags are \$20.00 each. Min. of three orders are needed to send to the Company.

CCDV License Plates

Anyone interested in purchasing a Club License Plate,

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Regular CCDV Plate - \$38.00; Personalized CCDV Plate - \$166.00

CCDV 2026 Wall Calendar



It's that time again!

Time for the **2026 Club Wall Calendar**. Please submit a picture of your corvette to Tom Weigand @ webmaster@ccdv.com no later than **October 18th**

2026 Calendars will be available at the November General Membership meeting.

LAST CRUISE NIGHT 2025!

The last CCDV Cruise Night of 2025 was underwhelming. I don't think we had 20 beautiful cars..... and people that showed up for the free Hot Dogs. Nonetheless, those that showed up did enjoy the camaraderie and eat/drink the delicious hotdogs, pretzels, various sodas and waters.

A "BIG THANK YOU" goes out to **Candy Merlino**, and **Rose Ferrante** who ran this fun event. (Since Chris Merlino did not make it, Candy had to shoulder the bulk of the workload.)

The trophy winners were:

2021 Corvette	Hank Diekman	Red
2024 Corvette	Allen Solomon	Gray
2025 Mercedes AMG	Bruce Harris	White

The 50/50 winner won \$34, and his name was Tony Buonassisi.

And another Big Thank You to Tony Buonassisi who re-purposed many trophies for our use at the Cruise Nights.

Johnny Bacon

2025 CAVALCADE WINNERS

Corvette Club of Delaware Valley – 2025 Cavalcade



Awards Results

Special Awards

- Best in Show - Car # V15 John Giardina - 1958 Convertible
-
- Veterans Choice - Car # V33 Al Blundo - 2024 Convertible
-
- Bryner's Choice - Car # V44 Ron & Diane Levy - 1967 Convertible
-
- MBIT Choice - Car # 72 Jim & Edie Doan - 1961 Convertible
-
- Sunshine Foundation - Car 71 Steve Noble - 2007 Modified Coupe
-
- Kids' Choice - Car # C41 Jim Pauley - 2023 Convertible
-
- Best License Plate – Car # V67 Bill Gorczyca 2021 Coupe
-
- Survivor Award- Car # V60 Richard Decker 1967
-
- Top Participating Club – Fast Lane Corvettes

2025 CAVALCADE WINNERS

Visitors Cars

C1 - C8

C1 Stock

First Place – Car # V15 John Giardina 1958 Convertible

Second Place – Car # V64 Charles Staub 1962 Convertible

C1 Modified

First Place – Car # V19 Denis Gaeger 1958 Convertible

Second Place- Car # V25 Jim Cory 1962 Convertible

C2 Stock

First Place – Car # V44 Ron Levy 1967 Convertible

Second Place – Car # V39 Mario Diliberto 1967 Coupe

C2 Modified

First Place - Car # V53 Steve Strzempek 1967 Convertible

Second Place – Car # V49 Timothy J. Mosser 1964 Coupe

C3 Stock

First Place – Car # V43 Tom Vansyckle 1970 Coupe

Second Place – Car # V23 Adam Re 1969 Coupe

C3 Modified

First Place – Car # V22 Jeff Nonnemaker 1973 Coupe

Second Place – Car #62 Bob Nolan 1975 Coupe

C4 Stock

First Place Car # V69 Rich Osenlund 1996 Convertible

Second place – Car # V14 Barry Grife 1995 Convertible

C4 Modified

First Place – Car # V5 Dave & Pauline Molettiere 1988 Convertible

Second Place - Car # V90 Steve Szrempel's 1991 Coupe

C5 Stock

First Place – Car # V8 John Bertolotti 2003 Coupe

Second Place – Car # V36 Tim Buehrie 2001 Coupe

C6 Stock

First Place – Car # V11 Ed Jones 2013 Coupe

Second Place – Car # V9 Steve Lapp 2010 Callaway

C6 Modified

First Place – Car # V71 Steve Noble 2007 Coupe

Second Place – Car # V47 Anthony Clement 2006 Coupe

C7 Stock

First Place – Car # V1 Michael Tulio 2019 Convertible

Second Place – Car # V61 Denise Bodnar 2017 Convertible

2025 CAVALCADE WINNERS

C7 Modified

First Place – Car # V4 Bob Lundgren 2014 Coupe

Second Place – Car # V13 Robert Hee 2019 Z06 Coupe

C8 Stock

First Place – Car # V40 Mark Dresser 2022 Convertible

Second Place – Car # V59 David Moore 2025 Coupe

C8 Modified

First Place – Car # V67 Bill Gorczyca 2021 Coupe

Second Place – Car # V18 John Kostick, Jr 2023 Coupe

Participants' Choice – Top 8 CCDV Vehicles (CCDV Club members)

C1 - C8

- C1 – Jim & Edie Doan 1961
- C2 – Leo Adalbert 1966
- C3 – Leroy Blimegger 1968
- C4 - Ron Rammer 1987
- C5 – Bruce Harris 2003
- C6 – Frank Kitchen 2007
- C7 – Michael & Carole Canazaro 2019
- C8 – Don Scholz 2020

Total Registrations –

- Visiting Participants – 66
- CCDV Members - 50

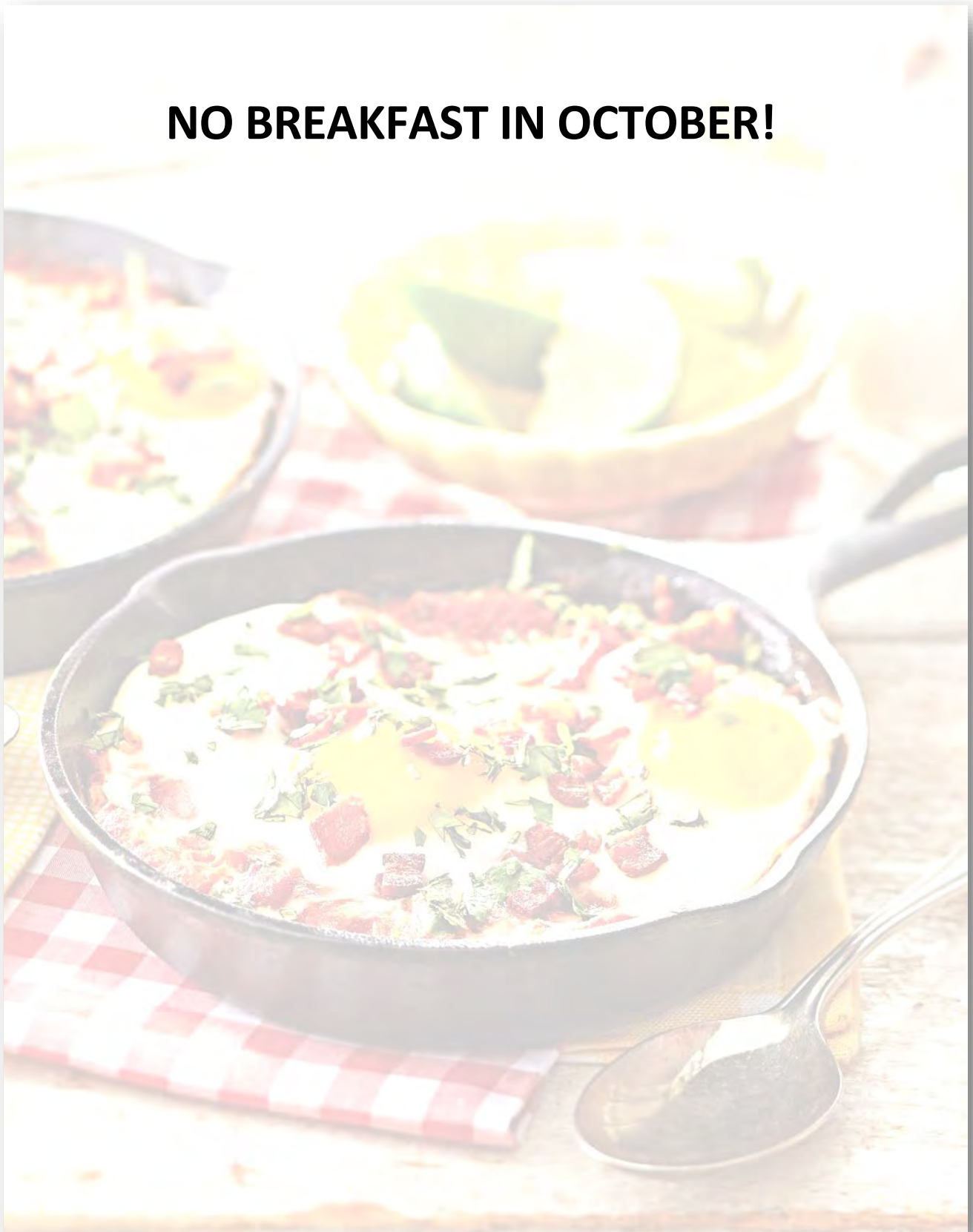
Check out our [Website](#) for Cavalcade Pictures!

Photos provided by Jim Pauley (CCDV Member)



CCDV Roving Breakfast

NO BREAKFAST IN OCTOBER!



CCDV Roving Dinner

Join Us for DINNER!

Sunday, October 19, 2025

At 6:00 PM

Scoogis Italian Kitchen & Bar

738 Bethlehem Pike

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Rain or Shine

**RSVP by 12 PM on 10/18/25 to
Johnny (Bacon) Benischeck 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**
for recommending this eatery!

Hope to see you there!

Johnny Bacon!

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS!



Corvette Trivia

In what year was the Corvette only available with automatic transmission?

See the last page of the GC for the answer

Acknowledgement to Hobby Car Corvette

First name	Last name	DATE
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Jack	Ciabattoni	2
Dennis	Matlack	3
Kenneth	Roton	3
John W	Hunsberger	3
Carole	Canazaro	3
Samantha	Munson	3
Clifton	Hamilton III	9
Miriam	Rogers	9
Chris	Harris	9
Dennis	Levitt	11
Ted	Popek	15
Ken	Caplin	19
Patti	Madden	20
William	Ehret	24
Clint	Ehlers	24
Barbara	Ditommaso	26
Luisa Maria I	Bearn	27
Robert	Jackson Jr.	28
Robert	VanHouten	30

MY CORVETTE STORY

Do you have a Corvette story to tell? Don't be bashful! We've all got a favorite story about our corvettes and how we came to the hobby and enjoyment of America's sports car. Submit your story today and I'll gladly put it in the Gas Cap! It's your newsletter and your story!

Evan Stone – GC Editor



NEWSWORTHY

If you are not a member of the NCM, consider joining and supporting the mission of the museum. If you love to travel, plan a visit today! If you have questions, our very own NCM CCDV Club Ambassador, **Jack DeLong**, will gladly answer your questions at any of our general membership meetings.

(All NCM links and images appear with permission from the NCM)



<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/>

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NEWSWORTHY CLUB PICNIC - SUNDAY 10/12/25

CCDV Picnic



SUNDAY, October 12, 2025 - 2:00pm to 6:00pm

MENU

BBQ Boneless Chicken – Grilled Chicken – 1/3 lb. Black Angus Burgers – Hotdogs

Pasta Salad – Tossed Garden Salad – Fresh Fruit Salad

Baked Beans – Corn on the Cob - Lemonade – Iced Tea – Water

\$10 Per Person

We ask that everyone please bring a small dessert (1 per couple, 1 per single)

Location is at Jim & Edy Doan's House

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Saturday, October 18, 2025

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No Rain Date.



NEWSWORTHY

BREAKFAST AT LANCER'S 9/28/25





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NEWSWORTHY

The VFW will be providing food services for our monthly meetings from 5:30 to 8PM. Wahoo is very open to input on menu items so if you have any ideas, please send them to info@CCDV.com. This is VFW's first attempt in recent memory to provide a full food service to CCDV members. Your support for this effort will go a long way in ensuring its success and possible future expansion for the Post.



CCDV CLUB EVENTS & HISTORY

LOOKING FOR CLUB EVENTS?

Check out the CCDV Club Calendar on the Club's website here:

<https://www.ccdv.com/ccdv-events/>

For History of the Club click here:

<https://www.ccdv.com/ccdv-history/>

[Click Here to Download "The 50 Year History of CCDV"](#)

JOEL'S JOLLIES



"The brain you got him must have come from a Corvette enthusiast."

Appears with permission from Corvette Blogger

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.

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CLASSIFIEDS – WANTED

#1 - Wanted - no longer wanted trophies - to be repurposed for Cruise Nights and special Cavalcade awards. Bring them to the monthly meeting or arrange for drop-off/pickup.

#2 - Wanted - Fabric, zippers, batting and sewing notions in good condition. Calling sewers/quilters/crafters - to go through your stash and pass along items you no longer have/plan to use - for projects like zippered pencil cases, backpacks, and tote bags, as well as softies (think small stuffed animals) - to be donated for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes.

Contact **Candy Merlino** @ either cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com or 215-779-9454 if you have any questions/items to donate.

The club is looking for Gas Cap Newsletters from the 1990s, 1980s, 1970s, & 1960s

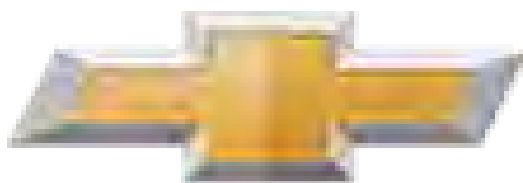
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