



The Gas Cap December 2025



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 **10th** consecutive year our club was represented in the **Philadelphia Veterans** parade. This year I didn't drive the **Grand Marshall** as he wanted to walk and shake hands with the crowd but instead, I drove Ms. **Pennsylvania**, which was fine with me. The club had a total of **8** Corvettes in the parade and **ABC** did a great job of showing all the cars and announcing our club. I want to thank the following members for giving up their time and car to be in the parade. They are **Roy Adams, Al Depue, Bill Nichols, Candy Merlino, Chris Merlino, Denny Matlock, and Steve Baker.**

The **November** General Membership meeting went well honoring our club members who were veterans. 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. I awarded the **Golden Shaft** award to **Edie and Jim Doan** in absentia for hosting the club picnic on their property which had about **42** members in attendance. I want to give a special '**Thank you**' to the members who brought a lot of non-perishables items to the meeting that will be placed on the shelves in the **Ft. Dix** food pantry for needy veteran families.

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

As in the past there will be no **December** General Membership meeting. But there is the annual Holiday party in which we sold **56** tickets as of this writing. As always, we will have a great time and an enjoyable evening. I'm looking forward to the event.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday this month.

I wish you and your families the best

Ed

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President Ed Bonk presented November's Golden Shaft award to **Jim and Edie Doan** for the gracious offer to again provide their home for the annual club picnic.

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WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

Total Members to date – 290

Welcome New Members!

No new members this month

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.

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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



**2026 Calendars will be available for purchase at the
January General Membership meeting.**

CCDV Roving Breakfast

Join Us for Breakfast!

Saturday, December 20, 2025

At 9:30 AM

Warminster West Diner

333 West Street Road

Warminster, PA 18974

Rain or Shine

RSVP by 2 PM on 12/19/25 to
Johnny (Bacon) Benischek at (215) 208-6620

OR

Respond on the CCDV Website's Forum

Hope to see you there!

Johnny Bacon!

CCDV Roving Dinner

NO DINNER IN DECEMBER



HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS!



First name	Last name	Date
Karen	Sinn	3
Shirley	Blumenstock	4
Chris	Harmon	5
Nicholas	Bruck	8
Jennifer	Auslander	10
William	Washnock	13
Tim	Simmons	14
Sue	Fellman	17
John	Benischeck	18
Bruce	Harris	20
Russell	Bentman	23
Dave	Peterson	23
Allan	Lane	24
Debbie	Scott	25
Bill	Neff	26
Bill	Huey	27
Jim	Naylor	27
Jackie	Henderson	31

Corvette Trivia

What was the first year for the option of glass T-tops on a Corvette?

See the last page of the GC for the answer
Acknowledgement to Hobby Car Corvette

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.

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

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<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/pop-culture-and-corvette/>





NEWSWORTHY CCDV Holiday Party!

2025 CCDV HOLIDAY PARTY
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2025
6 pm to 10 pm



SPRING MILL COUNTRY CLUB
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It's that time again to start thinking of the Holiday Party.
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Chicken Marsala w/ Mushrooms, Marsala Wine, Garlic, & Shallots in a Demi-Glace,
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Hors D'oeuvres 6 pm - 7 pm
Sit-Down Dinner 7 pm - 8 pm
Rose & Dor's Trivia Game 8 pm - 8:30 pm
Dancing 8:30 - 10 pm
CASH BAR

We are limited to 70 people, so reserve your spot early!

Payment Due by November 19, 2025

Mail checks payable to CCDV to:

John Benischeck - 15104 Dahlia Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19116

Chicken Marsala - \$37.00
North Atlantic Salmon - \$45.00
Roasted New York Sirloin - \$50.00

Name _____ Entrée Choice _____

Name _____ Entre Choice _____

Payment Amount Enclosed \$ _____

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



NEWSWORTHY

Philadelphia Veteran's Day Parade

Special Shout Outs to: Steve Baker, Roy Adams, Denny Matlack, Al Depue, Bill Nichols, Chris Merlino, Candy Merlino and Ed Bonk for their participation.





NEWSWORTHY

Philadelphia Veteran's Day Parade



NEWSWORTHY

Hatboro Christmas Parade



Special Shout Outs to: Denny Matlack, Kevin & Anmarie Allen, Candy Merlino, Al Depue, Jerry Holfus, Russ Thomas, John, Steve Baker, and Chris Merlino (Pics in order from top left on page 15 -16)





NEWSWORTHY HATBORO CHRISTMAS PARADE





NEWSWORTHY

BREAKFAST AT HERITAGE RESTAURANT 11/8/25



NEWSWORTHY



DINNER AT SCOOGIS 11/18/25





NEWSWORTHY CECF DONATIONS 2025

CECF Donations for 2025 Charities

- **Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Society** **\$1,000.00**
1800 Tomlinson Road Philadelphia, PA 19116
Attn: Ed Bonk
- **Lenape Foundation** **\$1,000.00**
500 N West Street Doylestown, PA 18901
Attn: Suzanne Roadhouse
- **Sunshine Foundation** **\$1,000.00**
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Attn: Kate Sample
- **Martha's Choice Marketplace & Community Farm** **\$1,000.00**
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Philadelphia, PA 19176
- **Juvenile Diabetes RF** **\$1,000.00**
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3040 David Drive Abington, PA 19001-4006
- **University of Delaware Lab School Playground** **\$2,000.00**
In Memory of Cynthia Paris (Bob Lear's Wife)
459 Wyoming Road, Newark, DE 19716

Total \$10,000.00



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:

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

JOEL'S JOLLIES



*“If I’m going to be delivering gifts
all over the world, why not have
fun doing it?”*

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CLASSIFIEDS – FOR SALE

For Sale: \$49,900.00 – George Seymour’s Car

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1 of 234 Coupes. 1 of 148 Manual Transmissions. 1 of 500 without Navigation system

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Contact: 2008indypacecar@gmail.com



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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

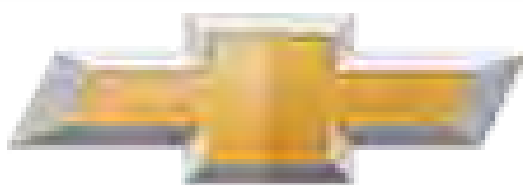
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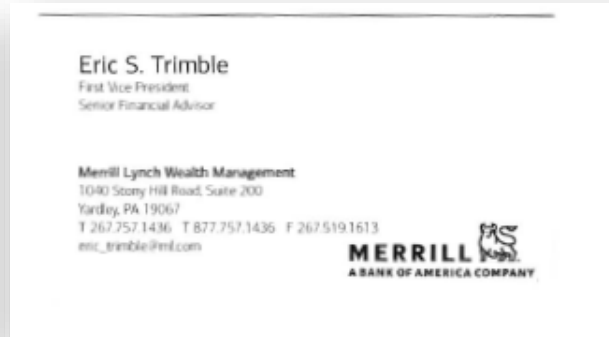
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Corvette Trivia Answer:

Glass T-tops were first offered as an option in 1978. They are still an option today.