



# The Gas Cap February 2026



A Monthly Publication of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone stayed warm during the month of **January** as it was very cold. With the snow we got during the month I feel it was a complete disaster concerning the roads and transportation in trying to go somewhere. The temperature is **22** degrees as I write this message which is not Corvette weather.

Despite the weather the **January** General Membership meeting had a good turnout. I asked my Officers and Board members to stand up and introduce themselves as we have **3** new Board members and this gave the attendees a chance to see who they are and their roles in making **2026** a very successful year. The **Golden Shaft** award was presented to **John Benischeck** for performing a superlative job during **2025** with planning the breakfasts, lunches and picnic events. Congratulations **John** on a job well done. I also proudly presented **Dave Peterson**, our club sponsor, with two awards. The first award was dedicated to him personally and he can put it in his office. It was a clear Acrylic Tower for his longstanding support and unwavering loyalty to the **Corvette Club of Delaware Valley**. The second award was dedicated to **Bryner Chevrolet** and will be put up on the wall in the customers' waiting room. It was an **Executive Plaque** for the dealerships' longstanding support and generous sponsorship to the **Corvette Club of Delaware Valley**. Thank you, Dave, as all the club's members appreciate your support throughout the years.

The **February** General Membership will be at the **Warminster VFW** on the **18<sup>th</sup>** starting at **7:00 pm**.

I wish you and your families the best.

Ed

## WHO GOT THE “SHAFT”?



Johnny "Bacon" Benischeck receives the Golden Shaft Award presented to him by President Ed Bonk at the January 18<sup>th</sup> club meeting. He is acknowledged for his hard work creating activities for the club. If one knows of Johnny, he is certainly worthy of the award.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

At the January 18, 2026, meeting, President Ed Bonk, on behalf of the club, presented Bryner Chevrolet owner Dave Peterson with two awards.

One award recognized Bryner for their support of the club, stating; "In recognition of its longstanding support and generous sponsorship of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley.

The other award for Dave read, "In recognition of his longstanding support and unwavering loyalty to the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley.



# SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Pictures of the recognition plaque installed at Bryner.  
Photos courtesy of Jim Pauley



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# WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

**Total Members to date – 299**

**Welcome New Members!**

**Lawrence Kronstain – 1999 White Convertible**

**Don Wilson – 2017 Long Beach Red Coupe**

**Hal & Donna Robbins - 2026 Red Mist Coupe**





# WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

## New Membership Application for 2026



### Membership Application

#### Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ + Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address (this is how we stay in touch): \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to club by: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Corvette(s): **Please include a Photo of you and the car.**  Check if you want to add the pic to the CCDV calendar.

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ Coupe Convertible Model (Z06, LT1 etc) \_\_\_\_\_

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Why would you like to be a member of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley?

Will you commit to working in some capacity at the Cavalcade of Corvettes? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Will you attend at least 2 club events (meeting/breakfast/dinner/picnic/holiday party)? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Would you like to prepay for a name tag with application (\$15 vs \$20 after accepted)? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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# 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 was 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 show 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 facilitate the club's 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](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://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](mailto: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,

please contact: **Jeff Kauf** - [kauf.jeff@gmail.com](mailto:kauf.jeff@gmail.com)

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

## CCDV 2026 Wall Calendar



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

Like taking pictures of your vette? Want to see it in the 2027 calendar? Then take a great shot and send it to Tom Weigand @ [webmaster@ccdv.com](mailto:webmaster@ccdv.com)

# CCDV Roving Breakfast

## Join Us for Breakfast!

Saturday, February 7, 2026

At 9:30 AM

### Lancers Diner

858 Easton Road  
Horsham, PA 19044

### *Rain or Shine*

RSVP by 12 PM Noon on 2/06/26 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 Denny & Eileen Matlack who  
recommended this Venue!

Hope to see you there!  
Johnny Bacon!

# CCDV Roving Dinner

**Join Us for DINNER!**

**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

**At 5:00 PM**

**Panache Woodfire Grill**

**602 W. Skippack Pike**

**Blue Bell, PA 19422**

*Rain or Shine*

**RSVP by 2 PM 02/27/26 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 FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS!



## Corvette Trivia

Though designer Harley Earl was the creator of the Corvette, who became known as “The father of the corvette”?

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

First	Last	Date
Linda	Zaks	1
Sue	Magaruh	2
Maria	Gemmi	5
Sandy	Josephs	7
Marg	Klick	8
Nancy	Simmons	10
Finola	Kozak	11
Charles	Muldrow	14
Jeffery	Skalicky	14
Richard	Tynes	17
Barbra	Sainsurin	18
Lydia	Hamada	19
Shirlee	Schumann	21
Robert	Neisser	21
Julie	Kauf	21
Barbara	Blenheim	22
Jim	Mossop	24
Bob	Lima	25



## 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

## Breakfast at Michael's 1-24-26



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**Breakfast at Michael's 1-24-26**





# NEWSWORTHY

## Dinner at Taormina's 1-5-26





## 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](mailto: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



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## CLASSIFIEDS – FOR SALE

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

This 2008 Chevrolet Corvette coupe is **Number 293 of 500 Indy Pace Car Edition**.  
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**Contact: 2008indypacecar@gmail.com**



## CLASSIFIEDS – FOR SALE

2008 Jet Stream Blue, Z51 Corvette with heads up display and 2-tone grey seats. 3100 miles

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## CLASSIFIEDS – FOR SALE

### FOR SALE

### 2017 C7 ITEMS

They are for a 2017 C7 Stingray.  
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**#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](mailto:cmerlino.ccdv@yahoo.com) or 215-779-9454 if you have any questions/items to donate.

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

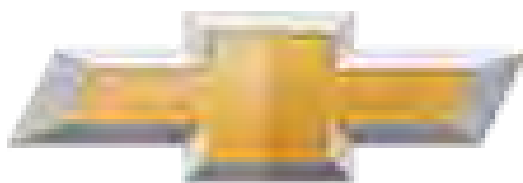
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**You can mail them to our Club PO Box or bring them to a club event.**

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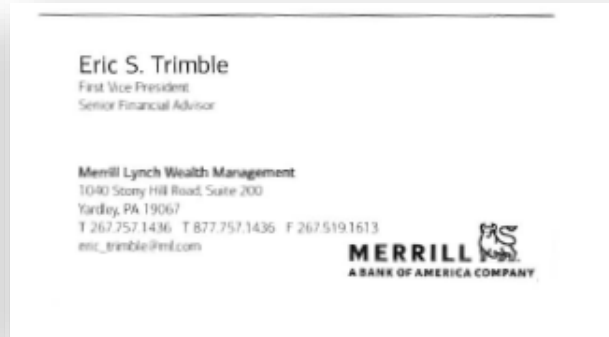
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**Zora Arkus-Duntov, a GM engineer, earned this title following his many contributions to increasing the Corvette's power and improving its performance.**