



The Gas Cap

March 2026



A Monthly Publication of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this message and look out my window you don't have to guess what surrounds my house and street. If you guessed snow, you got it right. I'm so glad I found someone that I pay to plow and shovel that dreaded uninvited snow. But with that said it won't be long before my landscaper is here planting my flower garden. And yes, for all you members who don't think I know what a flower is because I live in Philadelphia ride by my house in June. You will be surprised.

The **February** General Membership meeting went very well, and we had **3** people who own a Corvette came to the meeting to check it out. They enjoyed the camaraderie and social fun and at the end of the meeting they joined the club. That was a big plus for our GM meeting as to how everyone has fun as well as reporting on the financials and activities. I'm looking for guest speakers for our meetings so please contact me or any member of the Board if you have someone in mind.

Despite the cold weather a lot of nice events are in full swing for the upcoming summer.

Just as a '**FYI**' the **Ocean City N.J. Boardwalk Corvette** show has **26** CCDV members registered and **125** open reservations left to be filled. If you plan on being in the show I wouldn't wait much longer to sign up.

The March General Membership will be at the **Warminster VFW** on the **18th** starting at **7:00 pm**.

I wish you and your families the best.

Ed

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WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

Total Members to date – 301
Welcome New Members!

Michael Kirkpatrick – 1972 Yellow Coupe
Pat Ryan – 2010 Black Convertible





WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!

New Membership Application for 2026



Membership Application

Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

P.O. Box 397, Willow Grove, PA 19090

Phone: (215) 938-7722

Email: info@ccdv.com

Website: www.ccdv.com

Single Membership (\$50/Yr) ____ (1st year) after July 1 (\$30/Yr) ____

Couples Membership (\$60/Yr) ____ (1st year) after July 1(\$40/Yr) ____

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) _____

Year: _____ Color: _____ Coupe Convertible Model _____

Year: _____ Color: _____ Coupe Convertible Model _____

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.

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,

please contact: **Jeff Kauf** - 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
March 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

CCDV Roving Breakfast

Join Us for Breakfast!

Saturday, March 14, 2026

At 9:30 AM

Santiago's

935 Horsham Road

Horsham, PA 19044

*(Santiago's is about 150 yards west of Horsham Road.
It is in the Babylon Business Campus. There is a
"Santiago's" sign on Horsham Road.)*

(215)675-5655

Rain or Shine

RSVP by 11 AM on 3/13/26 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 **Dor & Jack DeLong** who recommended this Venue!

Hope to see you there!
Johnny Bacon!

CCDV Roving Dinner

Join Us for DINNER!

Sunday, March 29, 2026

At 5:00 PM

Amalio's Pizza & Pasta

1145 York Road

Warminster, PA 18974

Rain or Shine

**RSVP by 1 PM 03/28/26 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 **Kathy Benischeck**
for recommending this eatery!

Hope to see you there!

Johnny Bacon!

HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS!



Corvette Trivia

Where is the name "Corvette"
derived from?

See the last page of the GC for the answer
Acknowledgement to Robb Report

Judy	Burnley	1
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Eileen	Matlack	5
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John	DeLong	12
Robert	Lear	12
Donna	Robbins	13
John	Bell	15
Robert	Whinney	15
Patrick	Ryan	16
Henry	Weikel	17
Allan	DePue	18
Patrick	Phillips	18
Michael	Matt	19
Jeff	Kauf	20
Tom	Weigand	20
Paul	Krajnenko	21
John	Gillin	22
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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/>

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

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





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The Name “Corvette” – Jack DeLong

“CORVETTE” — WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THAT NAME?

On January 17, 1953, a new sports car made by General Motors was introduced to the public in New York City and it was named “CORVETTE”. It was a beautiful sports car, and the public response was very positive and that car still excites people today. When you enter the historic display area at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky, you pass a small model of a ship, and the model is labelled “Corvette”. I have passed that ship model dozens of times, but I had never seriously questioned “what is a Corvette?” What does that small ship model represent? Why would GM Chevrolet choose that name for a beautiful sports car known for its styling, handling and above all a name that is so identified with “America’s Sports Car?” Curiosity, yes, so it was time for me to do some research.

To understand Corvette the ship it is first essential to have some understanding of world history in the time frame between 1939 and 1945 when the world was at war. In 1940 Britain stood alone against Germany who at that time possessed, without question, the finest military of that time. Poland had fallen to German forces in weeks in 1939, followed by Norway, the low countries of Belgium, Holland and then France in 1940. After the capitulation of France in June of 1940, only 23 miles of water, the English Channel at its’ narrowest, separated the German Army from an invasion of Britain itself. But the RAF, Royal Air Force, never lost control of the sky and without control of the sky an invasion was not possible. Germany, as it did in World War I, declared unrestricted submarine warfare on Britain. It had come close to strangling Britain in 1917 and the German submarines, often referred to as U-boats, were unleashed and within the German Navy there was great confidence that it could be accomplished; Germany would starve Britain into submission. Britain without external sources of food, fuel, critical raw materials and the weapons of war would be starved into submission by no later than 1943. Germany immediately declared unrestricted submarine warfare on Britain and by 1942 Germany was launching twenty-two U-boats per month. What is now called the *Battle of the Atlantic* commenced; its goal was to destroy the supply ships and the materials that kept Britain alive, Britain that unsinkable island just 23 miles in distance from occupied Europe would be starved into defeat. When on December 11, 1941, Germany declared war on the United States unrestricted submarine warfare was unleashed on the US in what many historians refer to as the second US Pearl Harbor. The results were devastating to Britain and the United States especially in 1941, 1942 and early 1943.

The Battle of the Atlantic lasted from 1939 to 1945. It was the longest continuing battle of World War II. 3,675 allied ships were lost and of that number over 2,700 transports were lost. Measured in lives lost 72,000 men were killed. A transport ship sailing alone had little possibility of reaching its destination, so ships sailed in convoys a tactic developed in WW I but even in convoy the losses were staggering. In one convoy of 35 transports only 15 reached Britain, another convoy lost 21 of 43 cargo vessels. When the USA entered the war, the Battle of the Atlantic was raging, and the US was totally unprepared initially.

Convoys needed escort ships to counter the U-boat menace. This task was usually assigned to destroyers, and the British Navy had a superb destroyer, but it was needed by the fleet, and it took about a year and a half to complete, maybe more from laying the keel to full combat ready deployment. As a warship, it required special materials in short supply, highly skilled shipyard workers and the destroyer was



expensive to make. Of critical importance convoy escorts were needed in the hundreds. The U-boats attacked in coordinated packs so one escort, even two or three for a convoy, was inadequate, just one large convoy would need a minimum of half dozen or more escorts. A small British civilian shipyard offered a daring proposal: why not convert an existing simple design that was a whaling/fishing boat and make it into an escort ship? A 700-ton whaling vessel never designed for the seas of the North Atlantic, are you serious? However, there were mitigating considerations, one being that an escort did not have to sink the enemy, it had only to keep him away from the cargo ships a similar analogy might be to a sheep dog protecting his flock. The sheep dog doesn't go off and kill the wolves; it keeps them away from the flock. The whale boat concept did not require highly skilled shipyard workers; it was of riveted construction and did not use critical materials needed for other warships. In addition, it did not take long to make comparatively, and it was cheap to make. One whale boat cost one tenth of a destroyer and that amounted to ten escorts for the price of one destroyer in a fraction of the time. At peak production, shipyards in Britain and Canada made in total 294 whalers, let's now call them "*Corvettes*", one coming down the launching ways every 4 days. Of that total, 122 were made in Canada. And who else but the British would name a class of warships the "*Flower Class*" with individual names like the Blue Bell, Periwinkle, and so on. However, one flower name that was rejected was the Pansy. In contrast, the Canadians named their ships after towns and

cities. And of historical interest, the overall name for the ship, “Corvette” was chosen by none other than Winston Churchill from a class of ship from bygone days.

What were some of the characteristics of the Corvette? She was of simple riveted construction with a wartime weight of 925 tons and weighed slightly less than half of a destroyer at about 2,000 tons. The Corvette had a simple commercial triple expansion steam engine that produced 3,000 horsepower that turned one propeller and under favorable conditions of relatively calm seas could achieve a speed of 16 knots. Let’s contrast that to the British Tribal class destroyer (1936 design) that had a top speed of 36 knots from 44,000 horsepower. Surprisingly a German U-boat on the surface could do 17 knots – unbelievable that the surfaced U-boat was slightly faster! The Corvette initially had one deck gun rated as a four pounder, but the U-boat deck gun was more powerful. Even more astounding was a reference in two sources that at least one Corvette went on convoy duty with no deck gun as none were available, so a pole was inserted in the gun mount to look operational and hopefully deceive the Germans. Corvettes were not designed for the seas of the North Atlantic and they rolled up to 40 degrees each way from dead center. Sailors said they would “even roll on wet grass”. With a length of just 205 feet and a beam of 33 feet Corvettes did not slice through the waves, they went up one side and down the other. Imagine that in the storms of the Atlantic?

Serving on a Corvette was without a doubt terrible for the crew. It was noted as the most uncomfortable ship in the British or Canadian Navy to serve on. The ship’s rolling compounded by the up and down motion in rough seas caused much seasickness and the crews were often wet for days. The first Corvettes produced did not have a fully enclosed bridge and the bridge top was made of canvas and the deck at amidships was very close to the water line further aggravating the wet conditions. The ships had no refrigeration, so chow was mostly canned food and the cooks’ job to provide meals was almost impossible until the galley was moved closer to the center of the ship. Overcrowding was severe. The whaling crew consisted of about 41 men but the Corvette at war had a crew of twice that number totaling 88 and up to 95 men. Early in the war, officers were taken from civilian ships and made into Navy officers while the crew, all young men, came from all walks of life. For the Canadians, many had never even seen the ocean. Under duress the crews came together; they depended on each other and bonded and a real pride developed. “I served on a Corvette” became a badge of honor that they bestowed on themselves. There were few medals; if your convoy made it successfully to port you had just done your duty. And the Corvette was constantly modified so much so that it was said no two were ever identical and older ships came in for major upgrades learned from the hard experience of war.



The Battle of the Atlantic reached its peak in May of 1943 when Germany lost 41 U-boats in one month and was forced to limit its submarine operations. There are many factors in the submarine losses. These include vastly improved radar, improved sonar, forward firing depth charges known as hedgehogs, improved allied tactics and most significantly closing the mid ocean air gap with long range bombers that could stay aloft for exceedingly long

flight times. But it is also the escorts that shielded the transports and fifty percent of all the escorts were Corvettes and Corvettes rank number two in the number of U-boats sunk; only aircraft sank more submarines. Without Corvette one can only ponder the outcome of the war? What if Britain had been starved into submission and under German occupation?

Winston Churchill who was credited with naming these ships *Corvettes* also said of them: “the cheap and nasties”. Thirty-six were lost to enemy action, most being struck by torpedoes and for all those lost ships only about 20 percent of their crews survived. The convoy never stopped. After the war the Corvettes had no further use and were the first ships to be scrapped and of the 294 made only one survives to this day. That Corvette was made in Canada and was named after the Canadian town of Sackville. She was restored to her wartime configuration and today is a floating museum in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Why would GM Chevrolet name its new sports car after a British designed whale boat that went to war?

I can only surmise but one thing is certain to me. All the people involved with the first Corvette lived through World War II and undoubtedly knew about the Battle of the Atlantic. Corvette, the car was first built just seven years after the conclusion of the war and the memory of World War II would be fresh in their minds. Corvette, the ship, was “cheap and nasty” but it did the job and for that we should be so thankful. That ship is a fitting tribute to America’s Sports Car. It should be remembered for its contribution in obtaining the final victory when victory was never a certainty in the early years of the conflict.

Jack DeLong
February 6, 2026

Vettes at Virginia Beach

April 26, 2026 (9:00 am – 2:00 pm)

Corvette Fun Car Show



Nationally Sanctioned Event



Pre-Registration on Eventbrite \$35.00
 Pre-Registration ends April 22
 Registration on Event Day \$50.00
 QR Register by mail w/ attached form postmarked by Apr 20



New Realm
 1209 Craft Ln
 VB, VA 23454

Host Hotel (beachfront):
Courtyard Virginia Beach
 Oceanfront/North 37th St
 3737 Atlantic Ave. VB, VA
 757-313-6754

Meet & Greet on
Saturday, April
25 at Host Hotel

*****Trophies*****

*****A portion of our proceeds support local charities*****

Indoor Restrooms Available!	Registration Time: 8:30am – 9:45am Drivers Meeting: 9:45 am	This event is rain or shine
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Optional Saturday Fun Events:
Dolphin Watch & Bourbon Tasting

 LATE MODEL DOMESTICS			
			



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Vettes at Virginia Beach

April 26, 2026



A Nationally Sanctioned Event

Registration Form

Mail registration form and \$35.00 postmarked by April 20, 2026. (Day of event is \$50.00.)

Name: (Driver) _____ NCCC Number: _____

Name: (Passenger) _____ NCCC Number: _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: () _____ Club Name _____

e-mail address _____

Corvette Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

Signed _____ Date _____

Host Hotel – Courtyard Virginia Beach Oceanfront/North 37th St*

3737 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23451 Phone: 757-313-6754 - Mention **BEACHCOMBERS**

BOOK NOW

Block of Rooms reserved Apr 24, 25, 26 (hotel includes free guest parking)

Meet & Greet – Apr 25 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm **FREE**

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Y / N Number attending? (1 or 2)

Dolphin Watching by Rudee Tours - Registration:

Saturday, Apr 25th 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

BOOK NOW

Save \$6 on each Regular Adult Ticket using PROMO Code: **26CORVETTE**

Check out the website to learn more: <https://www.rudeetours.com/>

Tarnished Truth Bourbon Distillery Tour & Tasting at Historic Cavalier Hotel

Saturday, April 25th - Group Tasting Times* at 3:00 pm, 4:00 pm & 5:00 pm.

(757) 965-9652

Mention Beachcombers Corvette Club to be placed with scheduled group.

*The venue may adjust tasting times depending on the size of the group. Check out the website to learn more: <https://tarnishedtruth.com>

Make **Car Show** checks payable to
"Beachcombers Corvette Club" and mail to:
Beachcombers Corvette Club
P.O. Box 6721
Virginia Beach, VA 23456

OR

Register
everything
through
Eventbrite
HERE





NEWSWORTHY

CORVETTES & COFFEE



at Bryner Chevrolet

Calling Corvette owners and Corvette lovers - this one's for you!
Bring your Vette, grab some coffee, and hang out with fellow
enthusiasts for an event packed with horsepower and good vibes!

Sunday, June 7, 2026

9AM to 1PM (Rain Date June 21, 2026)

1750 The Fairway, Jenkintown, PA 19046

Free to attend - just bring your love for Corvettes!
All Corvettes Welcome - C1 thru C8 * No Registration
Question? Email Jim: 157jim157@gmail.com





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Corvette Club of Delaware Valley Presents the 54th ANNUAL **CAVALCADE OF CORVETTES**

Middle Bucks Institute of Technology (MBIT)
2740 York Rd., Jamison, PA

Saturday, September 19, 2026 (8am-3pm) Registration 8 to 10am
Free to Spectators! Rain Date: September 26, 2026

Ultimate Corvette Show Experience!
*Rare Corvettes, Music, Food, Charity Auction,
Kids Activities, Trophies, and More!*

Registration Form at: www.ccdv.com & we are on Facebook

Or contact Jeff Kauf @ kauf.jeff@gmail.com

\$30 Pre-registration / \$35 Day of Registration

Free T-Shirt to the first 100 pre-registered participants

For Non-CCDV Members/Guests: Trophies awarded for 1st place in each class (Stock or Modified), C1 thru C8, along with Best in Show, Sunshine Foundation, Veteran's Choice, Kid's Choice, \$100 cash prize for Best Corvette Club Participation, and many other specialty trophies. For CCDV Members: Trophies will be awarded based upon participant voting.

Early departures forfeit trophy * No Alcohol, Drugs, or Firearms permitted on school premises.

Partial proceeds benefit local charities.





NEWSWORTHY TRI-STATE Corvette Show



2026 Corvettes at Peddler's Village

Registration begins at 7:30 AM

Participants must be registered by 9:30 AM

Pre-registration Fee: \$30

(Non-Refundable)

Deadline: September 30, 2026

Day of Show Registration Fee: \$35

Custom designed Tri-State gifts for the first 100 pre-registered participants *(must be present to receive)*

Proceeds Benefit Local Charities

(Please bring an unwrapped toy for our Secret Santa project)

Judged Show

Trophies awarded at end of judging. Early pull-outs/ departures forfeit trophies.

- Most Original Antique (25+ years)
- Best of Show
- Best Club Participation Monetary Award

Classes (Entry Codes)

Concours*

(Suitable for NCRS judging)

- 1953-2026 (CC)

**All trailered cars are considered Concours*

Modified

(3 or more modifications)

- 1953-1982 (MD-123)
- 1984-2013 (MD-456)
- 2014-2025 (MD-78)

Stock

(Less than 3 minor modifications)

1953-1962 (S-1)	2001-2004 (S-5B)	2020-2022 (S-8AC)
1963-1967 (S-2)	2005-2009 (S-6A)	2020-2022 (S-8AR)
1968-1974 (S-3A)	2010-2013 (S-6B)	2023-2026 (S-8BC)
1975-1982 (S-3B)	2014-2015 (S-7A)	2023-2026 (S-8BR)
1984-1996 (S-4)	2016-2017 (S-7B)	
1997-2000 (S-5A)	2018-2019 (S-7C)	

Click Here to Register -[2026 Registration](#)

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Breakfast at Lancers February 7th



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Dinner at Panache Wood Fire Grill February 28th





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CORVETTE SHOW

SPRING INTO SUMMER!
WITH CORVETTE ANNAPOLIS

April 11, 2026

AT CULT CLASSIC BREWERY
STEVENSVILLE, MD

Pre-Register at
www.CorvetteAnnapolis.com -- \$30
Day-of-Show \$40 (space-A)

Everyone Welcome!
Spectators Free!

Gates open at 9AM
Registration 10-1100
Awards at 1:30PM



*A portion of proceeds benefit
...fello family programs*



Awards:
Best In Show
Top 10
Best Interior & Exterior
Spectator's Choice
Five (5) NCCC Sanctions

For more info: Doug McCuiston at DougMccuiston1@gmail.com



Corvette
ANNAPOLIS



fello.



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.



In Memoriam

Paying Tribute To Members Who Have Passed

Barry L. Hunsicker

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Barry L. Hunsicker, 84, a resident of Telford since 2016, formerly of Harleysville, went home peacefully to be with the Lord at his residence on Sunday, February 15, 2026.

He was the beloved husband of Frances “Fran” (Crouthamel) Hunsicker with whom he shared 46 wonderful years of marriage. Born November 14, 1941, in Quakertown, he was a son of the late Hiram I. and Grace (Ratzell) Hunsicker.

Barry was a 1959 graduate of Quakertown Community High School.

He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. From 1960 to 1964, he served as an aircraft maintenance administrator with Marine Aircraft Group 11 at NAS Atsugi, Japan, and for VMJ-2 at MCAS Cherry Point, North Carolina.

Afterwards, he attended the University of Tennessee and was elected to Tau Beta Pi, the national engineering honor society. In 1970, he graduated Maxima Cum Laude from LaSalle University earning a bachelor’s degree in mathematics. Late in 1977, he became a registered professional engineer in Pennsylvania.

Barry was employed by Bell of Pennsylvania for 25 years, retiring in 1991 as an engineering manager. Afterwards, he was a motorcoach driver for Perkiomen Tours in Pennsburg, touring the eastern and midwestern United States, Canada, California, and Alaska. He worked for the company for 33 years, a role he truly enjoyed.

Barry was active in the Pennridge Chamber of Commerce serving on the board of directors. He was a member of the VFW Forrest Lodge Post #245 in Sellersville, the Marine Corps League Tri-Boro Detachment #568 in Red Hill, the Corvette Club of

Delaware Valley in Willow Grove, and a life member of American Legion Post #242 in Quakertown. He assisted seniors with tax preparation as part of the AARP program.

Barry was a longtime member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Souderton, serving on church council, on an usher team, and in other capacities. He had a love for reading the newspaper, following Penn State football and the Philadelphia Eagles, studying military history, traveling, dining out, and spending time with his family and friends. Barry will be remembered as a caring, sociable, easygoing, and kind man. In addition to his wife, Fran, he is survived by his children: Suzanne "Sue" M. Lindsay and partner Dwayne Holmes of Ambler, Pennsylvania; Roger N. Hunsicker of Glenside, Pennsylvania; Cheryl A. Coghlan and husband James of Chesapeake, Virginia; and Christopher "Chris" Hunsicker and wife Brandi of Chesapeake, Virginia. Barry had 11 grandchildren: Jacqueline Taylor and husband William, Toni Bell and husband Andrew, Paige Martin and husband Cole, Alana Coghlan, Selma Coghlan and fiancé Noah Todd, Lucius Coghlan, Quincy Coghlan, Truett Coghlan, Coleton Hunsicker, Cason Hunsicker, and Caroline Hunsicker. He also had three great-grandchildren: Trystan Drew, Tobias Martin, and Malcolm Martin. Close family friends will also cherish his memory.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2026, from 9:00 am to 10:30 am at Anders-Detweiler Funeral Home & Crematory, 130 East Broad Street, Souderton, PA, followed by a Celebration of Life service at 10:30 am.

Inurnment will take place at Immanuel Leidy's Church Cemetery in Souderton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, The Cooper Center, 18251 Quantico Gateway Drive, Triangle, VA 22172-1776 or donate online at <https://www.toysfortots.org/>.

Arrangements are by Anders-Detweiler Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences may be offered at www.andersfh.com.

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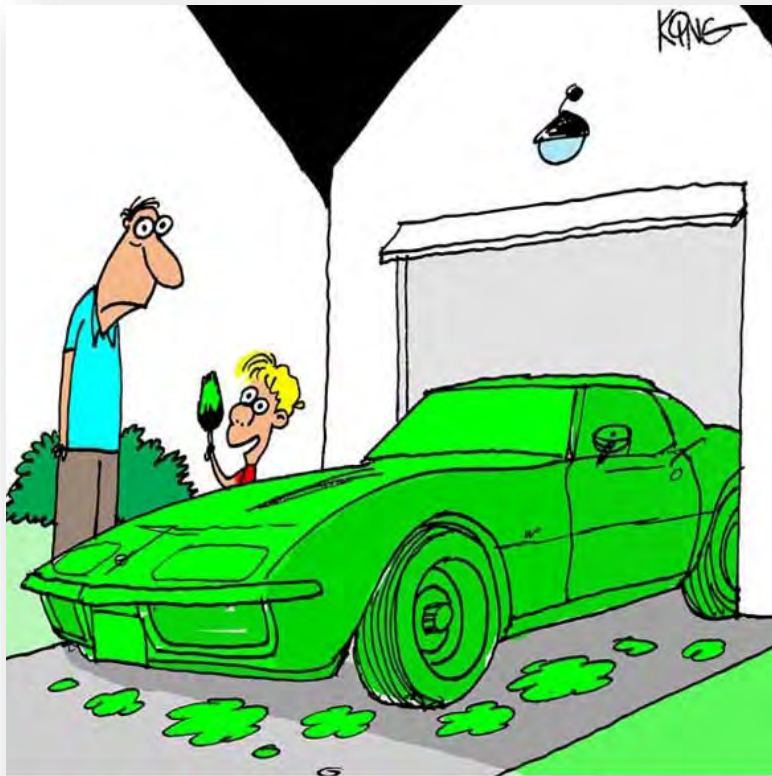
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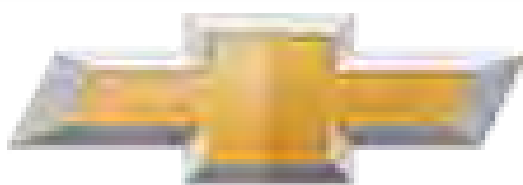
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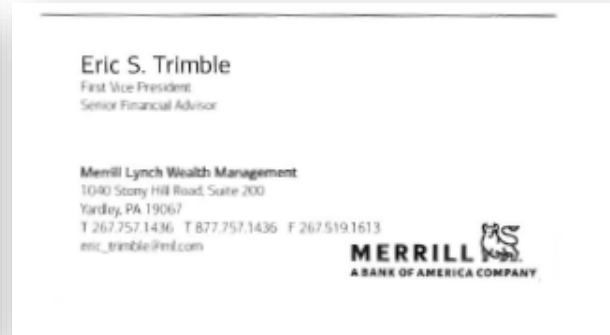
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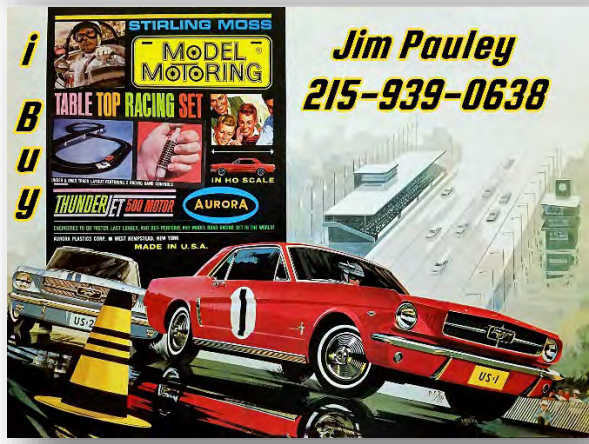
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