



The Gas Cap January 2025



A Monthly Publication of the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a great and Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and a happy New Year with your family and friends. This past year (2024) was very successful and entertaining with all its events and activities. Looking forward to the New Year (2025) I predict that it will be just as successful.

The club as in previous years did not have a December General Membership meeting. But we did have the annual Holiday party and what a success that night was as it was held at the Spring Mill Country Club in Ivyland. There were 66 members and friends in attendance and the food and service was excellent. Additionally, there was a trivia contest and dancing to fulfill the night. Just so you know I did not dance. I didn't have enough beers to be like a John Travolta clone on the dance floor. A special 'Thank you' to John Benischeck and Rose Ferrante for planning and organizing the event and Dor DeLong for putting together the trivia contest which was a lot of fun. Congratulations to you guys for a job well done.

The January 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



WELCOME NEW CCDV MEMBERS!



Welcome!!

Gene Reavis – 2008 Yellow Coupe

Total Members to date - 294!!

Member Name Tags

\$20.00 Each - Must Pay at Time of Order

Contact: Candy Merlino (215) 779-9454

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

Attention all members: 2025 membership renewals will be sent beginning January to your email address. **If you have made any changes to your address, phone numbers, email addresses, cars, etc. Please send your changes to: membership@ccdvd.com. The deadline for renewals is March 31.** After the deadline, your renewal will be at new member price.

If you do not receive an invoice by the first week of February, please contact me at kauf.jeff@gmail.com. You should also check your Spam folder in case the notification was placed there.

Your payment can be made either by bring a check to the monthly meeting, Pay online at CCDV.com, click on membership and click on renewal, or you can mail it to me at:

CCDV
C/O Jeff Kauf
1371 Jasper Drive
Ambler, PA 19002-1009

This year we have started to accept dues payment via Zelle. If you have a Zelle account, or your bank has a Zelle option, you can send your payment to membership@CCDV.com. Using this system will avoid the club having to pay processing fees from the credit card processor. Be sure to click personal and NOT Business.

Once your payment has been received and processed, you will receive an email with your membership card. Print it out and cut it to fit your wallet. You will need to present this at Bryner's to receive the club discount.

If you have any problems or questions, please contact me at: membership@ccdvd.com, and I will respond to your email as quickly as possible.

"Save the Wave"

Jeff
Membership chair, CCDV

CCDV BOARD MINUTES



HIGHLIGHTS FROM CCDV BOARD MEETING

November 14, 2024

General Membership Meetings start at 7:00pm.

Treasurer's Report –

Motion was made and seconded to charge a \$3 convenience fee for all credit card transactions on the website, including membership renewals. The motion was passed with 7 votes in favor, one “nay” vote and one abstention.

Activities – Activities – Joe P./John B. / Candy M.

Upcoming events:

- **Saturday, January 11th** – Breakfast at Santiago's in Horsham

Cavalcade

- Decided Dates for 2025 are **Saturday Sept 13th** and **Saturday Sept 27th** as a rain date.
- **Need more volunteers for specific roles** – like judging, advertising (flyers, emails, social media), and additional help with getting sponsors for show (and items like food or door prizes)

Membership

Total number of members – 294 as of the meeting with two pending submission of actual applications for a total of 296.

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, at least 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

2025 CAVALCADE – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2025 Cavalcade of Corvettes needs Volunteers!

We are tentatively scheduling our 53rd annual Cavalcade for Sat Sept 13, 2025 at MBIT. Rain Date: Sat Sept 27.

We need your help. Our club needs folks to step up & help build another great Cavalcade.

We Need volunteers to:

- 1) Join the Cavalcade Planning Committee (one zoom call per month & a few phone calls to help organize things)
- 2) Be a show co-chairman (help organize meetings and project plans for the show)
- 3) Director of Judging (manage / organize the CCDV judging effort) This can be filled by a few folks if possible.
- 4) Be a Judge for the show (we had 16-18 judges last year that were excellent). Please consider volunteering. Training will be available.
- 5) Help us find show & trophy sponsors (do you know a business owner that may want to be a sponsor?)
- 6) Help to serve/sell food & drinks to show visitors
- 7) Help guide spectators & show cars to the proper parking areas
- 8) Help at the Charity Auction tent
- 9) Provide items or baskets to Candy for sell at the auction tent
- 10) Help setup/breakdown tents, tables, chairs on the day of show
- 11) Help us find show vendors (do you know of an auto related business that may want to setup a table at the show?)
- 12) Help us find a special guest or attraction to appear at the show (The Phanatic was a big hit 2 yrs ago, but is tough to get as a repeat visitor)

Please contact Candy Merlino (cruise1@ccdvd.com), Jeff Kauf (treasurer@ccdvd.com) Tim Simmons (tasimmons@gmail.com), or Tom Weigand (webmaster@ccdvd.com)

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Club Leadership:

President:

Ed Bonk (267) 253-7460

Website:

Tom Weigand webmaster@ccdvd.com

Vice President:

Tom Weigand

Committees:

Activity Chairperson:

Treasurer:

Jeff Kauf

Cavalcade Chairpersons for 2025:

Candy Merlino & Tom Weigand

Recording Secretary:

Candy Merlino

Club Store Chairperson:

Frank Kitchen

Corporate Secretary:

Dennis Trayes

Cruise Night Chairpersons:

Candy & Chris Merlino

Board Membership

Chairperson: *vacant*

Johnny "Bacon" Benischeck

Jacques Etkowicz

Rose Ferrante

Ang Grippo

Kerry Duke

Tim Simmons

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Candy Merlino

National Corvette Museum

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Jack DeLong

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Membership Chairperson

Jeff Kauf membership@ccdvd.com

Public Relations:

Dennis Levitt & Rose Ferrante

CCDV Roving Breakfast

Join Us for **BREAKFAST!**

Saturday, January 11, 2025

At 9:30 AM

Santiago's

935 Horsham Road

Horsham, PA 19044

(215) 675-5655

(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.)

Rain or Shine

**RSVP by 11 AM on 1/10/25 to
Johnny (Bacon) Benischek 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 eatery!

Hope to see you there!

Johnny Bacon!

CCDV Roving Dinner

Join Us for DINNER!

Saturday, January 18, 2025

At 5:00 PM

Giovanni's Pizza Restaurant

**2190 York Road
Jamison, PA 18929
(215) 918-0818**

Rain or Shine

Limit 20 people

**RSVP by 2 PM on 1/17/25 to
Johnny (Bacon) Benischeck at (215) 208-6620**

OR

Respond on the CCDV Website's Forum

Hope to see you there!

Johnny Bacon!

CCDV 2024 Wall Calendar



**2025 CCDV Wall Calendars are now available for purchase (\$15.00 each).
Calendar measures 18" high x 12" wide, when open.
You can buy one at our next General Meeting in January.**

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS!



First name	Last name	Date
Billie	Satchell	2
Ellis	Gray	4
Diana	Thomas	5
Dennis	Trayes	6
Sharon	Jonatitis	7
Jerry	Market	7
Andy	Thierry	9
Mark	Dash	11
John	McKinnon	13
Ed	Masterson	15
Maryann	Fisher	15
Debbie	Trayes	17
Alex	Oscilowski	19
George	Batejan	21
Rick	Bagshaw	22
Sharon	Pisieczko	22
Joe	Orkwiszewski	24
Jacques	Etkowicz	25
Laura	Hunsberger	27
Zachary	Hamada	28
Bruce	Houser	29
Anthony	Buonassisi	30
Joseph	Parente	30
Jim	Hale	31
Daniel	Bracken	31
Sara	Adams	31

CCDV Holiday Party DECEMBER 7th!





NEWSWORTHY

Lancers Diner 12/15/24





NEWSWORTHY

CECF Donations For 2024 Charities.

- **Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Society** **\$1,000.00**
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Attn: Ed Bonk
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Attn: Kate Sample
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Philadelphia, PA 19176
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Attn: Sara Smith
 - **Caring for Friends** **\$1,000.00**
12271 Townsend Rd.
Attn: Vince Schiavone
 - **Manna on Main Street** **\$1,000.00**
606 Main Street Lansdale, PA 19446
 - **Foster Angels on Earth** **\$1,000.00**
3040 David Drive Abington, PA 19001-4006
- Total \$8,000.00**



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)



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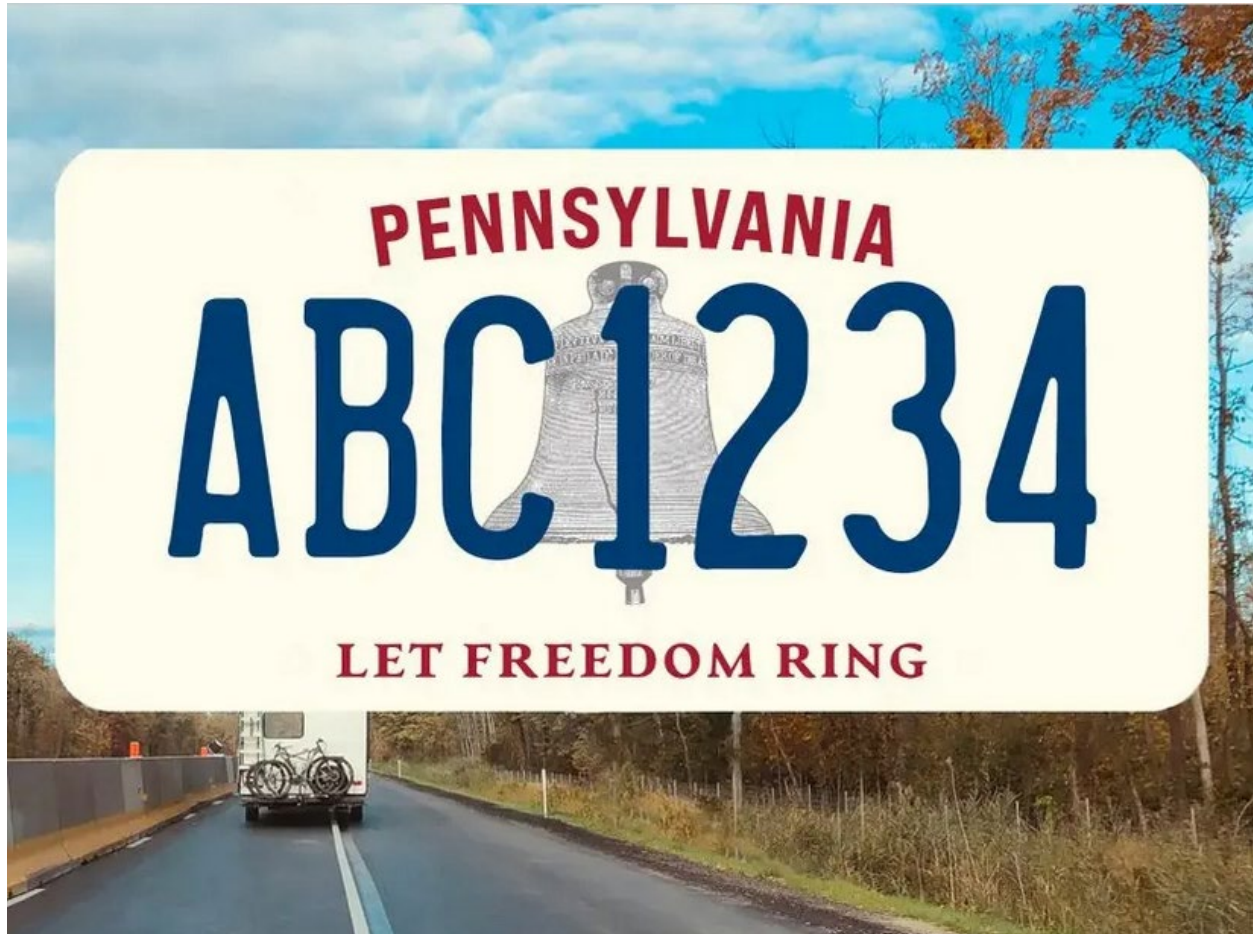
<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/pop-culture-and-corvette/>





NEWSWORTHY

NEW LICENSE PLATES COMING IN 2025



New license plates are coming in 2025! The new license plate showcases Pennsylvania as the birthplace of America. It features the Liberty Bell and the text, "Let Freedom Ring."

Sign up for updates and to know when the plates will be available . Sign up here:
https://qualtrics.pa.gov/jfe/form/SV_3mZbspEe7QgV0F0

In Memoriam

Paying Tribute To Members Who Have Passed

Carl Haeussler, a friend, dedicated husband, and passionate corvette enthusiast passed away on December 20, 2024, after a brave battle with cancer.

Carl's love for Corvettes was more than just a hobby – it was a passion that defined much of his life. He became a member of the club in 1978 and owned two corvettes at the time of his passing – 66 coupe, and a 2019 convertible. For many years, Carl proudly displayed his cars at the Cavalcade earning countless trophies.

Carl opened his home for a couple of club picnics fostering a spirit of camaraderie and friendship. Carl and his wife, Debbie, moved to Marco Island, FL a few years ago, but made it a point to return each year for the show, reconnecting with old friends.

Debbie shared with me that there will be a memorial event for Carl in July, and I know that many of us will gather then to remember him, celebrate his life. RIP.

RIP



CCDV CLUB EVENTS

LOOKING FOR CLUB EVENTS?
Check out the CCDV Club Calendar on the Club's
website here:

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

JOEL'S JOLLIES



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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.

Please Consider Joining Us!

Corvette Club of Delaware Valley (CCDV)



We participate in a wide variety of Fun-Filled Activities:

Breakfasts, Car shows, Charitable Events, Monthly Membership Meetings, Monthly Cruise Nights, NCM Events, Parades, Picnics, Dinners, Tours, Trips & more...

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If you have any questions, please contact us.

Website: www.ccdv.com

Email: info@ccdv.com

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They are for a 2017 C7 Stingray.
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Weather Tech Custom cut mats.
Also, grey all-purpose mats.
And there is a grey car cover.
\$1,000 for all items.



Contact - Denise Lewis (215)356-9218



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 conditions. 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.

CLASSIFIEDS – WANTED

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

If you have a few laying around- send them our way! We will scan them into a digital format.

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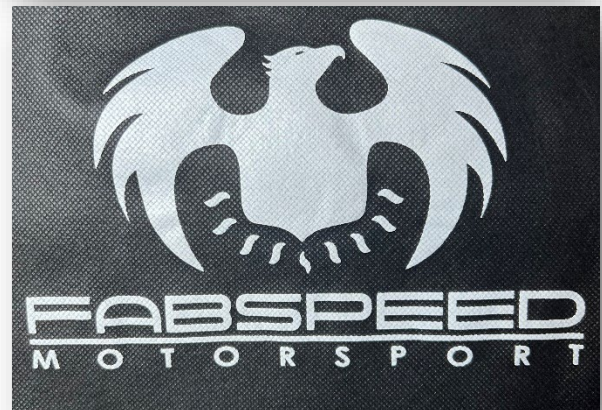
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