



FROM THE PRESIDENT

by Randy Chapman

Will winter never end ? I am getting weary of the snow and cold weather as I am sure many of you are. However, that has not stopped the planning for this year's InVette. Saturday July 17, 2021 at the Oley Fair Grounds is the day and place. This is SDC's principal fundraiser for our scholarship program. Your support and participation is essential to its success. Bob Messner is coordinating the event again this year. He can use everyone's help to make this show successful. A few hours out of your day would be very helpful. Fun and camaraderie are part of the process. Helping to park cars, sell tricky tray tickets, registration, sell wheelbarrow of cheer tickets and many other opportunities are available. Bob's email address is bobmessner1@gmail.com



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We are still in need of a recording secretary. Ken Speicher has been filling in and doing a fine job but SDC needs some help. I provide an outline of topics to be discussed at meetings and the secretary takes notes. A report ultimately gets sent to the newsletter editor for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter. If you have an interest in filing this important position, contact me or any board member.

Spring supposedly is right around the corner. Soon time to fire up those Corvettes.

AMBASSADORS REPORT

Bobbie Jo Lee has assumed coordination of Elfi's Silver Pearl Sisterhood. The sisterhood is a woman-driven organization whose members contribute at least \$ 1,000.00 per year to the National Corvette Museum. At the annual NCM Celebration over Labor Day weekend, the members gather and decide on supporting a project or program at the museum. Bobbie Jo is the Philanthropy Manager at NCM

A recent donation to the Museum is the World's Fastest Corvette. A highly modified 1984 model has run over 270 miles per hour, breaking Mickey Thompson's previous record. This occurred on the famous Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah in 1988. An upcoming story will be in the April, May, June issue of America's Sports Car magazine.

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BIRTHDAYS

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NEWSLETTER GUIDELINES

Anyone is welcome to submit items or articles for publication in the newsletter. Please try to be brief and to the point. E-mail is the very best way to submit information. Our e-mail address is sdcnews@yahoo.com . Deadline for submission is **noon on the 26**th of each month.

Hand written document are accepted for small items. Verbal input is discouraged, as it is impossible to know what message the author has in mind. Questions email or call 610.678.3310.

NEW MEMBERS this month

Judith Patzek 1973 Coupe Matthew Patzek 1974 Convertible Linda Clark Vetteless

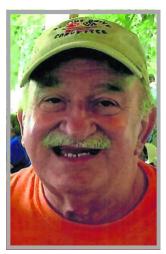
OBITUARIES

Thomas **"Tom" Flood**, of Exeter Twp. passed away February 9, 2021. Born February 4, 1944 in Coatesville, PA, he was the son of the late Ernest & Ruth (Cochran) Flood. Tom will be remembered by his wife, Darlene (Dunmoyer) Flood; son Jerry & his wife Julie;granddaughter Chayse & brother John; all of Reading, PA. Due to COVID-19, a memorial celebration will be held at a later date.

Tom was a member of **Skyline Drive Cor-vette Club** for many years.

John R. "J.P." Parenti, 78, of Mohnton, passed away January 26, 2021, at the Reading Hospital. He was the loving husband of 42 years to Diane M. (Savitsky) Parenti. Born in Reading, he was a son of the late Dominic and Lena (Disco) Parenti. John was a 1960 graduate of Reading High School.

John served our nation proudly and valiantly in the US Army. He was a member of Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church. John was employed by Carpenter Technology in the melting department and scrapyard, retiring in 2001. After retirement he worked for Piazza Honda in the parts department. John was a diehard Reading High School basketball fan. He was a member of the Squires Club, Malamente Club and the **Skyline Drive Corvette Club**.



John was also a great storyteller and an avid Atlanta Braves and Indianapolis Colts fan. In his early years he enjoyed drag racing at Maple Grove earning the top 10 class champion in 1962. He also loved raising homing pigeons, horse racing, going to the casino's.

AMBASSADORS REPORT Continued

Kai Spande, Bowling Green Assembly plant manager has placed his recently purchased 1966 Corvette coupe, 427/425 on display at the NCM. If only I had kept mine. Purchased in August 1972 for \$ 2,200.00

Another donation to the Motorsports Park is a 1999 white C-5. It will be used in a new driver's learning course being initiated at NCM's MSP. Additional C-5 and C-6 model donations are being requested.







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MARCH MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

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Thank you for taking the time to read my Corvette story and little about my background. My Corvette voyage started in the late 1980's with a C3 1971 T-Top Coupe Corvette that needed a lot of TLC and restoration. Unfortunately, after restoring that car, it met an untimely end and I returned to raising my family and putting Corvette collecting behind me for a while. I got back into my Corvette passion in the 2010's after buying a Red C4 1989 Convertible w/aux Hard Top. The next Corvette I added to my Pole Barn collection as a very nice #'s matching C3 1969 Convertible w/aux Hard Top and factory side pipes. Taking my Corvette collecting to the next level, I found a frame-off restored Torch Red C2 396 cu inch Big Block 1965 Convertible with factory side pipes. This car has been a lucky trophy winner at many car shows. The other Corvettes that I purchased included C5 2002 Yellow Convertible and a Red C3 1968 T-Top Coupe that I restored back to the original color / condition. Topping off my Corvette collection was the purchase of my C7 Torch Red 2016 Z-06 Convertible. I currently have a new Elkhart Blue C8 Convertible on order and God only knows when that will arrive.

In addition to my Corvette collecting, other cars that own include a 1982 DeLorean DMC-12 Gull Wing car, an 2007 Cadillac XLR Hard Top convertible (built on a C6 Corvette chassis) and a 2013Cadillac CTS-V Coupe with a Supercharged 6.2 L engine that was built at the Bowling Green plant, a 1994 American General H1 HUMMER, a 1986 Mercedes-Benz SL-560 Convertible, and a 2017 Chevy Volt. Needless to say, General Motor cars are well represented in my garages. (and a Harley-Davidson Tri Guide motorcycle).

At the end of 2020, my job as the North American Engineering Sales Director for a German company came to end. With that, my wife Julie has told me it is time to "thin the herd" and dispose of some cars to help manage our expenses a little better. I recently sold my 96 F355 Ferrari convertible, a M-B SL600 V-12 convertible, and my 2005 Chevy SSR convertible Pick Up truck. We are considering selling a few more cars as the new year unfolds and more make room in our Pole Barn.

Just little info about us: I am a Penn State Electrical Engineer and hold an MBA from St. Joseph's University. My wife, Julie, is a retired nurse from the Penn State Health St. Joseph Hospital in Reading. Between us, we have four adult children, and one Grandson, Jack. Hopefully, our Jack will develop his Grand Father's passion for cars and car shows. Like many members in our club, I hope to be able to pass along some nice classic cars to help feed his interest in cars when the time is right.







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REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE

You can help SDC raise some funds by shopping at Redners. To participate, you need to have a "Save-A-Tape" card. Simply ask for a free card at any Redner's Market.

Redner's will donate 1% back to SDC. Bring Redner's register receipt tapes to each regular club meeting or mail Diane Suchon 415 Omicron Place Warnersville, PA 19565-9231

EVENTS CLUB SPONOSRED

MARCH CLUB MEETINGS

The March 8th General Membership Meeting to be held at Bob Fisher Truck Center at 7:00 PM. Bring your mask and a chair.

The **Board of Directors** meeting will be held at Fisher on the 15th at 6:30pm

ATLANTIC CITY TRIP/SHOW, FEB

As all SDC members know the Atlantic City Car Show has been cancelled for 2021 due to N.J restricting indoororder with the COVID 19 pandemic. This show is the largest indoor classic car show and auctionon the east coast, which our club has been attending for 21 years.

The good news at this time is that the event is scheduled for February 10 thru 12 in 2022. Mark your calendar if you have one

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OCEAN CITY WEEKEND, OCT 15-17

We have the new contract for the SDC group rates at the Howard Johnson Oceanfront Plaza. For members that have never attended the Free State Corvette Weekend, our hotel is right on the Boardwalk at 12th Street. The weekend includes many activities all based around our love for Corvettes. There are Car Rally's, the Corvette Show, The Parade on the Boardwalk and vendors.

| The rates are as follows: | |
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| Standard Room | \$94 + tax |
| Side Oceanview | \$104 + tax |
| Oceanfront | \$144 + tax |

Members must call 800-926-1122 to be included in our reserved block of rooms at these rates. The block will be held for our members up until September 14, 2021 but we only have 25 rooms in the block. 1st night + tax due at reservation with balance due on arrival. Cancellations can be made up to 72 hours before arrival. Questions? Call RANDY KERSCHNER 484-769-3055

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OUCH!

A guy looking in the classified for a used car sees a new Corvette listed for \$50. Thinking it's a misprint, he decides to go check it out anyway. Arriving at the sellers residence, it's a dream car, not a scratch on it and it runs great.

"Ma'am, I want to buy this car. But the paper said it was only \$50, what do you really want for it?"

"That's right, \$50 and it's yours!"

"Excuse me for being nosy, ma'am, but why are you selling it so cheap? Is it stolen or something?"

"No, it's my husbands car. He ran off with his young secretary last month, and two days ago I got a telegram from him saying to sell the Corvette and send him the money!"