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Mary Alderfer 1993 Polo Green Convertible

John Hevko 1986 White Coupe



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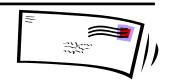
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Bill Burkholder



My tan is gone and reality has set back in, but spring can't be far away. The CCDV cruise was just unbelievable. Not one drop of rain and eight beautiful warm sunny days. Thanks Sue and Joel Fellman, it was wonderful, every day was in the upper 70's to middle 80's. I guess what made the cruise so much fun was the company. Thanks to everyone that shared this event with us, we had so much fun. Now the bad part was that the bar bill had to be paid before we left the ship. The steward had to cut the bottom of my door off so the bar bill would fit under. Again, thanks for the great vacation. I can't wait till the next CCDV cruise.

In February we had several events and the cruise was just one of them. CCDV had a bowling night that was most enjoyable. 20+ members met at Lans Bowl in Lansdale and laughed and cheered all night. Special thanks goes out to Michael Brigidi and his brother for inviting CCDV to hold a bowling event at their location. Everything was perfect and from the reaction of the members who were there it looks like this month we will arrange another CCDV bowling night. We will meet at 7 PM at Lans Bowl, 606 E. Main Street in Lansdale, on Saturday March 20th. Please call me, e-mail me or sign up on line at CCDV.com. I will need to know how many people will attend a week in advance to allow Lans Bowl to set aside enough lanes. Also last month Don Terranova arranged the Atlantic City Car Show and Casino trip. Thanks for all the hard work Don; it was almost another

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March Birthdays



3/2	Joe Archutowski	3/16	Joyce Franklin
	Michael Vischer		Michelle Petrillo
	William Thomas	3/17	Sean Farrell
	Ron Wolf		Henry Weikel
3/3	Gregory Clemens		Aileen Johnson
	Joyce Hensor		Patricia Murphy
3/4	Bob Bearn		Pat Ruby
	JoAnn Palmer	3/20	Clifford Bray
3/5	Jim Mettler		Kevin Kohler
	Howard Small		Ken Stacey
	Eileen Matlack		Lisa Kenderdine
	Karla Rost	3/21	Brian Oliver
3/6	Darcy Sheaffer	3/22	Bill Fritz
	Lee Soffer		John Gillin
3/7	Harry Hey		Frobert Goodwin
	Jonathan Mentzer	3/23	Lissa Neff
	Jeanne Bradley	3/24	John Cope
3/8	Francis Giordano	3/25	George Forster
3/9	Karen Kohler		Sharon DeRienzo
3/10	Edward Repper		Connie Tambourine
	Raymond Stabilito	3/26	Tad Archambault
	Linda Botz		Donna Cattell
3/12	John DeLong	3/27	Jeffery Derstine
	Robert George		Roger Franklin
	Robert Lear		Daniel Ritting
3/13	Kathy Hey	3/28	John Phillips
3/14	Diane Waldron		Susanne Deren
3/15	Don Laskowski	3/29	David Jasner
	Robert Whinney		Grace Kelly
	Debbie Burbank	3/31	D. Spaulding
3/16	George DeJesus		Kathy Bates
	Steve Herbetko		Diane McCracken

306 CCDV Members March 1st 2004

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sell out with just about 50 seats sold. After the trip a group went to dinner that was arranged by the Fellman's. Please remember to check the CCDV calendar on CCDV.com for upcoming events.

The Cavalcade still needs workers to fill some important slots, such as the parking committee, just to name one. If you wish to sign up for a committee please contact our Cavalcade Chairman John Clipner at 215-348-1428. John will be happy to take your name and help you find a committee that can use your expertise.... or e-mail ccdv@ccdv.com and I will forward your response to John. Thanks to everyone that has signed up, I know that John is happy to see the many names on the list this early.

I would like to take this opportunity to again thank Bryner Chevrolet for their continued support. This month we will have another "GM detail bucket" donated by Bryner, to raffle off, with a value of almost \$100. Thanks Bryner and Scott Burkart our sales reprepresentative. Please remember that Bryner has a great service department, just call and speak to Steve and he will set you up with an appointment. Don't forget to mention that you're a member of CCDV to get the club discount.

Please remember that your newsletter the Gas Cap still needs articles each month. I you would like to write an article or a tech tip, please contact Bob Rosenberg. Bob's phone number and e-mail address are in the Gas Cap and all articles must go to Bob prior to the 25th of each month.

I can't wait till Spring, cruise nights, washing my car and not risking frost bite, just being able to hang out outside... not much longer...I hope.... I'll see everyone the membership meeting....

Bill

Do You Mave the Luck of the Irish? Try Your Luck at Casino Might

Saturday, March 20th, 7:00 PM to 10:30 PM at West Trenton Ball Room, 40 West Upper Ferry Road, Ewing, NJ 08628



We will meet at the K Mart parking lot in Willow Grove at 6:00 PM and caravan (with or without Corvettes) to New Jersey for an evening of games, music, dinner and prizes. Tickets are \$50.00 each (includes \$100.00 in chips for prizes or buffet dinner) – Cash Bar. For more information please call Cliff and Cathy Bray at 215-493-0982 or e-mail at cliffdbjr@aol.com.

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Current Activity Calendar - Activities Team Leader Don Terranova



CCDV BOWLING NIGHT

When: Saturday, March 20th at 7 PM

Where: Lans-Bowl 606 East Street, Lansdale, PA

Who: Bill Burkholder/Michael Brigidi

Note: Details will be on CCDV.com shortly

General Membership Meeting

When: Thursday, March 11th at 8 PM

Where: VFW Post 3612 at 305 Moreland Road, Willow Grove, PA

Who: Telephone for VFW 215-659-3782



Kirban Facilities Tour

When: March 6th

Where: Kirban Factory in Plumsteadville, PA

Who: Bob Rosenberg

Note: We will meet at 9 AM at the Doylestown Pointe Plaza 1661 Easton Road, Warrington, PA by Sears Hardware. We will leave

in a group and arrive at Kirban together



Corvette Challenge – Season Opener

When: Saturday, March 13th Where: Englishtown, NJ Who: Tony Buonassisi

Note: Additional information is in Tony's column Going Racing



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On March 6th the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley will visit Dennis Kirban at his facility in Plumsteadville, PA

We will meet at the Doylestown Pointe Plaza Shopping Center (Easton and Almshouse Roads, Warrington, PA) in front of the Sears Hardware Store at 9:00 AM on March 6th (back-up date March 13th) and leave in a group to Kirban Performance Products, Inc. Home of the renown Kirban Shifter and a supplier to many Corvette catalog vendors.

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For additional information e-mail Bob Rosenberg at rar21@comcast.net

GOING RACING - by Tony Buonassisi

Hope everyone had a great Holiday Season and winter this year! Warmer weather is just around the corner and I can't wait. I'm looking forward to a new year of racing and getting the Vette out with the top down on the open roads. We, the CCDV Racing Team, would like anyone who is thinking about doing a little or a lot of racing to get in touch with any of the regular racers for any assistance you may need or questions that might have to be answered. If we don't know the answer we will find out for you.

As this past racing season came to an end we had several racers doing or waiting to have done, some exciting things to their cars. Here are just a few:

Richy Joseph's Z06 now sports a blower. The sound is pure music to my ears and Richy always has a real big smile on his face whenever he drives his beast. We'll have to see just how quick the blown Z is and I'm really looking forward to seeing it run.

Lee Soffer has a new engine in his car after a big puddle of water found its way into his intake. Lee took a trip to Florida and the car now has enough miles to start putting them on a quarter-mile at a time. Lee was running very quick with this car and with some more seat time this year we'll be looking for some great times and lots of points from him.

Ellis Gray of course is one of our top racers and he's going to try to run the numbers again this year like he was running last year. He wasn't real happy with his 60-foot times so I think he'll be concentrating on a little more consistency in 2004.

Edgar Perez was our top racer from last year and I'm hoping he will again join us as a CCDV member.

WE are looking for good races out of Joe Signore, Mike Wicks, Mike Campbell, Vince Pileggi, Al Betz, John Burbich, and Joel Fellman. Hopefully some of the guys who were only able to make a few of the races last year will come out for a few more and hopefully join up for points. Remember you must be signed up for points to have your points added to the CCDV's Club Points. If we win the Club Trophy again this year "your" name will be on it.

CCDV will again be a sponsor for the Corvette Challenge this year. Keep watch on the official ECS CC website for news and schedules at www.corvettechallenge.info.

The first ESC CC race is Saturday, March 13th. This will be an AM session. If you're interested in going to either compete or just watch, we will be leaving Bennigans on 611, just north of the Willow Grove TP exit around 7:30 AM. Gates open at 9:00 AM. The rest of the schedule is April 3rd (9 AM), May 29th (9 AM), June 26th (9 AM), (also 1st day of our Cavalcade of Corvettes), July10th (9 AM), Aug 7th (3 AM), Sept 4th (9 AM), Oct 9th (1 PM), Nov 6th (9 AM), Nov 13th (9 AM), Nov 20th (9 AM), this is a non-points race). We will always leave 1½ hours before start time to allow us to change tires, etc.

Atco---Check schedule at www.atcorace.com for open racing. You must be NHRA legal (all safety equipment), Atco races Saturday and Sunday during the winter months.

Contact me, Tony Buonassisi, if you have any questions, comments or news at 215-343-5552 or GRBNGRS@aol.com.

2004 CCDV Caribbean Cruise on Board The Carnival Destiny - by Joel Fellman



Question: What do 30 CCDV members, family & friends do to escape the doldrums and frigid winter? Answer: Why they go on a cruise to the Southern Caribbean! And that's just what we did! Five couples even left one day early to lessen the risk of any winter travel problems and take advantage of an extra sunny day in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Being our first time there, we never realized how beautiful an island it is. We all took

a stroll along the beach, had a nice Italian dinner and reveled in the fact that it was January 17th and 80+ degrees!! The next day, we toured Old San Juan and found ourselves right in the middle of their fiesta celebration. The streets were jam packed with partiers in a Mardi Gras atmosphere as we made our way to old Castillo Del Morro, a historic fort located at one tip of the island. The sights from the interior high walls were spectacular. One direction was the view of the City and the other was the Caribbean Sea merging with the Atlantic Ocean. Breathtaking! Later in the day we boarded the Carnival Destiny and started to get our bearings before watching the first of many romantic & mesmerizing sunsets. The ship was a fantastic floating 5 star hotel, three football fields long and well over a dozen stories high.

We woke up Monday morning in beautiful St. Thomas. Being there before, some of us opted to ferry to nearby St. John's, another tropical island with world famous beaches.

Then it was on to Dominica, a small upcoming tropical island where we hopped a tour bus; saw lush greenery, unbelievable wild flowers and amazing vegetation throughout the island. We stopped to walk a trail that led to a beautiful waterfall with a small pool at the bottom where it is said that if you swim in it, you will add years to your life. Dave Oettinger should therefore live to be 100+. A short drive away, we were also treated to a show of native culture & customs, including dances (should seen that Michele Oettinger gettin' down with the island boys), clothing, jewelry & artifacts.

Barbados was our next port of call. We literally shopped till we dropped. Some of us took a tour of the island, which included a Barbados Mansion and an old tower used by the British to watch for enemy ships entering the beautiful harbor.



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After a relaxing, fun day at sea, we arrived at Aruba (one of our favorite islands). Some of us embarked on the Discovery, a glass bottom boat where we got up close to underwater marine life, an old German shipwreck with an interesting history and views of the beaches and far off lighthouse. We later took another tour, saw the natural bridge, did some rock climbing and still had time to check out the beaches and shop!

Our private cocktail party on Saturday evening was our opportunity to catch up with everyone and talk about our personal experiences, who bought what, who won or lost at the casino, how much fun everyone was having, etc, etc. Sunday morning we were back in port at San Juan and had the sad task of departing for the airport and flight home. BOO!!!

All in all, it seems everyone had a GREAT time and we hope our tans last a while longer. As for Sue and I, we can't wait until the next CCDV vacation trip! Meanwhile, we have lots of photos to remind us of our enjoyable (but too short) 2004 Caribbean Cruise.

PS: Although unconfirmed, to work off some of his bar bill and casino gambling debt on board ship, it was rumored that Bill waited tables at dinner and bartended in the lounges. See accompanying photo and you make up your own mind!



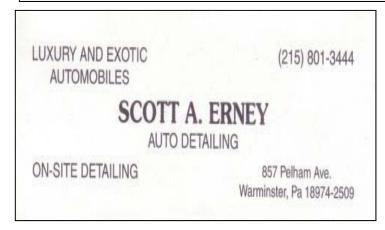
GM recalls about 127,000 Chevrolet Corvettes - Associated Press

Tuesday February 10, 3:04 pm ET DETROIT (AP) -- General Motors Corp. said Tuesday it is recalling roughly 127,000 Chevrolet Corvettes to correct a problem with the steering column lock -- the automaker's third major recall in less than a week.

Since Friday, the world's largest automaker has recalled nearly 2.5 million vehicles, a situation that dims its much-publicized message of improved quality. The latest recall involves a condition in which some Corvettes can operate when the electronic steering column lock fails to unlock.

Vehicles included in the recall are 1997-2000 models with automatic transmissions in the United States, Canada, and Mexico; 1997-2004 models with automatic transmissions in Europe and export countries; and 1997-2004 models with manual transmissions in North America, Europe and export countries.

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HOODS UP - by Sue Magaruh

It's a shame you couldn't see the excitement in Cliff Bray as he sat on the edge of my living room sofa and talked faster than I could write about his love for Corvettes. It all began when Cliff was about ten years old and a neighbor would cruise by in his C1. The car and its association with racing made it a real fascination. He remembers a commercial during Bonanza playing "See the USA in your Chevrolet" while this beauty was taking the curves. As a teen, I'm sure that image was with him while running down the track in his '55 Chevy Sedan.

After his discharge from the service in 1970 he vowed to get one and found himself at Reedman's lot in front of eight or so Sting Rays. They were lined up waiting for quick sale to make room for the incoming C3. Cliff held his breath while a girl ahead of him eyed up "the car," so when she walked away, he quickly grabbed the salesman. He had a maroon '67 with a 327/350 H.P. held while he returned home to pick up Mom for co-signing the \$2,200 loan. That long awaited ride home with his first Vette, was met with torrential rain, making Cliff fumble for the wipers and most likely Mom to have a few doubts.

He installed a 283 along with a 456 rear, slicks and headers. Then headed off for the drag strip at ATCO, Englishtown or McGuire Air Force Base. Night after night found Cliff and his buddies at his father's mechanic shop in Fallsington. A regular was Rick Ball or "Ricky" as he has been to Cliff for many years. Greasy fingers would work until 2:00 or 3:00 AM with breaks at a nearby Dunkin' Donuts. Dead tired the next day for their real jobs, they vowed to get some sleep that night, but guess what? Once while Cliff was horsing around with power shifting in 2nd gear, the car spun three times and hit a pole. Standing there and scratching their heads on this one, Rick mentioned a friend by the name of Dave Hunt in New Jersey. Dave's father had a farm and stored Corvette wrecks on the property. A group of ten guys went together and replaced the bent frame with another by cutting and adding the rear clip behind the driver's side. Two weeks later and a Sunflower yellow paint job, it was street ready again. The car remained with Cliff for a few years while he made changes to the engine and as he says with the same enthusiasm of that day, "I had a lot of fun with it." The 283 cubic inch came home with a couple of trophies by being the fastest in its class, clocking in at 12.5.

In 1974 the car gave way to marriage and buying a home, so it was sold. However, Cliff continued his love of cars with friends. He laughs when he remembers Phil and his 260 Falcon at Vargo. Phil had a talent or a necessity for quick shifting on his cheapie Foxcraft shifter, but desperately wanted to witness his car going down the track. That's all he talked about – watching his Falcon go down the track. After fifteen minutes of arguing, he convinced Cliff to drive it. First up, he was paired with a huge 98 Oldsmobile. Off the line was fine, but seeing the Olds pass him while he helplessly remained in second gear was tough to take! Other memories include plenty of trips to Langhorne Speedway and seeing racing greats like Eddie Sachs and his favorite, A.J. Foyt do the one mile oval track.

In 1998, Cliff started thinking C2, but went looking for a '96 through Roger's Collectables after his wife, Cathy convinced him the ride would be better. The two flew off to Orlando to purchase a silver beauty with low miles and began the long drive home. In route, they stopped to see his old friend, Falcon Phil in the Carolinas. It was amazing to be in a Vette again and the trip home great, if not for a constant click in the door lock and a sleepless night at the hotel watching the parking lot. Through this car came involvement in CCDV and many cruise nights, along with some bracket racing at Show 'n' Go.

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The reality check and life prioritizing for many of us on 9/11 brought Cliff back to seeking a C2. Stan Fischer stepped in and found just the right car in Connecticut. The '66 red convertible, examined by an NCRS associate was given the thumbs up and Stan helped Cliff and Cathy tow it home. The next two days, Cathy says he was "King for a Day" owning two Vettes at once! Strangely, the buyer for the '96 picked the car up at 2:00 AM, never test driving it or seeing it in the light of day. (Only a call waking them in the middle of the night and the sound of a diesel outside their home.) Cliff is very happy to have an engine he can work on again (like the old days) and feels he has it running perfectly. His next hope is to keep this and get a C3 for the racing he misses. Cathy is unfailing in her support and loves watching Cliff live his boyhood dreams. So, I have no doubt this dream will come true too.



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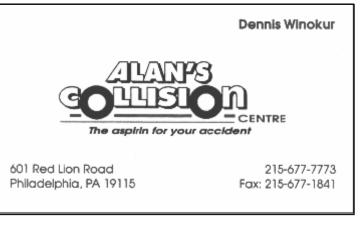


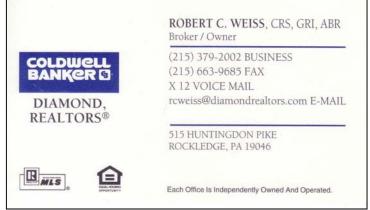
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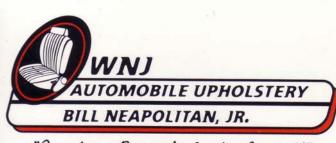
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Saturday March 20th

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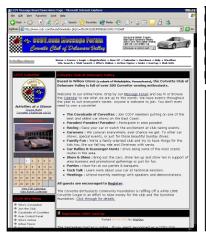
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