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Convertible

Jerry Muniz
2002 Black Convertible



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by *Bill Burkholder*



September has been a strange month with record flooding rains in our area, and four hurricanes in Florida. That's the bad news; the good news is that the sun shined on our club's picnic/rally and the Ocean City car show. I was unable to attend the picnic and I hear that I missed an outstanding event. Thanks to Don Terranova and all who planned this event and special thanks to Tony and Rose for hosting the picnic at their home. The following morning bright and early, Glen Murphy led a caravan to the boardwalk show with 14 cars in his group. The weather, once in Ocean City, N.J. was beautiful with a record number of Corvettes on display. Of the 325 Corvettes, CCDV had 20. The club participation award was a close race. CCDV was 3 cars short of first place. We'll give it a shot again next year...it was a beautiful day to be at the beach.

At last month's meeting we held a vote to see if our club members would prefer an adult only holiday party on a Saturday night. With a resounding 95% yes vote we will have a holiday dinner dance. Please sign up for this limited space event ASAP. There is more information on the Holiday Party, on page 15.

At this month's membership meeting Dennis Kirban will be our guest speaker. Dennis has a rich history in muscle cars, and will have a special lecture for CCDV. We will also meet those who are running for office in the upcoming election. If you're a new member this is a great opportunity to come out and meet the members who will help to shape and lead CCDV into the future. Election of Officers and Board Members will take place at the November General Membership meeting.

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- 3 Louis Fioravanti
- 4 M. Patrick Dillon
- 5 Ken Hensor
- 6 Jeff Markley
- 7 Steven Nikazy
- 8 Rick Schwalm
- 9 Joe Bradley
- 10 Russ Parker
- 11 Bruce Macphail
- 12 Rick Fiorentino
- 13 Francis King
- 14 Ted Popek
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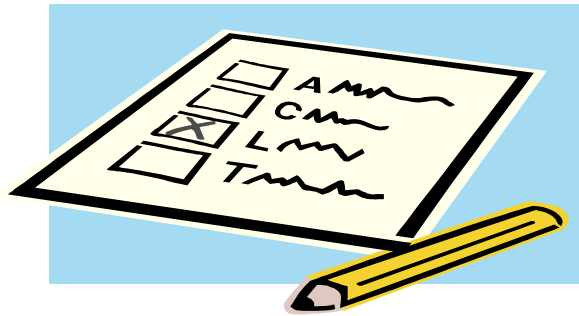
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President's message (cont'd from page 1)

Summer went so fast and now there's the smell of fresh fall air, burning leaves and HOT DOGS!!! Yes it's that time of the year when Debbie and Dennis Traves hold CCDV's second longest running event, The HOT DOG RUN. See more on Dennis's Hot Dog Run on page 5. I'll see you all at the meeting!!!

Bill



NOMINATIONS FOR 2005 BOARD MEMBERS

The following people have submitted their names to be placed on the ballot for Board Member at Large for the 2005 year.

John Clipner Sue Fellman Jeff Hey, Sr. Richy Josephs
Stan O'Leary Joe Remich Bob Rosenberg Dennis Traves
Bob Weiss

Ed Bonk has submitted his slate for officers for the 2005 year.

President: Ed Bonk Vice President: Joel Fellman
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Those seeking positions on the Board will be presented at the October General Membership meeting with elections being held at the November General Membership meeting

Hoods Up

by Sue Magaruh

Just when we give in to the thought that summer is coming to a close and we'll all have to start wearing jackets again, we are blessed with one more taste of sand and sun. For those of you who attended the Ocean City, NJ Boardwalk Show on September 26th, you know exactly what I'm saying. That was such a gift, wasn't it?

Our thanks go to Glenn Murphy, who organized the event and for his smooth logistics in creating a three-part caravan. We entered the city limits in formation and linked up with other CCDV members at the Municipal Airport and Golf Course on Bay and 25th Streets. Once we made our way around the airport building, we discovered other clubs and found ourselves in a sea of Vettes and small planes. The turn out was so great, it delayed the completion of registration and the driver's meeting for quite some time. Finally, 325 Corvettes were poised and ready, awaiting clearance for "take off." The Boardwalk Corvettes of Atlantic City did an admirable job with control and timing. Without rehearsal, each and every car quickly filed out of the gates and headed north on Bay St. From there they turned east on to 14th and right up on to the boardwalk. Though a bit of a mind-bender, that was the best part. Somehow it seemed rebellious and wild to be in a place normally reserved for surreys and bicycles, but the police were waving us on and the crowd loved it!

Here with precise guidance we formed two lines stretching just north of 7th Street and ending at 22nd. We had landed in paradise with the ocean on one side and lots to do on the other. Those strolling the boards had an opportunity to view the cars from noon until 4:00 PM. It allowed seekers to talk with owners and owners to compare notes with fellow drivers. What a fabulous mix of beautiful cars, a gentle sea breeze and irresistible high carb smells.

Those displaying cars were: Norm Clemmer (03), Bill Burkholder (00), John Clipner (03), John Mentzer (76), Don Rhoads (72), Nick Cipriano (03), Frank Suntheimer (03), Steve Magaruh (69), Glenn Murphy (02), Lee Pavorsky (02), Dennis Matlack (63), John Tambourine (76), Douglas Berezcki (87), John Burbich (03), Bob Milnes (91), Kevin Rogers (89), David Breser (02), Jean Dautel (88), Leann Dautel (88) and Rich Rogers (84).

Co-Pilots were: Joe Remich, Bonnie Milnes, Manuel Nieves, Nicholas & Mary Dautel, Jake Pavorsky, Roe Burbich, Andrew Berezcki, Miriam Rogers, Ashley Behrer, and Sue Magaruh. (very sorry for anyone I may have missed!)



20th Annual Hot Dog Run

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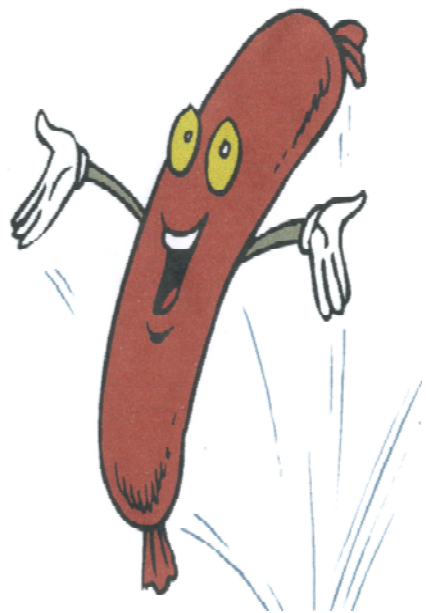
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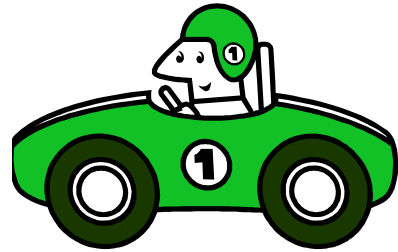
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GOING RACING

by Tony Buonassisi



Since there's not a Corvette Challenge until October 9th, I thought I'd give my views on some of the people involved with it, along with some of the racers from the CCDV race team. The Challenge has provided a venue for Corvette owners to race against other Vettes and their owners for some prize money, trophies and really nice gifts.

The first person I'd like to mention is Edgar Perez. I've known Edgar for 3 or 4 years now and he has been a source of inspiration and fountain of knowledge for some of the guys in the Club. Edgar always has time to bench race and will help anyone who has a question. Whether it be a rule question or just a tip on how to stage or how to cut a better light, Edgar will help. He might not be with the CCDV after this year because of changes that occurred with the directors of the Challenge and may devote more time to that. Edgar has recently gone to the NSCA American Super Car Challenge Vette vs Viper race at National Trial Raceway in Hebron, OH on Sep 18, 2004. There he finished second against another Corvette Challenge racer Chris Young. It has been a pleasure to know Edgar and I wish him nothing but success in any endeavor he strives to achieve.

Ellis Gray is a bright spot in my world of racing. Some of our regular racers convinced him to try his hand at racing at Atco, at the Lakes Corvette Show and Go a few years ago. He's been on fire ever since. As I have mentioned so many times before, Ellis's car is consistent, and in bracket racing that is the name of the game. It also takes a driver willing to learn. Ellis has proven himself to be a fierce competitor at the track. He will lend you a hand and give out advice to anyone who asks his opinion. If you're thinking of doing a mod to your car, there is a chance that Ellis has already done it and can tell you if it worked for him or not. Ellis doesn't pull punches. I know Ellis will succeed at anything he tries to do.

Joe Signore is another person that brightens my day every time I see him race. Joe was having trouble with his car most of last racing season and still managed to place second, although we all felt that he deserved to win, in the "Rookie of the Year". He was really a rookie and was beaten out by Chris Young who had competed before, but not in the Corvette Challenge. Joe has done very well in the Challenge this year and hopefully he will finish out strong.

Lee Soffer is a person who has lots of questions and will take advice or tips and try to utilize it in his racing. I have seen Lee go from a guy who knew close to nothing as far as drag racing and get to a point where he will start to win. He has a great car, it's consistent and Lee is only getting better. It might not be this year, but I believe Lee will prove himself in the future.

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Al Betz is an old time racer that has done really well in the Challenge. He is also one smart guy and has spotted problems with time slips, etc. It's good to have a man like that on our team. Al is also my wrench buddy and whenever it's time to take the Vette apart, Al is right there to lend a hand.

To all the members of the CCDV Race Team, past and present, to the regulars and those who come out only when you can fit it in your schedules, I want to thank you. It has been a great couple of years.

In the off months that are coming up I'll be telling you about the other members of the CCDV Race Team. We have a great bunch of people that race and I would like the members of the CCDV to get to know you as well as I do. No one will be spared.

Corvette Challenge-Englishtown NJ on October 9th at 1:00pm, we will leave Bennigans at noon. Watch the UBB on WWW.CCDV.Com for more information as the date gets closer.

2004 Raffle Winners Announced at the September CCDV Meeting

On September 9th, at the CCDV General Meeting, the drawing for the 1989 Corvette convertible was held. Bob Weiss (with help from Tony Buonassisi who drew the winning ticket stub) had the honor of announcing the winner of the dark blue metallic with saddle top and seats Corvette with 6000 miles. The winner was Bob Lima of Meadowbrook, PA, the first ever member of CCDV to win the raffle car. Bob will give the prize to his brother-in-law, Bob Powers, who will soon join CCDV.

The second place winner was Joseph Arleth of Feasterville, PA

The third place winner was Tom Plefka, of Horsham, PA



**Congratulations to the winners
and "wait 'til next year"**

PICNIC AND RALLY A HUGE SUCCESS by Don Terranova

On September 28th we held our Club Picnic and Covered Bridge Rally. We had a large turnout for both, 16 cars in the Rally and approx. 85 people attended the Picnic. The Club picked up the tab for both Rally and Picnic and we spared no expense. There was plenty of good food, everything from appetizers to desserts, burgers hotdogs and Tex Mex Fajitas. Tony and Rose offered their backyard it was a beautiful setting, 2½ acres of large trees and a manicured lawn. It was quite a site to see all those Corvettes littering their front yard. I'm sure Jamison, PA has never seen so much fiberglass in one place. The weather co-operated (this officially ends my rain curse); 72 degrees with a slight breeze. It was a nice day. The only thing I think we might consider doing for the next Picnic that we didn't do with this is to have some entertainment, maybe a comedian or something of that nature. When you see me, let me know what you think about that.

Special thanks goes out to Rich Rogers, Rich Meier and Steve DeFazio for manning the grills, Tim Simmons for manning a Rally checkpoint, Paul and Ginny Wydominc and Chris Terranova for helping with the shopping and for all those that helped setup and cleanup and bringing appetizers and desserts. Special thanks go to Tony and Rose. I cannot begin to list everything they did to make this Picnic happen.

The Rally was perfect; Paul and Ginny Wydominc, the creators of this Covered Bridge Rally out did themselves. It was a great ride through some of the nicest roads in Bucks County. The clues were fun, not to mention educational, we all know where to go for Pierogies on Labor Day now (don't ask, you had to run the Rally). The Poker Run also put some money in three people's pockets. Good Job Paul and Ginny
Here are the results:

Dennis and Debbie Traves 1st place rally
Don and Chris Terranova 2nd place rally
Stan and Maryann Fischer 3rd place rally

John and Joe Bemischek \$150 Poker Run
Dennis and Debbie Traves \$100 Poker Run
Maryann and Lisa DeMaria \$45 Poker Run

Some Picnic and Rally photos are available on the club website.

Cruise to the Antique Car Musuem in Hershey, PA

There are not many good days left before winter to enjoy a road tour and this one sounds pretty nice. The Museum is in Hershey, PA. The leaves should be changing at this time. The Hershey Car Show will have just ended which will eliminate most weekend traffic. The Museum has created a very nice display for those of us that enjoy automobiles. The self guided tour can take anywhere from 1 to 2 hours depending on your interest. On October 10th, we will meet at Bennigan's on Route 611 at 9 AM. From there we will caravan to the Museum together about 100 miles 2 hours, we can stop halfway for a potty break. Once we are in the Hershey area we will stop for lunch. For additional information, check the CCDV website bulletin board or email Activity Leader Don Terranova at dpterranova@yahoo.com

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Upcoming Events

Oct 1st & 2nd - Corvette Weekend, Ocean City, MD – Free State Corvette Club



Oct 9th - East Coast Supercharging Corvette Challenge, Englishtown, NJ
www.CorvetteExpress.com



Oct 10th - Antique Car Museum Cruise, Hershey, PA – see below



Oct 14th - CCDV Gen'l Membership Mtg – VFW Post 3612,
Moreland Avenue, Willow Grove, PA - 8 PM

Oct 14th - C3 Extravaganza at the National Corvette Museum,
800-53-VETTE or visit www.CorvetteMuseum.com



Oct 16th - Cruise Night – Rosemore Shopping Center, County Line Road,
Warminster, PA – 6 to 10 PM



Oct 17th - 20th Annual Hot Dog Run – information in October Gas Cap



Oct 23rd - East Coast Supercharging Corvette Challenge, Englishtown, NJ
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Dec 11th - CCDV Holiday Party – Details in this Gas Cap

Note:  indicates a CCDV sponsored event

Please check events monthly as they are subject to change. For questions, email Don Terranova, Activities Team Leader at dpterranova@yahoo.com

Attention Rally Participants by Don Terranova

We are going to bump it up a notch. The last 3 Rallies were a big success; however I think we are ready for a change and a bit more of a challenge. What am I talking about? Next Spring our Rally format will change, instead of following a set of directions that lead you to each turn by watching your odometer, while looking for clues along the way. You will need to find clues to find your way. Let me give you an example.

A clue may read as follows;

A little bit of green and a whole lot of white after passing my pickets you better turn right.

Explanation: turn right after you pass a large white house with green shutters and a picket fence.

I believe we are ready for this type of Rally. Most people are able to find many of the clues and if we eliminate the need to watch the odometer both driver and navigator can search for clues. The glitch is, if you miss the clue you miss the turn. Don't worry, we will include after every turn a warning such as, "if you pass the First Church of Lost Travelers', you've gone too far". We don't want you to go too far off course. There will be more backtracking. I think this will be a lot more interesting as well as challenging. If you have become comfortable with the present way we run the Rally please do not be alarmed, I can guarantee you'll like this and I haven't lied to you yet.

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WHEN:

Second Thursday of every month at 8:00 PM

WHERE:

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(across from the Willow Grove, PA K-Mart)

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