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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE** *by Ed Bonk*



This is my first message as President and I would like to begin 2005 by wishing everyone a great and prosperous new year. I also hope everyone had a beautiful holiday season and everything went well and included spending a lot of time with your families. I want to thank Bill Burkholder for a job well done as President for the last two years. Bill will hold the position of Chairperson for this coming year and will act as my mentor should I need his advice. I also want to thank the Board of Directors, members of appointed positions, activity chairpersons and everyone who helped with any activity the club had. We successfully held over 25 significant activities and continued to donate money to our charities. We ended the year with a busy December. The Fantasy Flight for terminally ailing children, CCDV bowling night, the holiday party, the Toys for Tots run to St. Vincent's and the trip to Longwood Gardens. Our members have graciously taken photos of these events and they can be seen throughout the photo gallery and CCDV forum.

For 2005 the club will continue to have these events and the Board has started thinking of new ones. We will definitely have at least one, maybe two CCDV golf outings and various trips to exciting places. We will be looking for members to help or consult with these activities. You were asked when you joined or renewed your membership to sign up to assist the club and we will be looking at that list. If you have an idea for an activity that can be fun for not only adults but also children send the club or myself an e-mail. We can caravan to places without our corvettes if we need room for kids.

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## January Birthdays



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|----|-----------------|----|--------------------|
| 1  | Stephen DeFazio | 15 | Ferri Householder  |
|    | Andie Fischer   | 17 | Debbie Traves      |
| 2  | Joel Fellman    | 20 | Gina Bresler       |
|    | Billie Satchell | 21 | Toby Levin         |
|    | Mary Spagnuola  |    | Mary Miller        |
| 3  | Luann Catinella | 22 | Constance Etherton |
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| 4  | Ellis Gray      | 24 | Jeanne Pfaff       |
|    | Ellen Strange   |    | Tim Quintrell      |
| 6  | Herb Bernstein  | 25 | Robert Miller      |
|    | Dennis Traves   | 26 | Joe Gallagher Jr.  |
|    | Gary Vogel      |    | Charles Kelly      |
| 7  | Dennis DiSario  |    | Brant Seal         |
|    | Don Forte       | 27 | Vincent Pileggi    |
|    | Pat Lima        | 29 | Alan Davis         |
| 8  | Doug Leatherman |    | Ronald Nicol       |
| 9  | Linda Davis     |    | William Way        |
|    | Sue Kellner     | 30 | Tony Buonassisi    |
| 11 | Thomas McKeone  |    | James Fischer      |
|    | David Wilner    |    | Ronald Landes      |
| 12 | Rick Briggs     |    | Ken Laver          |
| 15 | Maryann Fisher  |    | Don Terranova      |



**566 Members as of December 31, 2004**

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President's message (continued from page 1)

For 2005 and with the support of the Board I want to focus on three areas that need to be strengthened. Those areas are: 1) Increase member Participation (active or consulting), 2) The forming of committees (To better align areas of concentration), 3) Business development (to offset expenses). With item 1, Harriet and John Mentzer successfully hosted the holiday party for the first time and did a great job. Don Terranova has already started to do item 2 by creating an Activity Committee with 11 members. Another committee that I want to form is a Public Relations Committee that will focus on making contacts with organizations, the media, advertising and marketing our services such as displaying our cars at various events. Under item 3, John Clipner has initiated a motion to show our cars at the Doylestown Oktoberfest this year with the possibility of generating revenue for the club. As you can see there action has started in these three areas and there will be more throughout the year.

I faithfully look forward to serving as your President in 2005.

Ed

## **“AN EATING EXPERIENCE”**

***SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2005***



Mamma Maria's Restaurante Italiano, located at 1637 East Passyunk Avenue in South Philadelphia is just that, an eating experience and also a South Philly landmark! Your meal includes several courses; Italian antipasto, soup, salad, bread, a trio of pastas, then choose your main entrée and after that, desert. But that's not all! House wines are served all during dinner. Afterward, there's cheese and fruit plus several bottles of varied liqueurs are placed on the tables. You can enjoy one or all (as much as you like).

The cost is \$60.00 per person including the gratuity... a good deal when you consider the food is cooked fresh and the price includes the wine and liqueurs. While eating, Dominic is usually strolling around playing the accordion and singing Italian songs. Everyone can join in if you know the words! Mamma is also always there to welcome guests and sometimes to sit with you. I should also let you know that Mamma has her own cable TV show: *Italian Cooking with Mamma*... so she's a real celebrity.

**Seating is very limited, so please call ASAP.** We will need a deposit of \$20 per person by the January Membership Meeting (January 13<sup>th</sup>) to hold your reservation. So why not make this your special Valentine's Day dinner?

Come out & join us for a fun time at Mamma's. I'm sure you will want to go back! Please call us if you would like to attend, have any questions or need directions, etc. Joel and Sue Fellman -- 215-969-0392 -- We hope to see you there!!

# CCDV Marksmen are looking for a few good.....



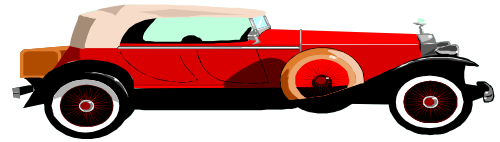
CCDV's Marksmen will start back up on Monday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005 from 8 PM. To 9 PM. **This event is open to all members and it will be a monthly event.** For the novice we will have members who will help you, and show you the dos and don'ts of proper firearms handling.

This event will be held at **CLASSIC PISTOL**, ([www.classicpistol.com](http://www.classicpistol.com)) 1310 Industrial Blvd., Southampton, PA 18966, Telephone # 215-953-7264. This is a full service range and they have an excellent air system. "CP" has training classes, shooting matches, gun rentals, new and used gun sales, ammo, and shooter's and hunter's supplies. If CCDV can get 10 members to sign up for a one year membership, we could qualify for a corporate/club membership. The regular price is \$165 and the special corporate/club membership for pistol and rifle is \$130, a \$35 savings. With a membership there is unlimited use of the range at no cost!! The standard price per hour is \$20 so as you can see the Club membership is a great deal. See me for more information. The last time we did this we had over 17 members sign up.

Once shooting is over we will head to **DUNKIN' DONUTS**, County Line and Davisville Roads. If you don't want to shoot, then come on out for donuts, coffee and jokes. At times last year we had more donut eaters than shooters. If anyone has any questions or if you wish to join us, either e-mail me [wburkholder4@comcast.net](mailto:wburkholder4@comcast.net) or please call me **after** 12 noon (I don't get up till the crack of 9AM!!) at 215-343-5968.

Bill Burkholder





## ATLANTIC CITY CAR SHOW AND CASINO TRIP

Saturday, February 26, 2005

Willow Grove Departure Time: 9 AM Atlantic City Departure Time: 7 PM  
Bus leaves from the K Mart parking lot in Willow Grove next to the Willow Grove Mall  
across from the VFW

We will have dinner in AC before returning to Willow Grove more information to come.

CCDV is chartering bus to the Atlantic City Car show. There are 47 seats available,  
first come, first served - reserve a seat soon.

Tickets are \$20.00 per person for the bus trip; you will receive \$8 to \$10 in chips for a  
Casino yet to be determined.

Our ticket price for the Car Show is \$15.00 per person. General admission at the  
gate is \$20, a \$5 savings.

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Thanks, Don Terranova



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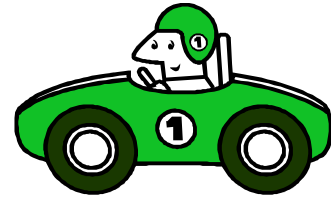
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# GOING RACING

by Tony Buonassisi



As promised in my October column, I'm spotlighting the rest of the CCDV Drag Racing Team.

John Burbich is an occasional racer that switched cars midway through the season. Starting out with his Red C5 Coupe he moved up to a Red Z06. Now as anyone who has driven a Z will tell you these things are simply awesome. They do however have a hard time hooking up to the track. Just ask Richy Josephs. John did go rounds when he was able to go racing with us and hopefully he'll be able to make a few more races next year.

Speaking of Z06's, Richy had his hands full with his beast and even with larger Drag radials, he had trouble with traction. Richy's plan for racing was dialing soft (putting a time on his car that is slower than what he can run) and playing the top end game, which consist of just nosing out his opponent at the end of the quarter mile. Richy did go some rounds with this strategy and this may be his plan for next year.

Neil Fine was a rookie to drag racing this year and he caught on quickly. He also learned a few things about his Z that I'm sure he'd rather forget. Neil's black Z is a beautiful car in its own right, but when Neil got serious about drag racing all hell broke loose. Neil is very competitive and has brought his car to the next level. Neil will be in the low to mid 11's this coming race season and we all hope to see him in the winner's circle in 2005.

Bob Rosenberg, our Gas Cap Editor, has come out for several of the races. He started out like gangbuster in the first couple of races, going rounds. Since then he has put on a couple of coats of Zaino and some new wheels, but we still hope to see him next year!

Don Terranova, the Club's Activities Chairperson, came out for a race to see what his car was capable of running. Since then he moved up to a later C4 Vert with an automatic and we're hoping to see Don come out next year.

Mike Campbell was able to make a few races this year, then his new clutch started to smoke. Mike retired after that, but we're also hoping to see him back next year. Mike gets us our CCDV Racer T-shirts and we're looking forward to warmer weather when we can again show them off.

The 2005 schedule has been posted and can be viewed at [www.corvettechallenge.info](http://www.corvettechallenge.info). There you'll find everything you wanted to know about the Challenge. Look for rules, past winners and profiles and some great blow by blow racing descriptions by our own Edgar Perez.

Till next Month

Contact me, Tony Buonassisi, if you have any questions, comments or news, at 215-343-5552 or [GRBNGRS@aol.com](mailto:GRBNGRS@aol.com).


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# ***St. Vincent's Toy Run***

There were a lot less children at the Home this year. We're hoping that's a good thing because fewer troubled or abused children need safe refuge. Also, the average age was closer to 12 or 13 versus 7 or 8 as in the past. But they were all great – happy and appreciative. Fewer children also made it possible for us to give two gifts to every child and they were thrilled!

Because the weather wasn't too bad, for about a half hour everyone went outside to check out the two Sharks, one C4 and three C5's that braved the cold and fog. I actually think the children enjoyed staring & sitting in our Vettes as much as their presents.

Since MacDonald's didn't provide their usual goodies for lunch this year, Bill & Paula bought and cooked at least 100 hot dogs along with rolls and condiments. We picked up bags of chips for everyone so our lunch this year was definitely better!

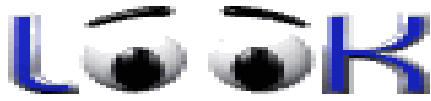
Although the Toy Run had several differences from past ones, it seemed to be more fun and just as heartwarming and rewarding as past years.

We want to thank everyone who donated toys and especially the CCDV members and their families who participated, came out and helped sort and distribute gifts, etc, plus spend some quality time with children who really crave attention and caring. The Holidays for those 40+ children will surely be brighter because of CCDV's big heart and members who care.

Thank you all, save the wave and have a Happy and Healthy Holiday Season,  
Joel and Sue Fellman

**P.S. On December 21<sup>st</sup> Bill Burkholder donated the remaining toys to a *Woman's Place* in Bucks County. This is a shelter for abused women with children. Several families from the Woman's Place were going to do their Christmas shopping that afternoon. CCDV again helped to brighten the holidays for others.**





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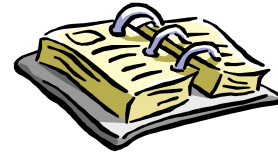
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## Some Corvette Trivia for the First Five Generations

- C1 - The Corvette was the first and last car with a "Wrap-Around" windshield.
- C2 - Only the driver's side vent on the 1964 Corvette is functional.
- C3 - No Corvettes were painted black at the factory from 1970 to 1976.
- C4 - In 1987 you could buy a Corvette without an engine installed by the factory.
- C5 - It took 55 hours to build the C5, down from 70 hours for the previous C4 model.

# Upcoming Events



**CCDV Marksman Night at CP Range in Southampton, PA – Monday, January 10th**

**Let's Go Bowling - the next bowling dates are Jan 15<sup>th</sup>, Feb 19<sup>th</sup> and March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Dinner at Mamma Maria's Restaurante Italiano – Saturday, February 12th**

**Atlantic City Car Show & Casino Trip – Sat., Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> Details are in this Gas Cap**

**Dinner at Augusto's in Warminster – Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**

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

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