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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Ed Bonk



SEPTEMBER 2005 ISSUE

With August coming to an end you have to wonder where did the summer go. I know there are still a couple of months left for warm weather, but June, July and August seem to have flown by. When you are doing so much, you just don't think what month it is, you just want to enjoy yourself and have fun. And we certainly did just that. We ended July with a trip to Kahunaville in Wilmington, Delaware for lunch and the car show and shine event. Great food, palm tree atmosphere, indoor games and a dance contest on a machine that I never saw before where young adults follow lighted arrows that moved faster than a Vette off the starting line and stayed in tune to the music to score points. My girlfriend wanted me to get on the machine knowing I would have had a cardiac arrest and she would have to drive my car home. Needless to say I did not get on the machine, nor did I think she was being funny.

Moving into August, racing was going strong and there is a new future racing member of the team. Congratulations to Rob Farley and his wife on their newborn son Robert Vincent. I heard the newborn is already sitting in the driver's seat of the Vette. The General Membership meeting did not have a guest speaker but we used the time slot to conduct an open forum that focused on new ideas and suggestions. It seems the main focus was on our annual Car show and a lot of the members came up with some great suggestions concerning the number of days for the show as well as looking for a new location.

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## September Birthdays

- 2 Eileen Shea Mary Miller
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- 5 Robert Kingston Bob Weiss Wendy Quintrell
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- 17 Brady Marlow
- 18 Jerry Muniz Janice Bennis Barb Weiss
- 19 Victor Santiago George Seymour Wayne Zaks Lisa Nyce Billie Simon
- 20 Jim Loughran Joseph Michalski
- 21 Steven Ramer Elaine Soffer
- 22 Bethanne Carr Kate Macphail
- 23 Richard Brady Kathy Goldhahn
- 24 Don Lepp Gigi Santiago Rick Wynn
- 26 Joann Dunlop Barbara Scaffidi
- 28 Judy Kingston Pamela Smith
- 29 Robert Lowes
- 30 John Stewart Amy Hibbs

523 Members as of August 31, 2005

#### ONLINE GAS CAP

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#### President's message (continued from page 1)

I want to thank everyone for coming out and presenting their thoughts to the Board members. We hear you and we are listening to what you have to say.

At the board meeting the following week we discussed the ideas and some of us have tasks to follow up on. I will discuss this in more detail in a future Gas Cap.

The first semi-annual CCDV President's award was presented to Don Terranova for his dedication and contributions to the club (see page13). The CCDV picnic and Covered Bridge Run was a great time. We had approximately 20 cars riding through the sunny countryside and driving under six covered bridges dating as far back as 1871. It was extremely hot that day but it was a new learning experience for me and the history behind them. At the picnic a lot of us learned how to play bocce ball that day, but because of the heat we kept reducing the end score to get the game over quickly. Thanks to Dennis Trayes for dropping off the excess food to an organization named Manna in Lansdale. Cruise night was a big success with the club presenting an appreciation award to Pep Boys for letting us use the lot and donating door prizes. The monthly breakfast at Revivals Restaurant in Perkasie was a great time and there was a trip to Crystal Cave afterward. The last weekend of the month is Corvettes at Carlisle and I hope everyone who went got a chance to stop by the CCDV tent and chat with fellow club members.

Elections for members of the Board will be voted on in November (see page 13). If you want to become more involved with our premier club, please consider placing yourself on the ballot. I feel this is your chance to have a say or vote in the on-going activities of your club.

Ticket sales for the raffle car are going well and if you want to buy tickets, contact Stan O'Leary (215-672-6361) or Bill Burkholder (215-343-5968) or me.

In closing, I want to present to all the members of the club the significant progress that was made during the first six months of this year. A lot of things have happened and I feel as President everyone should be made aware of what the club and its members have accomplished. So I put together a Six Month Progress report (see page 16) for everyone to read and see some interesting information and what our members have accomplished.

I wish you and your family the best.

Ed





#### by Tony Buonassisi

It's now going into the homestretch of the Corvette Challenge. Talk about a year of surprises! There has been only one repeat winner of the Challenge this year, John Panuzzo. The top points leader, John Hadyniak has a 2 point lead going into the 8<sup>th</sup> race over Ralph Savarese who has a 2 point lead over Chris Young who has a 2 point lead over Rob Farley. It is going to be a great ending for one of those guys. Rob is the highest placed CCDV member followed by Al Betz and me, we're currently in a four way tie for 11<sup>th</sup> place along with John Panuzo and Don Peppler, Jr. Al has been getting deep into the rounds by cutting good lights and running his numbers. I have managed to get there by getting into the second or third round in a few of the races. I seem to be stuck in a first round win, second round red light situation, but I've also found other ways to lose in the second round, like losing my opponent in my mirror when he was in my blind spot. I lifted thinking he had broken. Well by the time I saw his fender it was too late and the only thing that could have save the race for me would have been a 200hp shot of nitrous. That will not happen again.

In the Club Challenge the only thing left is for the fat lady to sing about as the CCDV Racers hold an almost insurmountable lead over County Corvette Club. Score is 113-31. Helping to get all those points are all of the racers that attend and the member that goes the farthest in competition. Both Al Betz and Rob Farley have done a terrific job adding to the points. The great thing about this team is that if someone is having an off day, one of the other members usually has an on day. Also the fact the CCDV usually fields over 10% of the competition each race helps in our points quest.

On July 30<sup>th</sup> Al Betz was the team member who went the furthest in rounds as he got to the semifinals. He had been hitting the tree great all day, but got a little to anxious and went red against Vic Gandhi, who is really consistent and also hits the tree hard. Thanks go out to Doug for allowing Laura to use his car in this week's race.

August 6<sup>th</sup> was a big day for Corvettes at Englishtown as Vette Magazine held their annual event with the Challenge following in the afternoon. Several of our members raced in the morning event and did quite well. Glenn Murphy went against Jerry Muniz in the class final and Jerry went on to win the overall title. Edgar Perez getting a free shot at the tree in the first round because of his opponent's red light, hit the tree dead on with a perfect .000 light. He also ran an 11.82 on an 11.80 dial. Both Edgar and I red lighted in the second round against our opponents and that ended CCDV points gathering for the day.

Doug is only one point behind the leader for Rookie of the year. Laura could pull closer in the lead with a few round wins. Her reaction times are getting better and her ET's are settling down. Jim Bole and his son also competed in the Challenge and although not getting into the second round they are getting consistent times out of their cars. We hope they decide to come out next year and run for points.

Jerry Muniz (Boogieman) running a C6 went to Numedia Raceway around the Allentown area on August 20th and won the "Original Street Class" with a 12.92 at 109.78 mph.

Next race day is Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>. This event starts at 9 AM. As in the past, we will be meeting at Bennigans on Route 611, just north of the Willow Grove Turnpike entrance. We will be departing at 7:40 AM.

Get the official updates on the ECS Corvette Challenge at: http://www.corvettechallenge.info/

For questions, comments or suggestions contact me at <u>grbngrs@comcast.net</u> or 215-343-5552



Beginning every year in the mid seventies, Dave and Terri Urbanek would visit the Cavalcade at Johnsville Naval Base. They would have a great time looking at CCDV's collection, talking with people and enjoying the day only to have Dave return home "Vette-less" and depressed. He would be so down his young daughters would promise Daddy they were saving their coins to make his one wish come true.

This infirmity known as Corvette fever first presented itself in Dave at the age of fourteen. His neighbor three doors away owned a 4-speed Cordovan Maroon '68 with black interior. Every so often he would drive it around the block and then promptly put it back in the garage. Dave could only stare during these rare appearances while his fever grew.

In 1977, arriving at work each day, Dave would park next to a Corvette driven by a fellow Health and PE instructor at William Tennant High School. He kept hoping she would let him take it for a spin and one day she actually did hand him the keys to go off on his own. Sitting behind the wheel was wonderful and thrilling until he returned and was unable to remove the key. With a red face he finally gave up, left the car to find her and prayed no one would steal it in his absence.

By now the fever was driving Dave and the search was on for his own. Even his Mom diligently kept an eye out and an ear to the ground. She would often call with a lead and Dave would check them out. In 1996, while giving a driving lesson on Bustleton Pike he spotted the one, but when he returned later it was gone. A buddy in this network search saw the same car and jotted down the details. That's all Dave needed to head right over and immediately purchase his '81. Soon restoration began and included rotors, brakes, calibers, rear bearings, shocks, valve covers, gaskets and exterior work. Dave loved the Torch Red, but McElroy's wet sanded it to a beautiful finish. His Vette was ready and so was he, to be found by fellow owners.

One Saturday while Dave was under the car, Bruce Waldron happened to drive past. He stopped in, introduced himself and talked up CCDV. Dave said the first meeting was a little unnerving since he didn't know a soul and couldn't remember what Bruce looked like. Regardless, he kept on attending and has ever since. He loves participating in the Cavalcade each year, the Cruise Nights and especially enjoys the Oreland Parade. He wouldn't think of missing the Hatboro Show, if not for its new restriction of 20 years plus. Other favorites have been the caravan to Chip Miller's and the American Grill run.

One year Dave housed the club's raffle car in his garage and the opportunity to drive the 1991 Steel Blue Metallic convertible created a desire for a C4 of his own. He caught a first run ad in the Intelligencer for a 1994 6-speed Dark Red Metallic with a Hypertech chip and Borla exhaust system. It was 5:30 AM and the urge to call was overwhelming, but courtesy won out. Terri made contact at the more reasonable hour of 9:00 AM (or was it 8:59?). By 4:15 PM they were face to face and in ten minutes he made the purchase on August 1, 2001. Karen and Dennis DiSario were first to share the excitement and the 30-minute test run by Dennis proved this car was in great shape both inside and out.

The Urbanek's 1981 went on to another loving home after six years. Its future buyer would see the car about every six months and kept after Dave to sell it. "It's not for sale" was Dave's constant reply. During the Hatboro Show, he asked again and Dave told him if and only when he found a C4. That little spark of hope spread the fever and for the next two years the man thought about the car every day. When time came to do business, Dave's call was answered by the buyer's wife. She asked him not to contact her husband, since she wanted to surprise him with a great 50<sup>th</sup> birthday gift. It was a wish come true for someone else.

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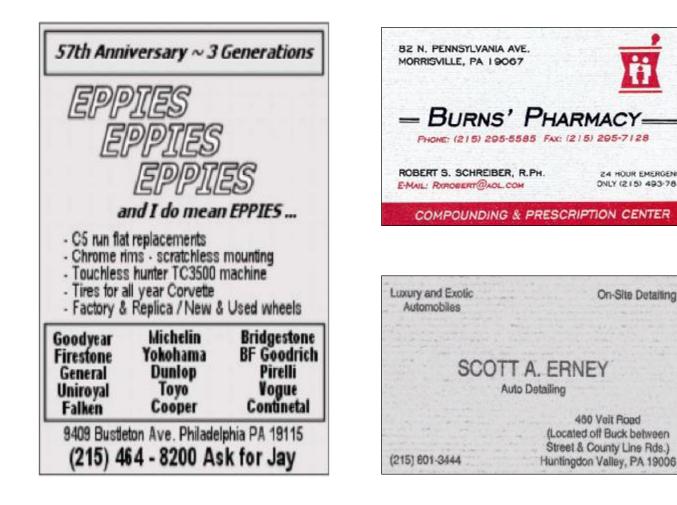




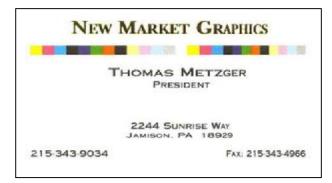










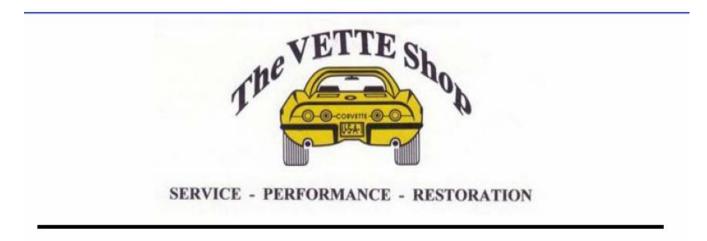




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1. Ed Bonk presenting the President's Award to Don Terranova for service to CCDV

CCDV Members addressing the membership regarding next year's Cavalcade of Corvettes

- 2. Pete Carroll
- 3. Frank Suntheimer
- 4. Tony Buonassisi
- 5. Paul Wydominic

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## CCDV 2005 President's Award

Earlier this year. I asked the Board to allow me to recognize a member whose contributions. enthusiasm and commitment to the club was at the highest level. Throughout the year we continually give recognition through verbal or written communication, such as a simple "thank you" or a physical means such as a trophy, but I was looking at this differently and looked to raise the level of recognition. Realizing we are a premier club and such an award is warranted, the Board approved the idea. I named it the "CCDV President's Award" and wanted it presented semiannually because of the number of people who participate in our club activities past and present. I felt the award should have no boundaries, such as what year the recognition was deserved, how many years someone is a member or the type, level or number of activities. This would not be your average type of award, as it would require hard work and a significant contribution to our club and its members. Although there are no boundaries, I felt the first award should be presented to someone who raised the bar while I was in office. The award is 10 inches high, has a contemporary design and is made of blue acrylic with white lettering. The first award was presented to Don Terranova, whose contributions and efforts for these first six months exceeded expectation. If you should see Don, please congratulate him for his efforts on behalf of our club and its members. If you can not make our monthly meeting. Don can be spotted at our monthly cruise night wearing a Hawaiian shirt and a megaphone in his hand giving out the awards.

Ed

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND THE BOARD**

- The nominating committee shall be appointed by the President in September before that month's general meeting so that its members will be known to the membership.
- Anyone wishing to run for office or the Board must contact the nominating committee no later than September 30.
- Nominations for officers, officers at large and the Board shall be presented at the October general meeting by the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall consist of three (3) members in good standing.
- Elections shall take place at the November General Meeting.

This year the nominating committee consists of Sue Fellman, Rose Ferrante and Jean Dautel. If you would like to run for a board position or if you wish to nominate an officers slate please contact Sue (sueatccdv@aol.com), Rose (rferrante@fonnerinsurance.com) or Jean (Jean111375@aol.com). If you do not have access to e-mail please send your name and intentions to CCDV, PO Box 397, Willow Grove, PA 19060 marked Attn: Nominating Committee by September 30<sup>th</sup> or hand deliver it at the September General Membership Meeting.

### SPECIAL THANKS FROM ALL OF US

I would like to give a special thanks to some people that are very instrumental in making cruise night a success. They are the fine ladies behind the desk. They collect 50/50 raffle tickets. Hand out the dash placards as well as explain 50 times each night what a dash placard is, sometimes to the same people. They sell soda and water. They keep things organized while answering all types of questions throughout the night. Very seldom do you see them have time to sit down and relax. So **thank you** very much for all you do, **Jean Dautel, Miriam Rogers, Chris Terranova and Ginny Wydominic.** 

# LSSK Buy Sell Trade

- **For Sale:** 1963 Corvette Coupe, rebuilt 1967, 327 cid retired show car, original shifter and trans. Black Cherry paint should be black on red, side pipes, new American Racing Mags, \$36,000 firm 609-758-8728 Denny
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- For Sale: 2003 50<sup>th</sup> Anniv Edit Coupe (Anniv Red/Shale) less than 16,000 mi. auto, memory pkg, electro mirrors, magnetic selectic ride control, twilight sentinel, HUD, and much more plus balance of GM warranty (zero deduct 2009 or 60K mi) garage kept. MSRP was \$50,730, asking \$40,900. Call Bob Segal or Linda Joy Goldner at 215-760-7677 or e-mail at Linda.Goldner@verizon.net
- **For Sale:** 2003 Anniv Coupe 6-speed 7100 mi. incl. remainder of 1 year dealer warranty plus 5yr/50K bumper to bumper warranty, full Corsa performance exhaust (not Touring), K & N cold air intake, dual roofs available \$43,500 obo 856-264-6850 cell or 609-704-0822 home 08/05
- For Sale: 2003 Z06 Millennium Yellow, 5700 miles, never in rain or raced. Hurst shifter, Vara-Ram, carbon fiber duct, stainless steel duct screens still in boxes. 5 year/75K mile extended warranty. Asking \$37,500 obo. E-mail: johnclipner@yahoo.com or call 267-577-0737 09/05

Please email Bob Rosenberg for listing an automobile or related item that you wish to include in a future Gas Cap at: <u>vette21@comcast.net</u>. These listings are for our members and there is no charge.

#### Please note: listings will be removed after 3 months unless we are notified otherwise





On Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> Boardwalk Corvettes of Atlantic City is having their annual *A Day at the Beach - Corvette Style* in Ocean City, New Jersey. If you don't know what this is, allow me to explain. They attract hundreds of Corvettes to this event. We meet at the Ocean City, NJ local municipal airport between 26th and Bay Avenues between 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM. We then register and pay the \$25 fee. You must have proof of insurance to be allowed on the Boardwalk. There is a drivers' meeting at 10:30 AM. At 11:00 we all parade to the Boardwalk on a predetermined route and are directed onto the Boardwalk two abreast.

The cars are lined up and down the boardwalk with about 5 feet between each car for spectators to walk around. The spectators are surprising respectful and except for an occasional unauthorized deposit from a passing seagull, I have not seen or heard of any unpleasant incidents. Once parked you cannot leave until 3:30 PM. But it is such a good event, the time flies and it's over before you know it. We park together at the airport, as a club then parade to the Boardwalk in a group. It's a good time and a great way to get to know your fellow club members. As far as I'm concerned it's one of the best events of the year. We usually meet in Willow Grove and caravan down together. Check the CCDV <u>www.ccdv.com</u> website for that information or call Don Terranova 215-794-7393 as the time gets nearer.

This is a rain or shine event of course, however if it's a miserable day, I don't see much sense in going, unfortunately as you know the shore has very unpredictable weather. It may be sunny here and wet there or vice versa. You'll have to make the call yourself.

#### **DIRECTIONS TO AIRPORT**

Garden State Pkwy (Portions toll). Take the CR-623 exit # 25- toward Ocean City/Marmora. Stay <u>straight</u> to go onto Vernon Rd., Turn <u>left</u> onto Roosevelt Blvd/CR-623. Turn <u>left</u> onto Bay Ave/CR-656. Airport entrance will be on the <u>left</u>.

### AUGUST ON THE RUN

The club had a very eventful August. We had a Covered Bridge run organized by Paul and Ginny Wydominic that took us through some of the most scenic roads in the area and ended at our club picnic site. We had a picnic at the Washington Crossing Historic Park with a pavilion on the banks of the Delaware River reserved for us. Nick and Ann Scull put it all together. They got a caterer with a cook and two servers. It was very nice. The weather that day was not as nice; the heat was very oppressive and ended the picnic earlier than planned. Unfortunately that's one thing nobody can predict. The following week we had our monthly cruise night at Pep Boys. Once again we filled up the parking lot despite the fact that C&C Ford and the town of Perkasie both had their car shows the same night. The very next day we headed out for breakfast at Revivals Restaurant in Perkasie. They opened the restaurant one hour early just for us and put on a very nice and reasonably priced breakfast. Afterward we caravanned to Crystal Cave for a little sightseeing. Later we went to the Virginsville Hotel in Virginsville for a late lunch or early dinner. It was a very nice out of the way place. The desserts were great. Paul and Ginny Wydominic put this all together and lead the caravan. At the end of the month we headed on out to Carlisle for our yearly pilgrimage to honor the Corvette Gods. At Carlisle CCDV had a tent with tables and chairs set up to offer hot and weary club members water and soda and a place to sit.

There has been a very noticeable increase in member participation. We had over 60 members at the picnic, 40 at our Drive-In run, and almost 40 for the breakfast at Revivals. I have seen many new faces as well as many veteran members. The most important thing is that they are not the same faces. Don't get me wrong, I'm happy to see the core group keeps returning, but the fact that new faces are showing up and coming back tells me we must have a good mix of events.

Don

#### CCDV PRESIDENT'S SIX MONTH PROGRESS REPORT January 1 to June 30, 2005

#### A) MEMBERSHIP:

- 2004 Six Month Average is 501 Members
  - (598, 603, 306, 492, 503, 505)
- 2005 Six Month Average is 544 Members
   (566, 574,576, 572, 490, 490)
- New participants are 20 to 25 for an average 4 to 5% increase (total membership 500) or 20 to 25% increase (Participating Membership 100). Organizations average is 15 to 20% total participation, CCDV's average is 20 to 25%.
- Generation Count

C1	30	C4	98
C2	49	C5	167
C3	109	C6	3

#### **B) FINANCES:**

- 2004 Six Month Treasury Total \$44,000
- 2005 Six Month Treasury Total \$40,000

#### C) ACTIVITIES/MEETINGS:

- Indoor 32
- Marksmen, General Membership Meeting, Bowling, Dinners, Breakfast, Board Meetings, CECF Meetings
- Outdoor 14

   Car Shows, Cruise Nights, Post Breakfast, Racing, Pocono, Autocross, Parades, Cavalcade

   Above Door 1
- Above Door 1
   Airplane Ride

#### D) E-BUSINESS (Significant Decisions):

- Designed and made decision on the final design of Gas Cap Cavalcade Registration Form
- Designed and made decision on the final design of Cavalcade & Classic & Custom Flyer
- Designed and made decision on the final design of Vendor Flyer
- Designed and approved Cavalcade Tee Shirt
- Initiated and approved the advertisements in Cruising Magazine, the Inquire and Show Finder
- Approved Cavalcade lunch expenses

#### E) E-COMMENCE:

- Creation of On-Line Club Store
- On-Line sale of cars, parts and non car items like Phillies tickets and seashore rentals
- On-Line new member registrations
- On-Line Gas Cap
- On-Line raffle ticket sales

#### D) MISCELLANEOUS:

- Creation of The Public Relations Committee (5 people)
- School Safety program, drafting of the sport teams letter, NCM Ambassador
- Continued and successful meetings of the Activities Committee (7 people)
- Team CCDV (Racing) received their 2004 Corvette Challenge Cup
- Creation and sale of the 2005 Cavalcade of Corvettes Video
- First presentation of the2005 CCDV President's award
- CCDV sponsor (Bryner Chevrolet) father and son guest speakers Dave and Mike Peterson
- Continued friendship and camaraderie among the membership
  - Joking & Happy Birthdays on-line, General Membership meetings, etc

## **Upcoming Events**



Sat., Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>- Corvette Challenge, See "Going Racing" or CCDV website for information

Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> – Drive-In movie and dinner (see page 19)

- Thursday, Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meeting, VFW in Willow Grove, PA at 8:00 PM
- Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> CCDV Marksmen Night, at Classic Pistol 1310 Industrial Blvd., Southampton, 215-953-7264 from 8 to 9 PM. For information call Bill Burkholder *(in the afternoon)* 215-343-5968 or e-mail at <u>wburkholder4@comcast.net</u>. Check the CCDV website in Upcoming Activities for more details.
- Saturday, September 17<sup>th -</sup> Cruise Night

Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> – Roving Breakfast Club – details TBA Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> – A Day at the Beach Corvette Style (see page 15)

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#### PLEASE CHECK EVENTS MONTHLY AS THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

## A SPECIAL OFFER FROM PEP BOYS

The good folks at Pep Boys have added The Corvette Club of Delaware Valley to their list of preferred partners. This means that when we make a purchase or have a vehicle serviced we are eligible for a special discount. One of our members already received a substantial discount on a set of tires he purchased for his SUV. To get the discount speak to the store manager and show proof of membership before your purchase.

I could not be happier about how the partnership between Pep Boys and CCDV has turned out. They have not said no to anything we have asked for. The facilities are perfect for our cruise nights and the door prizes they donate are outstanding and plentiful. When you find yourself in Pep Boys give the folks there a big thanks for all they've done for us.

Don

Hoods Up (continued from page 5)

Dave's next goal is to travel to Bowling Green and see the Vettes being made. He says he has Corvette fever and always will. His desire is to have one the rest of his life and keep his license plate, which reads *My 1 Wish*.





#### Joel Fellman, CCDV V.P. Club Historian & NCM Ambassador

To start, I'll let everyone know that the National Corvette Museum has offered an exclusive opportunity to the 20 Lifetime Business Club Members. Twelve clubs, including CCDV, have submitted formal requests to be considered to have a club member's Corvette on special display at the museum for one month. Three clubs will be chosen to display Vettes later this year and three more are to be on display early in 2006. If CCDV is chosen, we will ask members who are interested to submit their desire to have their Vette displayed and a decision will be made as to how we will choose the winning candidate. I will let everyone know if CCDV is one of the six chosen clubs. Although we haven't been a very "hands-on – volunteer type club", we are definitely a long time and strong supporter of the NCM, so I'm hopeful our submitted request will be a winner.

As promised, here's additional history information about CCDV's involvement with the NCM:

- **5/96** A bus load of 40 CCDV members go on a five day luxury bus excursion to visit the National Corvette Museum and Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, KY, plus secondary visits to Music Row (attend the Grand Ole Opry) in Nashville, TN and Thomas Jefferson's home in Monticello, VA. All arranged by Bruce Waldron.
- **7/96** CCDV approved the purchase of four large club bricks from the NCM. Those bricks were then surrounded by several individual members' bricks.
- **4/97** CCDV receives a nice "Thank you" letter from Wendell Strode, the NCM Exececutive Director for our support and the purchase of the club bricks.
- 9/97 CCDV President, Mike Burke, appointed Bob Weiss to be our club's first NCM Ambassador.
- **11/97** CCDV funded Wendell Strode to travel up, attend and be our celebrity guest speaker at the General Membership Meeting.
- **12/97** CCDV instituted giving away an NCM membership at our monthly meeting (in addition to the 50/50 drawings).
- **2/98** CCDV receives another letter from Wendell Strode thanking us for implementing the innovative idea of the NCM membership giveaways.

Well that's all for now. I'll provide more history & NCM updates in future Gas Caps. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me for any information about the Museum, membership, etc. I'd like to encourage everyone in CCDV to become a member and support the NCM. You can also contact the Museum directly at their web site: www.Corvette Museum.com

Thank you, Joel



## Drive-In at Becky's last chance for 2005

On Saturday September 3<sup>rd</sup> we are planning another run to Becky's Drive-In movie theater. You can visit their website: <u>http://www.beckysdi.com/</u>

Becky's is located about 20 minutes north of Allentown, PA. We will meet at the Giant Food market in Souderton on Routes 113 and 309 at 5:30 PM. We will do something a little different this time. Instead of stopping for dinner we will eat at the Drive-In. This will make things a lot less complicated. We bring our own chairs we can sit around together and have dinner before the movie starts. We can do this 3 ways; either pack a picnic type dinner for yourself, stop along the way and pick-up something or you can buy food at the theater's snack bar. Personally I think we'll pack a picnic dinner.

We will not know what movie is playing until a week before. For those of you that are joining us for the first time, here is some information. The movie starts at dusk, probably around 8:30 PM. The admission fee is \$6 per person. They broadcast the audio on an FM signal instead of those tinny speakers, so bring a portable radio or you can use your car radio. Many people bring chairs and gather as a group in front of their cars. Things to bring are: bug spray and a blanket.

Because we are not stopping at a restaurant, there is no need for a headcount; however we will have a sign-up list on our CCDV website.

#### This is a fair weather event.



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#### WHEN:

Second Thursday of every month at 8:00 PM

#### WHERE:

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