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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*by Ed Bonk*



It is now March and we are getting closer. Yes, just around the corner and only a month away is the start of our outdoor activities, the April cruise night. I for one can not wait and I'm quite sure there are a lot of other members who feel likewise.

I received my April edition of Vette magazine and I want to congratulate the CCDV Corvette Challenge racing team on being listed on page 28 as well as pictures of their cars (more on this from Tony on page 6). The article is written by Edgar Perez (CCDV Member) and one of the pictures has Ellis Gray (CCDV Member) racing down the drag strip at Englishtown, New Jersey. It's cool to see CCDV members listed in a national magazine.

The month of February had a couple of activities to help forget winter and keep the camaraderie going. There were a bunch of brave members who drove through the snow to have dinner at Momma Maria's in South Philly. When they left it was still snowing, but I bet after a glass or two of a vintage beverage, the snow wasn't that important anymore. Good for the brave hearts.

The 2006 Atlantic City Car Show and Buffet Dinner at Angelo's Fairmount Tavern was a success. There was a full bus load of CCDVers who made the trip and everyone had a great time at the show and dinner.

The guest speaker at the General Membership meeting was Mario Diliberto who gave the group an update on the three day Rod & Custom indoor car show at the Fort Washington Expo center in March.

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

For March there is the dinner at Augusto's in Warminster, Marksman night and Bowling night. Keep in mind the bowlers are looking for bad bowlers to keep competitive and have fun.

At the General Membership meeting the Board will present a plaque to the members who have been a member for twenty-five consecutive years. Their names were listed in January's Gas Cap and they played a big part in keeping this club going through the years. Come out and congratulate our long time members and show your appreciation.

Looking ahead to May, CCDV will be moving its General Membership meeting to a new location (page 4). This is another effort conducted by the Board in listening to its members and trying to respond on your feedback. This is also a big step forward in having a place to meet that fits our club's character. Mark the date, Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> on your calendar because it will be a special night and we will have something on hand to celebrate. Bring your significant others and let them see how our meetings are conducted and how much fun we have. Also in May, the club in working with the Montgomery County of Health and their Highway Safety Program will be at the Temple Ambler campus to promote teenage safe driving. I wanted to target the month of May because of upcoming high school proms and graduations. There will be an article on this in next month's Gas Cap.

As a note of interest, this May will be my eighth anniversary with the club. I am really hoping that many of the members I met eight years ago (and for whatever reason stopped coming to the meetings) show up that night. The list of names is too long to include in this message, but if you show up I will list my first CCDV friends in June's Gas Cap.

I wish you and your family the best.

*Ed*



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# CCDV is Moving to a



As you are no doubt aware, the search for another site for our General Membership meetings has been ongoing for months, as well as generating more posts on the web site than I can count.

After reaching out to everyone's help looking for another site, the search basically came down to two locations: the VFW and the VE Club, both in Warminster, PA. I was pointed in the direction of the VE Club by Rich Meier, a member of CCDV and the VE Club. The Warminster VFW, like our current site, had a couple of limitations, leaving the VE Club as the obvious alternative.

Throughout January and February I conducted ongoing conversations with Jack Sheffey, the manager of the VE Club, focusing on what our members would like to have available at the General Membership meeting, as well as the cost. The negotiations went well and a tour of the facility was scheduled. On a Wednesday night Bill Burkholder, Joel Fellman, Jeff Hey, Don Terranova and I met Jack, who graciously gave us a tour of the facility and answered all our questions. We were quite impressed.

A document with my requests was drawn up by Jack and forwarded to me for final review. At the February 16<sup>th</sup> Board meeting, I presented the letter to the Board for discussion. The Board was satisfied and I asked for a motion to approve CCDV moving its monthly meeting to the VE Club commencing in **May**. The motion was passed unanimously and I signed the final contract on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>.

The VE Club sits on 67 acres with an outdoor picnic area and pool. To look at the site, banquet room and pool, their website is <http://veclub.org/> for those interested.

Items of interest for us:

- Flat parking lot with our own parking area coned off to fit 100 to 125 cars or more if needed.
- A non-smoking banquet room that accommodates 300+ people. It even has a big stage.
- The three speed bumps are worn and should not be a problem. Don't think about driving around them. You can't.
- Bartender on duty 8:00 PM to 12:00 Midnight.
- Sandwiches.
- We can rent the indoor and outdoor areas for CCDV or personal activities.
- Every month, except June the meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday. In June it will be combined with our show meeting on the **3rd Tuesday**.
- The meeting start time will remain 8:00 PM to accommodate many of our members who drive home from work and then go to the meeting.

There is one **exception** this year and that will be the **October** General Membership meeting will be back at the VFW in Willow Grove. The reason for this is that the raffle car ticket has the location of the drawing being held there and by law we must honor this commitment.

I am very excited about this and I'm sure the membership will be quite pleased with this location and I want to thank Rich Meier and the Board for their efforts to keep CCDV a **premier** club.

Thanks for your support and patience.

Ed

# CCDV Dining at Augusto's

March 12th at 6:00 PM

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## Trivia by Don Terranova

What is the origin of Chevrolet?



The founder of General Motors, William Durant, hired Louis Chevrolet, a Swiss mechanic, in 1911, but Chevrolet was not there long. He was fired because he smoked, a habit Durant could not bear. However, Durant kept Chevrolet as a name for some of his automobiles.

Dashboard?



Interestingly, this word did not arise during the automobile era. Instead, it originated around 1846. The dashboard prevented passengers from being pelted by rocks and mud from "dashing" horses in buggies and buckboards.

## 2006 Corvette Racing Schedule

March 18	<b>Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring</b> Sebring, Florida	
May 12	<b>Lone Star Grand Prix of Houston</b> Houston, Texas	
May 21	<b>American Le Mans Mid-Ohio</b> Lexington, Ohio	
June 17-18	<b>24 Heures du Mans</b> Le Mans, France	
July 1	<b>New England Grand Prix</b> Lakeville, Connecticut	
July 15	<b>Utah Grand Prix</b> Tooele, Utah	
July 22	<b>Grand Prix of Portland</b> Portland, Oregon	
August 20	<b>Generac 500 at Road America</b> Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin	
September 3	<b>Grand Prix of Mosport</b> Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada	
September 30	<b>Petit Le Mans</b> Braselton, Georgia	
October 21	<b>Monterey Sports Car Championships</b> Monterey, California	

See page 11 for a peek at the C6R

# Going Racing

by Tony Buonassisi



“When it rains it pours”. Well that cliché was not only figurative, but also literal for the past couple of events in the beginning of this year. It seems like Mother Nature does not like drag racers to be together in large groups this early in the season. The ECS CC Banquet had to be rescheduled till the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, because of snow and the National Corvette Challenge, held in Aiken, South Carolina, was rained out on the 25<sup>th</sup> of February. Let’s hope “She’s” done with her tricks when we finally get to race on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March.

Big news this month is that the CCDV will again be a sponsor of the Corvette Challenge. Our Board of Directors voted unanimously to supply the funding for an awards sponsor, which again will be the “Closest to Dial” award. The winner of the award not only gets a trophy but a tech card, worth \$30, for an upcoming event. My thanks to the Board for their continued support. Also the Team tee shirts are in and if you purchased any you can get them at March’s membership meeting unless you make other arrangements with me.

An article written by Edgar Perez about the National Corvette Challenge was in “Vette” magazine. Pictures of Edgar, Ellis and Al were in the article as well as a mention of Team CCDV as three-time winner of the Corvette Challenge Club Trophy, so I’d like to thank you Edgar for the mention. We should have that trophy for April’s meeting.

Most of last year’s team will be returning this year but we also have several new racers that will be in the running for Rookie of the year. Jim Bole and his son Devon have officially joined the team and signed up for points. Cliff Bray, who joined CCDV the same month as I did and who also had a ’96 Collectors Edition, has put together a car to race this season. He has also signed up for points and is eligible to compete for Rookie of the Year. Officially we have 17 members on the Team so far that have signed up for points. There are also several CCDVers that plan on joining us to race when they can.

Laura will be back with a high performance rebuild of her transmission. Doug will be doing double duty with his car by not only drag racing with Team CCDV, but also running Auto Cross when he can. Ellis should be running better than last year now that he has the bugs worked out of his car. The Team is also looking for Lee to be running stronger than last year with new mods that were done over the winter. Vince, will hopefully be coming out for some action with his car. I can’t wait to see his car run.

The first Corvette Challenge of the new season will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. As in the past we will be meeting at Bennigans on Route 611, just north of the Willow Grove Turnpike entrance and depart at 7:40 AM. If you would like to run your car or just go see what all the excitement is about, then keep your eyes on this column or the web-site “Racing” section for upcoming events and updates. Please be aware that there are different scheduled starting times for the events this year, so be sure to check the schedule at [www.corvettechallenge.info](http://www.corvettechallenge.info).

This should be a very exciting year for all CCDV racers, both Drag Racers and AutoXers. Ladies and Gentlemen, **START YOUR ENGINES!**

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

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# Spring Fever and the Bowling Green Cruise

Well this is about the time of the year that we begin to wonder if winter will ever end. We walk through our garage past the Corvette and try to remember the last time we were in it on a hot, sunny, summer day with the top down on a country road. It's about to end soon. Hey maybe global warming isn't so bad. Personally I'm itching to get behind the wheel in April for a road trip to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green Kentucky for their annual C5/C6 Bash and plant tour. It will be a great way to kick the winter blues.

Which brings us to a last call for the CCDV Cruise to Bowling Green in April. Please contact Don and Kathie Conrad at 215-591-9862 or [MiataKath@aol.com](mailto:MiataKath@aol.com) for any questions and be sure to watch for upcoming club events, which will start happening soon. Come on out to as many events as you can this year, you'll be glad to did.

Don Terranova

## A Corvette First

A 2006 Corvette Z06 was the pace car at this year's Daytona 500. Jay Leno was the driver. The Z06 used was mechanically identical to the one on the Chevy showroom floor. The Z06 is the fastest vehicle ever offered by Chevrolet and GM. It boasts 505 horsepower and 470 lb-ft of torque and a top speed of more than 198 mph and 0-60 in a breakneck 3.7 seconds. However that's not the Corvette first I am referring to: the Z06 pace car actually has more horsepower than the race cars that competed in the 2006 Daytona 500. NASCAR has ruled that the cars have a "restrictor plate" installed that reduces the car's horsepower to 450. This is a first for a pace car. How cool is that?

Don Terranova



Could this be the 2006 CECF Raffle Car? See page 16 for the answer.

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# Upcoming Events



- Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>** – **General** Membership Meeting, VFW in Willow Grove, PA 8 PM
- Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>** – Dinner at Augusto’s, 530 Madison Ave, Warminster, PA 6 PM  
contact Jeff Hey, 215-343-1894
- Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** – CCDV Marksman Night contact Bill Burkholder (afternoon and evening only) 215-343-5968 or [wburkholder4@comcast.net](mailto:wburkholder4@comcast.net)
- Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** - Bowling Night – Lans-Bowl at 606 East Main Street in Lansdale, PA. For information check the website or contact Bill Burkholder at: [wburkholder4@comcast.net](mailto:wburkholder4@comcast.net) or 215-343-5968 (afternoon and evening only).

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

# 2006 CCDV Caribbean Cruise

This year the travelers included: Ken and Debbie Stacy, Frank and Joanne Schmidt, Dave and Lucy Rhoda with daughters, Julie and Debbie, plus Jean Dautel and Lori (Fox) Dautel, Barb and Angelo Grippo, Sue and myself. This wasn't our largest group, but based on the fun factor, we certainly hit a ten.

Although the ship didn't leave until late Sunday night, we all left one day early to avoid any possible travel delays and to take advantage of an extra sunny day in historic San Juan, Puerto Rico. Once again, our ship, Royal Caribbean's Adventure of the Seas, was a fantastic floating 5 star hotel, three football fields long and well over a dozen stories high with a promenade gallery of duty free shops that rivaled Main Street in New Hope.

We spent Monday on the ship relaxing and exploring all the fabulous amenities which included: several swimming pools, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, numerous theme bars and clubs with entertainment, a theatre, in-line and ice skating areas, a rock climbing wall, mini golf, a spa and work out + sports areas, a library, computer lounge, casino and many restaurants (some open 24 hours). We knew this would be a special CCDV cruise because the Rock & Roll band playing in the main lounge and at other fun events was the "Stingrays". They played songs mostly from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. (see them at [www.theStingrays.com](http://www.theStingrays.com)).

We woke up Tuesday morning in Aruba and everyone took off to shop or take advantage of the many shore excursions. I signed up to Snuba off tiny De Palm Island. The beautiful beaches in Aruba literally go on for miles and the water (like most of the Caribbean) is emerald clear. Then it was on to Curacao, another colorful Dutch Island with plenty to see and do.

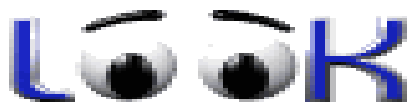
Thursday was a traveling day which gave us time just to have fun and simply relax on board ship. St. Maarten, a shared Dutch and French island, was our next port of call, also known for its picturesque beaches, some of which (like Orient Beach) are clothing optional. Ooh La La! Saturday in St. Thomas was our final destination before returning back to San Juan. So after spending time at Megan's Bay (considered one of the most beautiful beaches in the world), we literally shopped till we dropped.

Our evening dinners were mostly all together and gave us the opportunity to catch up with everyone and talk about our experiences plus see who bought what. Most of the conversation revolved around how much fun everyone was having.

Sunday morning we were back in port at San Juan and had the sad task of departing for the airport and our flight home.

All in all, it seems everyone had a GREAT time! I'm sure most of us can't wait until the next CCDV cruise vacation! Meanwhile, we have lots of great purchases and photos to remind us of our memorable 2006 CCDV Caribbean Cruise.

Till next time,  
*Joel and Sue Fellman*



# Buy Sell Trade

**For Sale:** 1966 Corvette convertible gorgeous, 1 owner, 2 tops, little use since restoration, # s match. Repainted orig ermine white w blue int, 327ci/350hp, M21-4-spd, 3.70 posi, well maintained, always garaged, excellent condition, 90% true originality, no major accidents, a showcar. Orig Chevy & dealer invoices, protecto-plate booklet, etc. \$67,500 OBO  
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## *Thanks to the Gas Cap Editor*

There are many CCDV members working hard behind the scenes to make this a premier club. Sometimes we are not aware of what these folks do for CCDV. One of those people is Bob Rosenberg. Bob has taken on the very time consuming and tedious task of Gas Cap Editor. Bob does more than you may be aware of. Many of the articles that are sent to him need to be edited grammatically. Content and space constraints also necessitate the need to edit articles.

Bob does all this (which is pretty amazing considering he graduated from the Bronx public school system (just kidding Bob)). Bob checks for spelling as well as cross checks for erroneous dates and times. He then puts it all together on his PC and lays it out page by page. He needed to learn a special software program just for this purpose. Above all, Bob is consistent. He gets the Gas Cap to the printer and WebGuy (to get it online) on time, even if it means sitting down to his PC the same day he returns from a vacation. We paid someone to do this for many years before Bob volunteered to take on the task. Bob is saving our club thousands of dollars and we are very grateful to him for that. There are probably more things that he does to get the Gas Cap out that I am not aware of. Hats off to Bob! Thanks Bob.

Don Terranova

# Dave Hill's Successor

**DETROIT** - On January 1, 2006, Tom Wallace officially became the car guy with the best job in the world. On that date he succeeded Dave Hill as Corvette chief engineer and Vehicle Line Executive (VLE) for performance cars. Wallace is only the fourth person to carry the title of Corvette chief engineer in the marquee's history, joining an exclusive club whose membership includes Zora Arkus-Duntov, Dave McClellan and Hill.

As the head of the Corvette Nation, Wallace is the steward of the Corvette legend and the head of an extended family of Corvette enthusiasts, owners, collectors and racers. He is the right gear head for the job, with more than 30 years of experience as a hands-on builder, restorer, race car driver, and all-around car nut.

Wallace, 57, was born in Pittsburgh and began his GM career as a cooperative student with Buick Motor Division in 1970. He held several engineering positions focusing on engine technology and played a key role in the development of the turbocharged Buick Grand National coupes of the early '80s. Wallace most recently was Vehicle Line Executive for Small/Midsize Trucks.

After competing in amateur drag racing and gymkhana, Wallace started road racing with the Sports Car Club of America more than 30 years ago. He has competed in a variety of sedan and GT classes with raced-prepared Oldsmobile, Buick and Chevrolet models. He raced professionally in the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA) American Challenge series in 1978-79 in several endurance races, including the Sebring 12-hour and Daytona 24-hour events. Wallace now races regularly in the Detroit area and has twice won the GT1 championship at Waterford Hills Raceway. He has competed in the SCCA National Championship Runoffs six times. His sons, Brian, 35, and Tom, 38, are avid road racers who also have competed in the SCCA Runoffs.

*As reported in Corvette Racing*

# Cavalcade Update

As of February 21<sup>st</sup> we were well on our way to have the 2006 Cavalcade at the Holicong Park in Buckingham. Permits were about to be applied for and the township was very helpful working with us to make this happen. Then we hit a brick wall. The Fire Company that owns the property across from the park, decided not to allow us to use their lot for spectator parking. We are hoping they reconsider, but as of now we must proceed as if Holicong is a no go. When we voted on a location there were two viable choices, Holicong Park and Middle Bucks Tech School in Jamison. Both would suit our needs. We are now in negotiation with Middle Bucks to try to have the Cavalcade at their site. Hopefully we will hear some good news. So far they have been favorable to the idea.

*Don Terranova*

Answer: No, of course not, that's Corvette Racing's C6R, see page 3 for the raffle car.



# Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation News

CECF Board Members, Joe Remich (left) and Jeff Hey (right) present Sr. M. Rita Fanning, Executive Director of St. Mary's Villa for Children and Families with a check for \$1,400 and 57 donated winter coats for the children in residence.



Members of CCDV are to be congratulated on a job well done. Through all your efforts and generosity we succeeded in selling all of last year's 2,500 raffle tickets.


The sale of these tickets enabled us to make the following donations:

Sunshine Foundation	\$5,000.00
Juvenile Diabetes	\$3,000.00
St. Mary's Villa	\$1,400.00
American Red Cross-Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund	\$5,000.00
American Red Cross-Special Matching Funds	\$10,000.00
National Multiple Sclerosis	\$2,000.00
Chip Miller Foundation	\$500.00
Ehlers Danlos Foundation	\$200.00



These donations could not have been made without your help. You can be proud to be a member of CCDV. On that note, I will be at the March Membership Meeting with raffle tickets for our 1999 Pewter Metallic Coupe. See you there!

*Stan O'Leary*



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