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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Bonk



So far this spring the weather has been great and if this is any indication of what's ahead for the summer, this club is definitely going to have a lot of fun this year. A lot of the members are saying this will be a great year because the club is going through some significant changes and an increase in member participation. Also I appreciate the members stepping up and giving us some of their time with our activities as well as just participating in them.

April was quite busy and entertaining. The General Membership meeting had a large turn out and was very special, as it was our last meeting at the VFW. We will be back for the October meeting because the raffle tickets list the drawing at the VFW and by law we have to be there for the drawing.

We presented plaques to Roger, the manager of the VFW, two bartenders, Alan & Kimey and Wendell, the cook as a token of our appreciation for all they did for us the last ten years. Roger fully understood CCDV has outgrown the meeting room and parking space they provide and that it was not a personal issue as to the club leaving.

Our guest speaker was Steve Nikazy, who is a member of our club and an Anchor Newscaster for KYW 1060 on the radio each day. He was very entertaining as he started his speech with a series of comical statements roasting a couple of our members including me. Later in his speech he gave some insight as to what the typical day is like for him as he prepares to go live on the radio. Steve, thanks again for entertaining us at our last meeting at the VFW.

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Don't forget the May General Membership Meeting will be at our new home, the VE Club in Warminster. See page 3 for directions and time.

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President's message (continued from page 1)

The Corvette Challenge went well and there are some real nice pictures on our website under the **Racing** category that show our members coming out of the gate.

Our Cruise night exceeded expectations as the weather was in the upper 70's and we ran out of parking spaces within the first hour. There was an awesome display of cars on hand and I counted three C6-Z06's, two new Ford GT40's and a wide variety of others. The crowd was great as usual and was very family oriented. Pictures are on page 7.

Also in April, CCDV members caravanned to the National Corvette Museum. You can read about their trip and experience on page 4.

For May, we will have our first General Membership meeting at the **VE Club** in Warminster (see below). This will be a very exciting night and I know a lot of the members are looking forward to this meeting. Please make every attempt to attend the meeting and see the new location. Bring your significant others and let them see how our meetings are conducted and how much fun we have. I'm sure you will be pleased. There will be a cake and prizes to add to the excitement.

I wonder if Ken Laver (Arizona), Carl Neff (Florida), Jerry Muniz (Bronx), Dave Huey (Florida) and Carl Haeussler (Florida) will show up. That would be awesome. Bring your camera and get yourself in a picture standing next to a piece of the Berlin wall.

Other activities include the CCDV Safe Driving Event (page 4), which we are still looking for participants, the monthly breakfast and a trip to watch the Corvette Challenge (page 6), Cruise night, the Penndel Hulmeville parade and the Gimmick Rally (page 5). This month will be my eighth anniversary with the club and I would like to see the members who I first meet that year and made me feel welcomed into the family.

Looking ahead to June, the preparations for the Cavalcade of Corvettes and Custom & Classic car show are going very well. I'm looking for a large number of club members to register for this event as it will be a one day outdoor show. And remember, this show is for all types of cars and even the ones you drive quite frequently. I drive my Vette a lot and it will be in the show. This is also a way to meet a lot of people and spend your time relaxing.

I wish you and your family the best.

Ed

We Will Meet at Our New Home on May 11th

We will begin meeting at the **Vereinigung Erzgebirge Club** on Thursday, **May 11th** at 8 PM. In June we will meet on the **3rd Tuesday, June 20th** in order to prepare for the Cavalcade. Also be aware the **October 12th** meeting will be back at the VFW in Willow Grove in compliance with the raffle car rules.

The **VE Club** is located at **130 Davisville Road** between Street Road and County Line Road, Warminster, PA. Their web site is <http://www.veclub.org/>. Check 'em out.

From Warminster take Street Road East to Davisville Road, turn right at Davisville Road, entrance to the VE is on the right about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.

From Hatboro take County Line Road East to Davisville Road, turn left at Davisville Road, entrance to the VE is on the left about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.

C5/C6 Birthday Bash Event & 2007 Corvette Unveiling

by JT Thompson

In April 2006, 16 CCDV members Don & Kathie Conrad, Don & Chris Terranova, Tex & Joan Allen, Janet & Frank King, Rick & Lisa Coppola, Bill Lavery, Jim Bole & Linda Ketchersid, Bob Rosenberg, Nick Scull and myself joined 800 other Corvette enthusiasts and attended the C5/C6 Birthday Bash at the National Corvette Museum (NCM) in Bowling Green, KY. Most drove their Corvettes 1600 miles (round trip) for this celebration in a caravan from Willow Grove organized by Don & Kathie Conrad. The purpose of the celebration originally was to honor the birth of the C5 Corvette at the NCM which is directly across the street from the Bowling Green Assembly Plant where the Corvettes are built. The "bash" has since grown into an event where the C6 is also honored. GM marketing and engineering uses this event to showcase new Corvette features. This event included the unveiling of the 2007 Corvette and its few changes including a new exterior color (Atomic Orange), along with a David Hill (Retired Corvette Chief Engineer) retirement dinner, and a Corvette C6-R ALMS racing team emphasis.

The agenda was loaded with hourly seminars in the Chevrolet Theater, a movie theater style auditorium inside the NCM, where hundreds can sit comfortably and listen to speakers on a stage with a wireless microphone. There were several seminars where the C6-R race team spoke to their fans. The racing dinner on Friday night highlighted many ALMS victories by the team and they were presented with an award from the NCM. The indoor activities were a great diversion from the frequent rain that visited us Thursday and Friday.

Wil Cooksey, Plant Manager of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, provided a presentation on the plant operations in the theater and then took over an hour's worth of questions from the audience about the Corvette

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CCDV Safe Driving Event

On May 11th CCDV will co-sponsor a high profile event designed to address the prevention of alcohol and substance abuse among high school students. The location of this event will be at Temple University's Ambler campus. Topics will include safe driving, drug and tobacco avoidance, and teenage social behavior issues such as anger management.

Our co-sponsor will be the Montgomery County Health Department and their Highway Safety Program section. They have direct contacts with each high school in the county and will be recruiting each to attend. They will also produce promotional literature, and mail it to the schools and other interested parties.

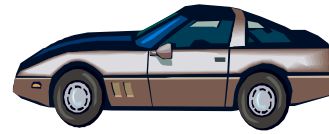
In addition, our partners will include the Philadelphia Police Department and their Heads Up Drug Prevention Program, the Southeastern region office of MADD, and Penn DOT's highway safety education unit.

Penn DOT has also generously agreed to promote this event with its extensive network of local TV and radio stations. We anticipate coverage by CBS, NBC and Fox.

The event will begin about 8 AM and have and last approximately six hours (more info later). The audience will gather for an introductory presentation, and then split into 4 or 5 groups, each group attending presentations by guest speakers in separate classrooms. Each organization will also provide literature handouts as well. The event will end with lunch in the cafeteria.

We have not yet determined the number of cars that CCDV will have on display. Please try to bring your Corvette to park in the Corvette only parking area. See page 15 for additional information.

Gimmick Rally Scheduled for May 21st



By popular demand we scheduled a gimmick rally for Sunday May 21st. For those of you that have never taken part in a Gimmick Rally, here is your opportunity to have some fun with your Corvette. A Gimmick Rally is NOT a timed event, as a matter of fact, you will loose points if you finish too quickly. You will be given a packet containing a set of direction and puzzles and riddles that if followed correctly will send you through a scenic route. If you do not answer them correctly you will get lost. But don't fret we always include a map that you can open to get you to the final destination.

You will answer questions and solve puzzles along the way. No math, not difficult at all. You will need a navigator. Single drivers will not be allowed to participate for obvious safety reasons. No experience is necessary you have as good a chance to win the rally as someone that has run them many times before. You will need a working odometer. We will meet at an announced location, there I will explain the rally and answer any questions you may have. Be warned if you have been in a rally before don't figure that they are all the same there are many different types. We usually finish 2 or 3 hours later at a restaurant, go over the rally, and announce the winner. Lastly we will award trophies or plaques then proceed to beat up on the guy that laid out the course.

The course has not been designed at this time so either watch for details and sign up on the website in the Upcoming Events forum or you e-mail Don Terranova at dpterranova@yahoo.com or call Don at 215-794-7393.

I will need a close headcount by May 15th so you will need to sign up by then, if you show up without signing up I may not have enough packets. This is a free CCDV event. We encourage you to use your Corvette however if you would rather bring another car instead that's okay, we will just point and laugh at you. All the roads will be Corvette friendly, no loose gravel etc. We will finish at a restaurant around 2 PM you can have lunch if you wish there. It will be a diner, Chili's, IHOP or something similar, nothing very expensive. This is a fair weather event so when you sign up please include your telephone number so I can call you the day of the rally if there is a question concerning the weather. We will reschedule at a later date if necessary.

PENNDel HULMEVILLE PARADE **Drive your Corvette in one of the nicest Memorial Day** **Parades in the area** **Saturday, May 27th**



We will meet at: Dave and Billie Satchell's house where they will provide coffee and doughnuts as well as lead the caravan to the pre-stage area. Please be there by 8-8:15 AM as the road closes at 8:45. The parade route is 2 miles and will be over around 11:00 AM. If you are planning to participate in this event and need direction to Dave and Billie's home you can e-mail Don Terranova at dpterranova@yahoo.com or call Don at 215-794-7393



Going Racing

by Tony Buonassisi

It must seem that I the phrase "it was a long day at the track" often, but as luck (or lack of luck) would have it, it was a long day at the track, because of oil downs and breakage. The bright spot of the day was that it didn't rain! The Club had a tremendous turnout for this 3rd points race and it was a thrill looking in the rearview mirror and seeing a line of Vettes in different colors and years in the rear view mirror.

Thanks to the racers we are #1 in the Club standings. Our closest competition is 76 points from tying us. Joe Signore and Rob Farley again went the furthest in rounds. Rob was nailing the tree but was having trouble by going under his dial in. Rob is #1 in points with 16, Jerry Muniz is in fourth and Devon Bole is tied for the lead for "Rookie of the Year". Laura is running a little more consistently and rumor has it she'll be getting some new "shoes" for her car. Richy was finally able to get a Saturday off and he had a great day running with a personal best of 12.02. The 11's are right there Richy! New member Ed Quinn rode up with me to the track. Ed's car is a C6 that is blown and has a few other mods. Can't wait to see him run.

I took our new Vette to the track for this race just to get a feel for the car. The car didn't meet my expectation but I've been reading that I need to get a couple of thousand miles on the car before everything loosens up and the car can run like it's suppose to. Although the numbers weren't great they weren't that bad either. Best of the day was a 13.30. MPH was down at 105. The car seemed to run out of steam at the top end. I'm hoping that with more miles on the car this will change. I have to rethink my launch techniques for the automatic, because it sure is different than what I've been use to with our '96 LT4. Overall the car felt great on the ride up and back and I'll take it back later in the year.

There are some new rule changes for this year and some old rules that we have to follow:

These things are required. Long pants and a shirt with sleeves. An approved helmet, Snell 95 or better. A single layer fire jacket if the car has a non-stock blower/turbo installed or nitrous even if you are slower than 10.00 seconds. Mufflers; you cannot run on Saturday if you do not have mufflers or if you have muffler eliminators on your car. You cannot remove your helmet or roll your windows down till you are off the race track surface. A roll cage is required if you run faster than 11.50. A five point harness and a fire jacket are also required at the 11.49 break point. Convertibles cannot dial in under 13.50 unless they have a roll bar or a hard top with integral roll bar installed.

The next race is May 13th. This is 12:00 noon event. We will be leaving Bennigans just north of the Willow Grove Turnpike entrance at 9:45 AM. If you're looking for something to do come on out to either race or cheer us on. We'd love to have you come along!

If you're interested in Solo II competition, contact Frank Gonzalez or visit our website forum. This year there will be several events at the old Johnsville Naval Base on Jacksonville Road in Warminster. There are other events that are close to us and someone that races will be sure to post the locations.

For some great video, taken by Edgar Perez visit www.corvettechallenge.info and <http://www.challengevideos.com/>. Thanks Edgar for all of your hard work.

Contact me, Tony Buonassisi, if you have any questions, comments or news, at 215-343-5552 or grbngrs@comcast.net.

Private Garage Tour of Al Pincus's Car Collection and Dinner - Friday, June 9, 2006

Come with us on a special garage tour of a private car collection on Friday afternoon June 9th. The owner, a distinguished lawyer, has amassed a significant car collection including many Jaguars from his years of council to that company.

Additionally, he has retained many museum quality artifacts from his four years of service in WW II as a sailor in the US Navy in the South Pacific. All of this is on display in a magnificently restored Bucks County barn.

Following the tour, we will go to the Cock 'n' Bull Restaurant in Peddlers Village for a full course dinner in a private room. Our host, who authored the book, ***From Brooklyn to Tokyo Bay - a Sailor's Story of WW II*** has agreed to speak of his experiences during this momentous time. I have heard him on several occasions and he is an entertaining speaker relaying the personal experiences of a young, teenage sailor.

The cost of dinner at the Cock 'n' Bull is \$30 per person (*this price includes tax and tip*). We will have a choice of three entrees - pork loin, beef or chicken.

Reservations, with full payment, are due by May 26th.

To reserve a spot, or if you have any questions please call, Richy Josephs at 215-659-3390 or Jack DeLong at 215-657-4418

We will meet at in the Kmart parking lot on Route 263 in Warminster at 2:30 and caravan from there.



Our April Cruise Night brought a large overflow crowd of enthusiasts out to enjoy the wonderful weather. Ken Stacey's pictures are just a few of the many he took of the people who attended and their cars. If you missed it try to be at the next Cruise Night on May 20th at the Warminster Pep Boys. We'll be there from 6 PM to 10 PM. Come early to get a good parking location.

May's Roving Breakfast on May 13th and Cruise to the Drag Races

Some of you may not know it, but we have a very serious group of people within our club that enjoys driving fast. They are our Corvette Challenge racers. The Corvette Challenge is a scheduled Drag Race for Corvettes only held in Englishtown, NJ. Corvettes from all over meet there to race. They meet once or twice a month at Raceway Park in Englishtown, NJ and tear up the track. Our members do very well we have the trophies to prove it.

On Saturday, May 13th there is a race scheduled. The admission for bleacher seats is \$12. The gates open at 11 AM and the racing begins at around noon and can go well into the evening.

We are planning one of our very popular Roving Breakfasts on this day specifically so we can watch them race afterwards. And by the way, if you get the bug to race your car while you're there, talk to any one of our Club's racers and they will hook you up.

We will eat at Mastoris Diner at the Routes 130 and 206 junction in Bordentown, NJ at 10 AM and caravan to Raceway Park after breakfast. We had a club breakfast at Mastoris last year when we caravanned to Monmouth Park to the horse races, everyone had a very good time and the food was good and the price was right. Their website is: <http://www.mastoris.com/>

If you are not familiar with Bordentown, New Jersey and want to caravan to the restaurant, we can meet at the park and ride lot in Yardley at 9 AM and leave from there.

Directions to the park and ride

Go north on I-95 toward New Jersey, but do not cross into New Jersey.

Take the New Hope/Yardley exit on I-95; this is the last exit before you cross the Bridge to NJ.

At the end of the ramp turn left at the stop sign.

You will go under I-95 and to a traffic light.

Turn right at the light you will see the park and ride lot on your right.



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Upcoming Events



- Monday, May 8th** – CCDV Marksman Night contact Bill Burkholder (afternoon and evening only) 215-343-5968 or wburkholder4@comcast.net
- Thursday, May 11th** – Safe Driving event – see pages 4 and 15
General Membership Meeting at VE Club – 8 PM - see page 3
- Saturday, May 13th** – CCDV Roving Breakfast (page 8) and Corvette Challenge (page 6)
- Saturday, May 20th** – Cruise Night at Pep Boys, 982 West Street Road, Warminster, PA
6 PM to 10 PM
- Sunday, May 21st** - Gimmick Rally – see page 5
- Saturday, May 27th** – Penndel - Hulmeville Parade – see page 5

CCDV Sponsored Event

PLEASE CHECK EVENTS MONTHLY AS THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

CCDV Public Relations Committee

One of the areas within the club that I felt needed a lot of focus on was our Public Relations. It's been a long time since CCDV has been invited to display their cars or our members asked to attend a high profile event with a lot of media exposure. In fact, the last event at this level was when Ken Laver, a club member now living in Arizona, worked with the Philadelphia Phillies PR group, organized 32 Corvettes to drive 32 Phillie celebrities around inside Veterans stadium. This was in August 1999 and happened after these celebrities were honored in a pre-game ceremony. I had the pleasure to drive Mitch Williams around and it's a day I'll never forget.

So with memories like this and our club having a lot to offer various organizations, I asked for volunteers last year to form the CCDV Public Relations committee. Thanks to Dennis Levitt, Rose Ferrante, Jean Dautel, Nick Dautel and Joel Fellman in stepping up to form the committee and get us back into offering our services for worthy causes.

The committee wasted no time and on Thursday, May 11th the Club will be co-sponsoring a Safe Driving event (also see page 4) for High School teenagers at Temple University's Ambler campus. With Dennis having a marketing background, plus a lot of experience in the automotive industry and these types of events, he knew where to start to market our services and give something back to the community. The Montgomery County Health Department was ecstatic when Dennis approached them and offered our services.

We are looking for club members to volunteer their time and display their Vettes on May 11th for the event. We are meeting at 8:00 AM at the school. This is a great opportunity to participate with the club in promoting Driving/Safety to high school students.

Should you be interested please contact Rose Ferrante (Board Member) or myself and we will add you name to our list. I appreciate your interest and support.

Ed



Don Terranova takes a picture of the National Corvette Museum while his wife, Christine decides whether or not to tell him she wants a 2007 Atomic Orange C6 and on the right, a line of Corvettes caravans to the C5/C6 Bash winery tour



Nick Scull and Bob Rosenberg are in the Ruby Red Vette



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Please email Bob Rosenberg to list an automobile or related item that you wish to include in a future Gas Cap at: rar491@comcast.net. These listings are for CCDV members and there is no charge.

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

CCDV Drive-In Movie Cruise

On Saturday, June 3rd we are planning another run to Becky's Drive-In Movie Theater. Their website is: <http://www.beckysdi.com/>

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 and we can sit around together and have dinner before the movie starts. We can do this one of three ways; either pack a picnic type dinner for yourself, stop along the way and pick-up something up 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 (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, bug spray and a blanket.

Because we are not stopping at a restaurant so there is not a need for a finite headcount. However we will have a sign-up list on this posting.

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For details contact: CCDV at 215-938-7722 or visit our website at WWW.CCDV.COM and go to Cavalcade show pages.
You may also contact, John Tambourine, Show Chairperson at CCDV.JT@comcast.net

C5/C6 Birthday Bash Event/ & 2007 Corvette Unveiling (continued from page 4)

He fielded many questions himself and was quoted as saying that people who buy Camaros are saving up to buy a Corvette. He got a good laugh from the audience. He has the likeable personality and timing of a stand-up comedian while still being a corporate business manager. Wil referred many of the paint questions to his paint manager who was there beside him. We learned that the "orange peel" paint issue found on many C5/C6 Corvettes is due to the fact that the non-metallic body panels can not benefit from electrostatic solutions to make paint bond better. He also explained that those who have wet sanded the paint can achieve good results if they know what they are doing, but this is not something GM can do in mass production and they are working regularly to make their paint processes optimal. They admitted that some paint shops can do a nicer paint job since they are not governed by the same environmental regulations that are imposed on a new vehicle manufacturer.

Keeping with the paint discussion, color choices were debated between the audience and Harlan Charles (Corvette Marketing Executive) at length, and at times, the discussion seemed somewhat heated when it came to paint. People questioned GM's focus groups and why the new color for 2007, "Atomic Orange" (a lighter orange than its predecessor) was chosen and why "Daytona Sunset Orange" was dropped. The audience really pressed for the return of "Torch Red" taking potshots at GM. Harlan's position was that the current offerings of Monterey Red and Victory Red looked better on a C6 because of its many body lines. The audience didn't necessarily agree. Tom Wallace, the new Corvette Chief Engineer replacing David Hill, was involved in the discussions at times as well. The Q&A session wandered into other non-paint related topics such the need for auxiliary audio input on the factory radio, brake pad squeal, and other wish list items. The GM folks agreed to document these many opinions and suggestions indicating that the audience itself was considered a focus group. Later, Tom Wallace gave his own presentation on Corvette market share and held a Q&A of his own. People tried to pry information about the C7 Corvette, but Tom would not budge. He showcased the new key fob for 2007 which integrates the emergency key inside of its casing. Radio volume controls are now also available on the 2007 steering wheel. The drilled rotors found on the Z51 package are now available on the F55 package in 2007 as well. Several new C6 Corvette OEM accessories are now available such as a hood liner with C6 logo, an engine data plaque, new decals and striping, among many other new additions.

We toured the Corvette (and Cadillac XLR) factory, staying on site in a self guided walking tour for over 2 hours. We saw beautiful cars rolling down the line and being put assembled with simplicity resulting from the cutting edge process and specialized machines. The people working there seemed genuinely happy. One worker we spoke with was quite happy that his entire job was to remove a few pieces of tape and put a single screw into the car. He was definitely not the most common employee though. Most worked at a steady pace to mount an entire door on a car or to bolt the body and chassis together. Many workers were happy to speak to us and share in our excitement.

The CCDV group attended many of the seminars in smaller informal groups seated together where possible. We stayed at the Holiday Inn University Plaza in Bowling Green, a fine upscale selection made by Don Terranova. It was directly attached to the convention center where the nightly dinners were held for the David Hill Retirement Party, the ALMS C6-R race team and the C5/C6 Bash Finale. After dinner each night, many of us relaxed in the hotel lobby bar where many other Corvette owners were also indulging. Some CCDV members even got to speak to Johnny O'Connell (ALMS race team driver) and David Hill informally in this setting at the bar area. GM engineers were also around the hotel because of the "Corvette Quality Clinic" being held at the NCM each day for pre-registered C6 owners. I was quite fortunate to speak with a Corvette longtime power train engineer for Corvette for an extended period of time in the hotel bar. He freely spoke of prototyping and testing the C6 mules with Dave Hill and the Corvette team in an informal conversation with me. It was a great unexpected extra for this trip.

I think the CCDV group all took their own greatness from whatever they enjoyed the most. Some found something they were looking for from a vendor who stayed, despite the soggy rain. Some felt fortunate to hear and see information firsthand directly from GM (and get some autographs and photos along the way) or the simple camaraderie of an 800 mile caravan. Some may have just felt closer to the "Corvette Cult" overall. I was happy that I was able to get closer to our local group, while attending a national show.

JT

Highlights from the April 20, 2006 CCDV Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8:07 PM

MOTION: made by Tony Buonassisi to accept last month's minutes.

PASSED

MOTION: made by Stan O'Leary to accept the Treasure's report.

PASSED

MOTION: made by Stan O'Leary to accept the applicants as new members.

PASSED.

MOTION: made by Bob Weiss to award \$100 to the car club that registers and enters the most cars in the Cavalcade.

PASSED


MOTION: made by Brian Dixon to put abbreviated highlights of the Board meetings in the Gas Cap.

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MOTION: made by Bill Burkholder to buy magnetic dash plaques for the show.


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The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 PM



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