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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, which begins with the April cruise night. I for one can not wait and I'm quite sure there are a lot of other members who feel the same way.

February had few activities, but there was one big one, the AC car show and bus trip. Everyone had a great time, saw a great car show and had an excellent meal at the Seafood Factory.

Our guest speaker at the February General Membership meeting was **Dennis Winoker**, who did a great job talking about his trip to the Barrett-Jackson auction in January. He gave us an insight to the auction as well as what goes on behind the scenes.

Tony Buonassisi showed the Corvette Club Challenge trophy that the CCDV racers won for the fourth time in as many years. This trophy will be retired because of the lack of participation from other local clubs and a "Team Cup Challenge" will take its place. The last weekend of the month a group of racers traveled to Sandston, Virginia (page 4) to race in the National Corvette Challenge and did very well. Great job to all of the CCDV racers and good luck in your new quest for a club trophy in 2007.

Just to expand on our General Membership meeting if you have not attended one since you been a member I highly recommend that you do so. The **VE** club's banquet room is large enough to hold 300 plus people, smoke free and every month the food that is put out for us is awesome. Each month there is a different selection such as beef stroganoff, meat loaf, roast beef, turkey, etc and there is always a side dish and bread.

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President's message (continued from page 1)

These meals and I mean meals, easily pay for your membership alone in the first three GM meetings.

For March, the Corvette Challenge at Englishtown will start the 2007 season and our 2nd annual Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) community event will take place at the Pottstown campus of the Montgomery County Community College on March 15th (page 14). The name of the organization was changed to promote the non-use of drugs, as well as safe driving.

Last year this event was a major success and because of this success our co-sponsor, the Montgomery County Board of Health asked us to continue our support again this year. We need volunteers with their cars to come and be part of this event. CCDV pays for the continental breakfast and lunch for the students, which cost about \$10 per student. I would greatly appreciate if you would donate to this cause to help the club off set our cost. All the information is in the article. Additionally, we should also have good media coverage this year.

During this month's GM meeting I will conduct an open "Forum" as I do about this time every year. Present any ideas or suggestions that you think will help the club. Tim Simmons will give us an update as he is our Delegate for the Legislative Council of Motor Vehicles of PA.

Lastly, I want to congratulate Dennis Spaulding, a Club member, for having his '63 Split Window Coupe selected by Automotive Magazine (Sept 2006) as one of "The 25 Most Beautiful Cars Ever". You can see Dennis' car displayed at our show and Carlisle. I will try to get a picture of the car for next month's Gas Cap.

I wish you and your family the best.

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Upcoming Events





Thurs, Mar 8th - General Membership Meeting – VE Club, 130 Davisville Rd., Warminster, PA



Mon, Mar 12th - CCDV Marksman Night - contact Bill Burkholder (afternoon and evening only) 215-343-5968 or wburkholder4@comcast.net



Sat, Mar 10th, 17th and 31st - Corvette Challenge – contact Tony Buonassisi at 215-343-5552 or grbngrs@comcast.net

Going Racing

by Tony Buonassisi



Here we are at the National Corvette Challenge in Sandston, VA, which is just outside Richmond, VA. We joined other Challenge racers from the Northeast at the first rest stop in Delaware. Our trip down was marred only by a few slow portions on I-95. A track rental was held at MIR on Friday and El, Neil, Doug and Doug's son Andrew attended. Friday night was spent dining with friends at a local Applebee's. Weather conditions for Saturday were calling for highs in the mid 50's. As it turned out the temps only hit mid 40's with a slight wind blowing making it feel like -20°F. The track looked like it was originally an 1/8 mile track that they extended to the 1/4 mile. A break in the asphalt material right past the 1000 foot mark had a couple of competitors confused as they went into tailspins, one just tapping the fence and one just missing. Once the sun began to warm the track up there were no more mishaps, although we did have several breakdowns. Once into eliminations the pace did pick up. In the Outlaw class, "run what you brung and hope you brought enough", they cut the race down to 1/8 mile so those cars wouldn't have to hit the high speeds on the top end. After first round, CCDV was holding its own with EI, Jim and Devon, Doug, Joe, Jerry and me going to the second round. The team's luck continued till the second round where everyone made it to the third round except Joe and me. We had to buy our way back in the third for \$25. I went out in the third along with El, Jim and Doug. Joe got knocked out in the fourth with Jerry. Devon ran Rob whom he beat. Devon went on two more rounds and was beaten by the eventual winner. The competition at the National was pretty good and very few of us were blessed with easy wins. There were lots of tight racing on the big end with winners being determined by thousandths of a second. In the end it was a local boy who won it all. His silver C3 was running great all day and his lights were just amazing. In the final it came down to the northern boy, John Trescott, and the southern boy. John had to run it out as the faster 9 second car came up real quick on him. John broke out and the South surely did rise again. In addition to the racing there was an all Vette car show. There were maybe 50 cars and a couple of them were outstanding. With some of us having a few more dollars in our pockets from the day's winnings we went to a local restaurant for dinner Saturday night. If you're ever going to Richmond, VA and want a good place to stay the Wingate gets my recommendation. If you want a good Italian place to eat, go to Carini's. The food was great and the prices were outstanding. With some winter weather heading for the East Coast we decided to leave a little earlier than planned. El and Neil had left early Saturday evening and didn't hit any bad weather, while, Doug and Andrew, Devon and Jim, Joe and Rose and I didn't fare so well. After riding in drizzle for a few miles the weather started to turn bad; first sleet, then snow and sleet and finally snow. We rode in and out of squalls all morning with roads that were starting to ice up. What made the trip particularly hazardous was the fact that both Jim and Devon had rode down on new DRs. The ride back on not so new DRs made for some tense moments. Jim had no trouble at all and Devon only had a little in one spot. We sure were glad when we got close to Delaware and the snow stopped. The rest of the trip was uneventful. A few highlights, Joe and I had new personal best ET, 12.45's for the both of us. EI had a personal best at MIR of 11.00. Everyone had a good time racing and Rose and Andrew even learned a new dice game from locals who came out to wager on the races! All in all, a great trip with good friends.

Next racing at E-town: March 3rd - Street Wars; March 10th---Corvette Challenge Warm-up race, March 17th---Corvette Challenge Race #1, March 24th EFI Race Series #1, and finally March 31st---Corvette Challenge #2. Let's hope for some good weather and great air!!!

Keep an eye on the Website for the races some of us are going to and what time we'll leave.

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

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Small Details Make a Big Difference

I've been a CCDV member for two years now, and I've enjoyed being part the club very much. I have spent a lot of time modifying my 2003 Spiral Gray Metallic 6-Speed convertible and I thought CCDV club members might find it interesting.

What is different about the modifications I've done to my car is that rather that go wild and crazy, I tried to make it all look as if the factory did it. Check out the pictures. Let's start with the interior.

The interior is black and the first thing I wanted to do was to give everything a high-quality look by eliminating the "shiny" appearance of the dash, console, and all the trim. So I got some flat black automotive interior dye and using an airbrush, applied it to everything. Next, I trimmed the console cover, door handle pulls, parking brake handle, top half of the steering wheel, and grab bar in black perforated leather. I used it to make a new boot for the shifter too (and replaced the shifter knob). I also trimmed the ends and edges of each piece with thin lengths of chrome door edge guard. The seat covers were replaced with aftermarket ones made of real leather with ultra-suede inserts; what a job that was!

Years ago I had a Pontiac Trans-Am and I loved the way the dash came trimmed in "Engine-Turned" aluminum – so I wanted to do the same in my Vette. With all the current aftermarket dash trim kits out there, I couldn't find any in engine-turned aluminum - I got a sheet of the stuff and made my own by making a cardboard pattern, which a local sheet metal company cut for me. Installing it was tricky because I had to bend the finished piece to fit the way in which the center console curves. I made pieces to trim the window switches with as well. As a final touch, I used window screen to make covers for the A/C vents (look closely in pictures).

EXTERIOR - I replaced the plastic emblems on the front bumper and trunk lid with aftermarket enameled steel ones, and added smaller ones on each fender. I got a sheet of the heavy steel wire mesh that's used to make the front grill you'd see on a Bentley and made inserts for the fender openings – trimmed in chrome. I also made a trim piece to surround the rear window, which gives the car a classic roadster look. The entire front end was replaced with a Tiger-Shark unit, and I made my own grill inserts.

Finally, the engine; as you probably know, everything under a C5's hood is black. I painted the fuel rail covers torch red, trimmed them with chrome, and did the same to an aftermarket intake manifold cover, adding other chrome bits and pieces throughout the engine compartment.







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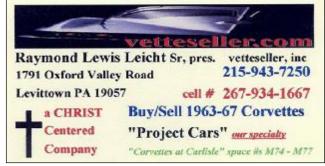
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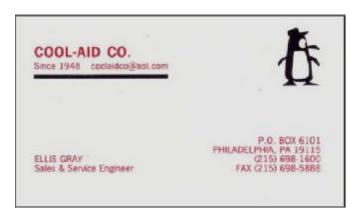


















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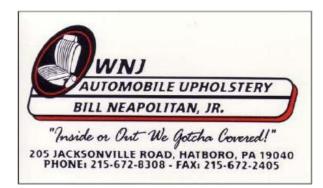
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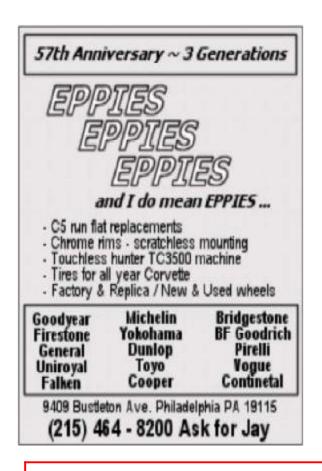














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Highlights from the February 15, 2007 CCDV Board Meeting

Six new membership applications were received. The new candidates are: Alan Berkheiser, Joel Goldstein, Jim Kasmala, Wally Maugans, Vince Paulauskas and Angelo Perone.

MOTION: made by Jim Bole to approve the new membership applications.

SECONDED by Jeff Hey **VOTE**: UNANIMOUS

CCDV and SADD

CCDV is again sponsoring a **Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD)** "Leadership Seminar" in conjunction with the Montgomery County Bureau of Traffic Safety.

Last year students from 165 area schools with **SADD** chapters and different organizations designed to help the student leaders of their individual **SADD** group with ammunition, ideas and contact information to take back to their schools and help them implement a way to bring the message to other teens that may be in crisis. Members who attended this event last year were extremely impressed with the breakout sessions, especially the Philadelphia Police's opening, which impacted each one of us in attendance.

The event is scheduled again this year for March 15th at the Pottstown Campus of the Montgomery Community College. They have graciously extended the use of their facility at no cost. The Montgomery County Board of Health is promoting the event with all the area schools and prepared goodie bags with the **CCDV** logo and **SADD** logos for the participants of the seminar. Each participant will receive a T-Shirt and special "dog tags". A major part of our participation in the event is supplying breakfast and lunch for the students and speakers. Last year the cost of the food was approximately \$2,500 and this expense was totally picked up by an anonymous donor. The cost of food per attendee is about \$10.

I am again asking CCDV members to make a donation for the event to help pay the cost of the food. Please show your generosity by sending your check to me: Rose Ferrante, 1311 School House Lane, Jamison, PA 18929 or to CCDV, PO Box 397, Willow Grove, PA 19090.

Make your check payable to CCDV and write in the memo section of the check "<u>SADD</u>". Of course you may hand me a donation at the March 8th general meeting. Also, if you are interested in participating in this event this year, please see me. We need to have a few Vettes there. The kids and their chaperones really got a kick out of the 5 or 6 cars we brought last year and we will have an information table for questions about our cars and our club.

Thank you for your anticipated support!

Rose Ferrante, Board Member

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The fee for the optional gimmick rally is also \$15 per car; in addition to the \$15 show fee. You may also pre-register for the Gimmick rally. May 19, 2007 is also the last day for the rally pre-registration. Pre-registering will guarantee you a place in the rally. The rally is limited to the first 75 vehicles. For those of you that have never been on a gimmick rally let me briefly explain what it is. It is not a timed event, which means it's not a race. You will receive a booklet containing questions and riddles follow the instruction in the booklet to stay on course. Answer the question correctly from sites you observe along the way. Your score will be determined by how accurate you answered the questions as well as your total exact mileage. Every car will need two people, a driver, and a navigator; you will also need a pencil and a working odometer or trip odometer, a local map may help if you get lost. All roads will be Corvette friendly and no prior rally experience is necessary. These rallies are lots of fun. Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be awarded. We will have a meeting of all rally participants at 9 AM sharp to give instructions and answer any questions. You may either pay for the 2 movies the day of the event or if you wish you can pay for them along with your pre-registration. The price will be \$7 per person. We normally don't know what movies will be featured until a week before. You can visit Becky's Drive-In website at www.beckysdi.com for movie updates

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