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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Bonk



With August coming to an end you have to wonder where did the summer go. I know there is still a couple of months left concerning warm weather but June, July and August seems like it just flew by.

During **August** we had numerous events and great weather. The roving breakfast went well at Perkins with **32** people in attendance and afterwards there was the caravan to Peddlers Village. Thanks **John Benischeck** for doing a great job arranging this event. The racing team had a couple of races and this month **Glenn Murphy** took his new **Z06** out racing for the first time at NJ Motorsports Park in Millville NJ. I bet he had a natural high while driving his car around the track. Cruise night had approximately **200** cars and looking ahead to our last cruise night in October our club will again be serving free hotdogs as appreciation for everyone who attends and supports this event. **Chef Terranova** will be at the grill.

The '**Big Corvette Roundup**' in Walnutport, Pa. was very successful for the second straight year as approximately **90** cars from various Corvette clubs in that area were in attendance. I finish the rally this year which was a big accomplishment from last years rally whereas I got lost the first five minutes into the event.

I walked around talking to everyone and it was great to meet CCDV members who I have not seen before. I noticed a car with Florida tags with a Purple Heart on it. I thank him for coming from Florida as well as for serving our country. He was visiting his daughter and she told him about the show. He had quite a story to tell as he was a Marine involved in the Khe Sanh Siege that lasted 72 days. A rocket hit next to him throwing him 60 feet. He lost his arm below the elbow, was ID'd as deceased and put in a body bag. As they were taking him out of the bag they saw he was alive and got stitched up all over and got his arm sewed back on. This is one tough Corvette owner. He loves Corvettes and thanked our club for supporting the Corvette and its history I want to thank **Don Terranova** and everyone who helped him organize and work the event. Don was interviewed by a local TV station and he looked like he's been working in front of a camera for years. Again good job TV Don.
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| 2 Stephen Oratis | Patty Koffel |
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President's message (continued from page 1)

And there's the '**Corvettes at Carlisle**' event which weather wise was a lot better this year than last year. There was nothing but sun and no Tornados. To me this is the best Corvette show in America and our club had two tents side by side this year for everyone to stop by and take a break as well as have some refreshments. I want to thank **Henry Weikel** and **Brian Canty** for bringing and setting up the tents. I was again invited to the celebrity luncheon with **Lance Miller** and a lot of key GM personnel. Being invited to this luncheon means you have to pick a car that's in the fun display and will get an award on Sunday. This year I picked **John Tambourine** and his beautiful 1976 Red Coupe. I was also in the parade Saturday night that drives into town to start a night of having fun in the streets.

For **September**, there are a lot of fun events for us to participate in. There is the monthly Corvette Challenge at Englishtown, Cruise night at Lowe's and the Ocean City, N.J. Boardwalk Corvette show. Last year there were **425** beautiful Corvettes on the Boardwalk and what a sight with the boardwalk being **2.5** miles long and the doubled parked Corvettes stretching out for about **2** miles. CCDV had **49** cars registered in the show. That's approximately **12%** of the total cars which is quite impressive and our club won the '**Best Club Participation**' award for the third year in a row. I would like for us to again win this award so I ask every member to strongly think of entering your car and enjoy a great day of fun on the boardwalk. I would like to see our number of cars increase to **60** or more this year. Remember to spell out our Corvette club name on the registration and bring your insurance card. We also caravan to Ocean City and enjoy the scenery on the way down. As a reminder all of our events are listed on our website every day.

But the big event this month is our 50th anniversary banquet and picnic (See Page 12). The banquet will be quite a night as we will have **Johnny O'Connell** from the Corvette Racing team as our guest speaker. He drives the Compuware Corvette No. 3 car in the American LeMans series as well as other races. Also attending will be **Lance Miller**, **Chip Miller's** son, one of the owners of Carlisle Productions which has 'Corvettes at Carlisle' as one of its events. This will be an exciting night plus a CCDV video and book will be passed out to the members. The picnic is the next day and that will also be a lot of fun.

The guest speaker for this month's meeting will be Jay Eppie from Eppies tires. Jay advertises in our Gas Cap and is a great friend and supporter of our club. He will bring with him a person from Goodyear and talk about how Goodyear and GM teamed together to design the Corvette tire. There will also be a presentation from his laptop.

As an advanced notice, elections for members of the Board will be voted on in **November** (See Page 12). 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 our on-going activities of this club.

And finally, ticket sales for the raffle car are going well and should you want to buy or sell tickets contact Stan O'Leary (215-672-6361) or myself. If you sell nine you get the tenth free. You can see the car on the club's web site.

If you have any sold or unsold tickets I would like you to bring them to the September meeting as we will need to take them with us to the Ocean City Corvette show.

I wish you and your families the best.

Ed

Going Racing

by Doug Berezcki



August 9th and not a cloud in the sky! After a rain-out on August 2nd we were all looking forward to get back on the track. The only wet stuff came out of a garden hose to keep the burn-out box wet. Everything was looking good for a great day of racing! Six CCDV racers made it out to Englishtown for the Corvette Challenge. Joe Signore, Tony Buonassisi, Ellis Gray, Jerry Muniz, Tad Archambault, and I were all prepped and ready to race.

The day started off with THREE time runs. When was the last time that happened? I had good time runs with very good reaction times. So when round 1 came around I was quite confident that I would get past round one for a change. My good reaction times continued with a .005. My first round 1 win since April! I also thought I would get best reaction time for the round. Ellis won his first round with a .003 reaction time. Ellis and Ken Rammer ended up winning the 'John Panuzzo Jr. Memorial' trophy for the best reaction time. Tad got to run points leader Ralph Savarese. Tad dialed in at 13.45 and Ralph dialed in with a low 10 second time. Tad got to leave first and Ralph apparently couldn't wait as he handed Tad the win by way of a -.008 red light. Joe also picked up a win in round one. Jerry and Tony got to keep each other company in the stands after round one, as Rose aka Pit Chick did not attend this event.

I don't know what Tad did to deserve his opponents today! His 2nd round opponent was points leader Jeanne Linke. That's right Ralph and Jeanne shared the points lead at the start of the event. Tad got the starting line advantage with a .049 reaction time to Jeanne's .061, but Jeanne was closer to her dial and sent Tad to the stands. Ellis won his 2nd round race by .005 seconds! Joe advances to round three also. I bowed out with a -.007 red light. My opponent also went red, but I beat him to it!

Joe and Ellis both won round three, and ended up getting paired together in the 4th round. As they staged Joe and Ellis lit the top stage bulb. Joe bumped in and lit the second stage bulb, but Ellis didn't appear to bump in and got timed out. Joe got the win and advanced to round five. The semi-finals was as far as Joe got. That run Joe had bumped him up to 11th place, and the highest place of all the CCDV racers.

After all the points were added Team CCDV ended up in 7th place, 22 points out of 1st. With four races left we still are in striking distance of 1st place. In stead of only one of us doing well in an event we just have to coordinate at least three of us to go rounds.

Last week two of us decided to try some index racing on a pro tree at Maple Grove. Joe and I made the trip to participate in Maple Grove's Street Battle race. Running on a pro tree is challenging if you are used to a full tree. Since there weren't many cars we got FIVE time shots, which came in handy on the pro tree. Joe and I advanced to the second round. In round 2 Joe got taken out by on of the best racers at Maple Grove, and I took myself out with a red light. I still can't figure out how I got a red light on a pro tree! It was something different and fun. I hope they run that series again next year.

Our next Corvette Challenge is on the 30th of August and will be reported in the next addition as this article has to be in before the 30th. Our September race will be on the 20th. Hope to see you there to support or race!

Doug Berezcki

Attention Hungry Vettesters:

Everyone at CCDV is invited to the CCDV September Breakfast on September 14th at 9:00am.

In September, the CCDV breakfast will be held in Bucks County - not that your stomachs will know the difference. But, your stomachs will surely appreciate yet another delicious breakfast.

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If you intend to join the fun, please either respond on the CCDV website or call me on my cell phone at 215-208-6620. Save the Wave! ~ **John Benischeck**

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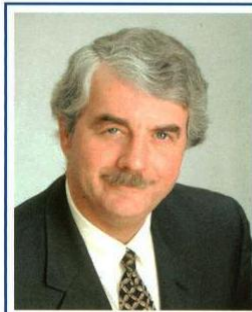
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We had the perfect day for a car show handed to us last Saturday. Low humidity, temp was around 80 or so, couldn't have asked for a better day. We had a turnout of approximately 90 cars from all over, Saxton, PA Bangor, PA Denver, PA Califon, NJ just to name a few we even had a car from Florida, he was visiting relatives heard about the show and signed up. We also had a good showing from local area Corvette clubs, Allentown, Easton, Skyline Drive (Reading) and not so local Broad Top (Altoona). Hopefully the word that we are trying to make this THE multi-club Corvette event in the area will begin to take hold. We'll see. The event was on the front page of the Friday's local newspaper The Allentown Observer and we had a cameraman from Channel 13 come out to report on the event. Glenn Murphy escorted him around and answered all his question about Corvettes. He then interviewed me about the event. It was pretty cool. Things went off smoothly and without a hitch, everyone, bar none had a great time, we didn't hear a single complaint all day. I must say, although nobody complained about the dust I thought maybe it would be a good idea to rent a water mister that trails behind the golf cart for next year to keep the dust down.

A dozen cars signed up for the Rally which was 55 miles long and took approx. 1:15 minutes we gave out 3 trophies to the Rally winners. Everyone vowed to run it again next year.

- First Place Nick & Anne Scull
- Second Place Brian & Diane Garforth
- Third Place Denise & Wade E.

The slow drag race was a big hit too. You wouldn't think people would line up and cheer for a Corvette idling across a finish line. But they do. We had three trophies for that also.

- First Place (slowest car) Richy Josephs
- Second Place (second slowest) Ginger Hippey
- Third Place (Fastest of the 3) John Denning

We had a nice \$146 50/50 too. John Thomlinson from Altoona won that and promptly spent it all at the Berlinsville Hotel after the Roundup buying drinks for everyone. Thanks John.

About 15 cars stayed for the movies including Chris and myself and I have to tell you that by 11 pm it was cold. We were all huddled under blankets and eventually ended up sitting in our cars.

We had a ton of door prizes to give away 50% off Corsa exhaust, free K&N filter coupons, Corvette America, Griots, Simoinz, Mothers, Ecklers, Haggerty, Eagle, Zip, Corvette Central, Mid America, National Corvette Museum, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Mequiers, Jegs, Stoners, Invisible glass, Moroso, Lexol, Jasper engines just to name a few.

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CCDV elections will be held on Thursday, November 13 at the General Membership Meeting. If you would like to run for a position on the Board, you must submit your intention in writing to a member of the nomination committee. Your intentions to run for any open position must be received no later than Tuesday, September 30th. All candidates names will be published in the October Gas Cap.

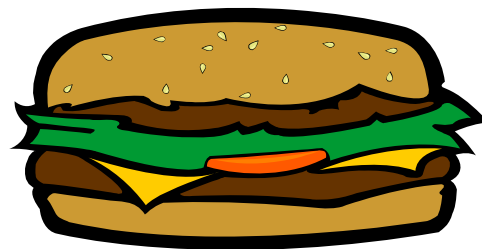
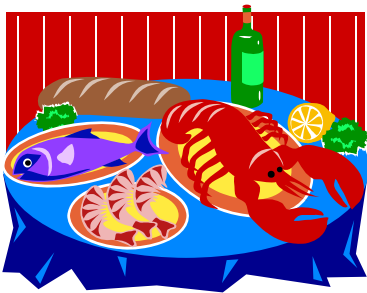
The nominating committee contacts are Rose Ferrante, ferrante@fonnerinsurance.com or Jean Dautel, Jean111375@aol.com .

In addition to the 8 board member positions on the CCDV Board, there are two positions open on the Board of the CECF. Also, if you would like to run for the office of President, you must not only submit your name, but the names of the 4 officers on your slate.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me, Rose Ferrante; 215-343-5552 (home), 215-784-9922 (work) 215-784-9944 (fax)

Rose Ferrante

Sat. & Sun., Sept. 6 & 7 CCDV 50th Anniversary Banquet & Picnic Mark Your Calendar!!!



**Dennis & Debbie Traves are planning the
CCDV 50th Anniversary Banquet (9/6) and Picnic (9/7).
Invitations will soon be mailed
to all CCDV members.**

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Tickets & Corvette will be available at all of our General Meetings

PRICE: \$20.00 per ticket, only 2500 tickets will be sold
YEAR: 1999 Corvette Coupe
COLOR: Light Pewter Metallic with Black Interior
INFO: 6 speed manual transmission, active handling system, fog lamps, twilight sentinel, 5.7 Liter 345 HP fuel injection engine, power driver seat, air conditioning, electronic speed control, power heated outside mirrors, power door locks & windows, driver & passenger air bags, aluminum 5 spoke wheels, tire pressure monitor system.



LAST YEAR'S RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to Robert Soranno
of San Pedro, CA for winning the
1st place 1998 Torch Red Corvette
2nd place \$500- Chris D'Aloia
3rd place \$250- Steve & Lori Bennington

For tickets go to www.CorvetteRaffle.org

"Reaching out to those in need"



Stan O'Leary, Robert Soranno, & Bob Weiss

ROUNDUP WRAP UP (continued from page 10)

We had a Corvette trivia contest and gave away 20 prizes. It amazes me at how much we know about our cars.

I'll list the names of the Folks that took home show trophies, however they won't be in any order. We asked members belonging to clubs other than the CCDV to help with the judging and got a good response. We had folks from Skyline CC, Allentown CCI Easton CC and I think Broad Top CC help with the Judging.


- 1st Marc Terlizzi Long Valley, NJ (56)
- 3rd James Constable Bangor, PA (66)
- 1st Tom Suchon Wernersville, PA (05)
- 1st James Hedden Bethlehem, PA (64)
- 1st Marlene Etkowicz Maple Glen, PA (78)pace car
- 2nd Miguel Cochron Bethlehem, PA (73)
- 1st Kathleen & John Lukens Lafayette Hills,PA (08)
- 2nd George & Cynthia Seymour Bensalem, PA (08)pace car
- 3rd Scott Perin Slatington, PA (07)
- 1st Frank King Maple Glen, PA (05)
- 2nd Tood Struse N.Wales, PA (06)
- 1st Andrew Heimel Douglassville, PA (03)
- 2nd Claude Black Saxton, PA (04)
- 3rd Fred & Barb Helm Reading, PA (04)
- 2nd Dave Parsons Easton, PA (04)
- 1st Tom & Janice Stoudnour Saxton, PA (00)
- 1st Ginger Hippey Denver, PA (94)
- 2nd Dennis Phillips Allentown, PA (95)
- 1st John Denning Coplay, PA (76)
- 2nd Brian & Diane Garforth Norristown, PA (69)
- 3rd Steve & Cathy Stoudnour Saxton, PA (78)
- 2nd Allie & Masood Saxton, PA (64)
- 2nd Beverly Ann Smith Whitehall, PA (07)
- 3rd Rick Steele Saxton, PA (98)
- 2nd Dave Bresler Ivyland, PA (02)
- 1st Joe Pignitor New Hope, PA (04)
- 2nd Lisa Brooks Coplay, PA (86)
- 3rd Richard Lesmeister Allentown, PA (89)
- 1st John Kostick Whitehall, PA (84)
- 2nd Ed Moskowicz Albrightsville, PA (96)
- 3rd Mark & Wanda Miller Saxton, PA (90)
- 3rd Rich Rogers Richboro, PA (94)
- 1st Bruce Clelland Reading, PA (93)
- 3rd Dominic Graziano New Hope, PA (06)
- 1st Blaise Domino Califon, NJ (08)
- 1st Jake Bugkiak Whitehall, PA (61)
- 3rd Pete Carroll Horsham, PA (98)
- **Best of Show Joe Steck Douglassville, PA**
- **Class A 1965**

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Sunday October 19th, 2008
Rain Date Oct. 26th.

Leaving at 1 P.M. sharp

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Montgomery Mall.

Come join us for our annual fall road tour.
For information call Dennis and Debbie Traves at
215-822-2352

P.S. You don't need your Corvette to participate.
Please call or check website if inclement weather.




Highlights from the August 21, 2008 CCDV Board Meeting

- ✓ The Fiftieth Anniversary Party is quickly approaching. As of today, there are 172 people signed up for the party and over 200 people for the picnic according to organizer Dennis Traves. The cost to the club (right now) for the party is about \$7,800. The cost to the club for the picnic is about \$2,700 (right now). Leroy's Flowers is donating 50% of the cost of the flowers for the party.
- ✓ A motion was passed to spend \$169.77 to rent equipment to show the 50th video at the party.
- ✓ Russ Parker was welcomed by Ed Bonk as the new Gas Cap Editor.
- ✓ The next step with the Rules and Guidelines for the website will be to have our web master determine how to incorporate acknowledgement and agreement to the Rules and Guidelines when users sign onto the site.
- ✓ A disclaimer is being drafted for inclusion in the Gas Cap stating that the club does not endorse any of the advertisers.
- ✓ One (1) new membership application(s) were received and approved. The new candidate is Leon Venton. Total membership stands at 568 members including the above new member.

Upcoming Events



Sat. & Sun., September 6th and 7th – CCDV 50th Anniversary Banquet and Picnic



Monday, September 8th – CCDV Marksman Night – contact Bill Burkholder (afternoon & evening only) 215-343-5968 or wburkholder4@comcast.net



Thursday, September 11th – General Membership Meeting



Sunday, September 14th – Roving Breakfast – Michael's Restaurant – Page 4



Saturday, September 20th – Cruise Night – Lowe's Warrington, PA



Saturday, September 20th – Corvette Challenge – Englishown, NJ



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Second Thursday of every month at 8:00 PM
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130 Davisville Road, Warminster, PA
(between Street Road and County Line Road)

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