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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Ed Bonk



I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving with their family and friends and ate a lot of food as well as watched football. I enjoyed mine by going to my mother's house, who is now **93** years old, to spend time with her and to eat a lot of Turkey. She is still going strong and believe it or not I'm still not allow to drink a beer or any alcohol for that matter in her house. Now that Thanksgiving has past it's amazing how quick the holiday season gets into full gear and Christmas arrives. It's actually my favorite (non Corvette) time of year. And since I bought myself some Christmas presents at Carlisle I can't wait to open them on Christmas day.

The month of **November** is when our annual Board elections are held and we had eight candidates on the ballot as well as one nomination from the floor. Out of the nine names four were on the ballet for the first time. This was really great to see **four** new names on the ballot as it shows how members are volunteering to be a significant part of this premier club. I want to congratulate the members (Page 8) who got elected and thank all nine nominees for their interest in our great club. I also want to congratulate the three new members (Patty Nolan, Mark Sanders & Jacques **Etkowicz)** for getting elected and I look forward to working with everyone throughout **2009**. And I want to give a special 'Thank you' to Debbie Trayes, John Tambourine & Tony Buonassisi for all their time and efforts throughout the year being on the Board and keeping our club the best in the country. At the General Membership meeting I went around the room and handed the micro phone to all current or past veterans and asked them to stand up. They gave their name, branch of service, what era than were in and each one got a great ovation from the members in the room. There were about thirty members who stood up including **Jon Mentzer's** father who served in the second world war. This really highlighted the meeting. The CCDV scholarship check was presented to Kyle Alasevich, a student from the Automotive

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10	Rhona Ann Jasner		Sandra Bagdas
11	Vince Palagruto	27	Bill Huey
12	Daniel Harmon	28	Kristy Conwell
	Carl Siwek		Wendy Thompson
	Maureen Bahr	29	Nick Dautel
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	Bonnie Milnes	30	John Milewski
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16	Leon Venton		Ginny Wydominic

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Training Center, ATC, in Warminster, who attended the meeting along with his parents. There was little club activity this month as the outdoor activities basically come to a halt. The last roving breakfast at **Zoto's** was a success as was the last **Corvette Challenge**. Speaking of racing, I heard one of our newer members (**Big John**) spent a day with about seven of our club members and had a lot of '**Mods**' put on his car. He than went racing and I think we have a new racing team member for next year. This also shows what our members are all about. Assisting each other and making a member feel welcomed. Great job guys. Additionally, our club did assist and participate in the **3rd Annual Corvettes for Chip Car Show** at Kennett Square, Pa. The money raised **will be donated to** the **Chip Miller Charitable Foundation**. Working with other Corvette clubs has been one of our club's initiatives for this year and will continue into next year.

For **December** there is '**NO**' General Membership meeting. The holiday party will again be at the **Buck Hotel (See Page 5)** on **Saturday**, the **5th.** Every year we present a check to one or more of our charities and we will do so again this year. This will be a great time for all and I'm looking forward to meeting some new members. Our '**Fellow Help Me**' list (**Page 7**) will be kicking off this month and I want to thank everyone who forward their names to be put on the list. I really feel this is a good thing for everyone and the Board fully supports it..

For the past **five** years I spent some of my time each month trying to find a speaker who would come to our GM meeting and talk about an item of interest. For **2010** should you have someone in mind contact me and we can discuss the details.

In closing, I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday and have a very enjoyable time with your families.

I wish you and your family the best.

Ed

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

A note from Paul & Ginny Wydominic:

We have a great club that gives us the vehicle to get together as a group to share our interest in our cars and the people who love them. It was a pleasure to coordinate the activities, and we want to thank everyone who came out and helped make it happen.

Enjoy your holidays, we wish you a healthy and happy 2010.

Going Racing

After a long **RAINY** season, the Corvette Challenge series came to a close on November 21st. We <u>finally</u> had a seasonal day to race, not too hot, not too cold, not too windy, or wet. The day started out sunny, cool and clear. The humidity was low and the DA was around 350'. Normal for November!!!! Great weather for racing.

With November 14th's race rained out, we were ready to race. The following 6 Club racers attended the season final, Ellis Gray, Jerry Muniz, Bob Bern, Tad Archambault, John Milewski (Big John), and myself. Tad came in attempting to get three first round wins in a row. Jerry arrived with two goals. One to win the Corvette Challenge 11.50 championship and two, to qualify for the Top 16 Race, which will be held next Spring. Bob wanted to have a race with no issues. He recently had a twin disc clutch and a coil over suspension system installed and had some good shakedown runs at Atco Raceway. Ellis and I were looking forward to improving our standings in the Challenge. With last week's rain out we no longer had a shot at the championship. And Big John was out to have a great time in his <u>first</u> attempt at drag racing.

It was a busy day with 10 different events running. Jerry, Ellis, and I entered three events. Time trials got off to an early start. Tad's first timed run was probably the best of the day. He cut a **perfect** light! That's right; Tad got his first .000 reaction time! After Big John's first run he looked like he was on "cloud nine". Jerry, Ellis, and I had a very busy qualifying session with the three different events.

By the time round 1 got started Big John already had a nickname given to him by the track announcer, "Vinyl Vette Guy". Big John was sporting a vinyl hard top on his convertible Vette so he would be legal below 13.5. Good thing he had it on, because he ran 13.2 in his elimination round. Unfortunately he had dialed 13.3 and was eliminated. I do believe John is looking forward to racing again! Bob's day ended early with a driveline issue. Tad and Ellis exited in round one and Jerry and I moved on.

Jerry would bow out in round two. I would go on to round three, then round four. The money round! In the quarter finals I would get paired up with Rob Farley. That's were my day ended, and Rob would go on to win the championship.

In the Corvette Challenge 11.50 race Jerry had a chance to win the championship. To win Rob Farley had to go out in the first round and Jerry would have to win the event. The stage was set as Jerry and Rob were paired in the 1st round. Once again Rob wins and goes on to win the championship in that series as well! Ellis qualified # 1, but was knocked out in round one. Jerry ended up finishing 2nd in the series with 6 round wins and one event win.

Jerry's day was a little better in the GM EFI 11.50 race. He won round after round until there was no one left! He took home a nice big trophy.

To wrap up the season in the Corvette Challenge, Jerry did qualify for the Top 16 race. He finished 14th! Ellis finished the highest in the Club at 7th place! I managed to move up one place and finished the year in 9th place. We all get Raceway Park jackets!

That's it for the 2009 race season. After a loooooong off season, I hope to see more Club members come out next March.

Till next time 'Race on!' Doug Bereczki

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FROM A DIFFERENT VIEW

By Joel Fellman

Hello, let me introduce myself. My name is Shark Fellman. I started life as a Stingray (one of the last of my namesake) when I departed the production line in St. Louis, Missouri on December 16th, 1975. In early 1976, some unknown 18-wheeler transported me all the way to Moore Chevrolet on Fayette St. in Conshohocken, PA. I lived inside their showroom window for quite some time. I can recall seeing this guy go by in his hopped up black '72 Cuda 340 for what seemed like months. His ride was pretty sharp, but it was no competition for me. With my bright yellow exterior (one of only 3,389) and dark brown deluxe leather interior, I knew he was interested in me. I could see him staring at me whenever he passed by and I know he always dreamed of owning a Corvette! (Doesn't everyone?)

Finally, in May he got the courage to stop in and take a closer. I knew he was hooked! How could he resist my classic design? My sleek & curvaceous body. But before I knew it, he was gone. Fortunately, on May 29th, he stopped back & signed some papers to be my owner. Then, on June 7th he stopped back again and this time he's driving me to my new home in northeast Philly. I wasn't real happy then because this guy always left me outside. For the first time I was subjected to the elements and all kinds of nasty weather. However, he always invited this great looking blond chick that he would pick up and drive all over the place. I really liked that!! I think he might have been a photographer because he was always taking my picture. In front of buildings, in front of flowers, in front of statues, even in front of other Vettes. Someone make him stop! I'm getting a complex.

Then, before the summer was over, he joined this gang of motorheads, called the Corvette Club of Delaware Valley. I was the new kid & admit that it took some time before I felt comfortable & started to fit in. But it was worth it! There were these older models around called straight axles and midyears and they ruled the streets! I mean they were fast! I was proud of my heritage & thrilled to be in their company. Even though some of my older siblings were dual quads or Fuelies or had those 427's or 454's under their hoods, I could still stand my ground (at least in the good looks department) and now I had a ton of reasons to get out & strut my stuff. I enjoyed going down the shore or out on some country roads where I could open up & stretch my legs a bit. I even traveled up to Connecticut where he went to school for a while.

Finally he wised up & started to keep me in a garage. Before I realized, 3 years have gone by, I've got 40K on my OD and he's driving me like a madman. I became much happier when he purchased some beater for his everyday transportation so I could live the good life: indoors, always shiny (even my suspension was polished!) and I was just going out on special occasions in nice weather.

When I was around 7 years old, I noticed some new styled Corvettes turning up. I heard they were called C-4's and they challenged some of the world's best sports cars. I understand their ride was a bit harsh (especially with that Z51 option), but I knew they'd eventually work it out. Besides, I was quite familiar with rough rides! Plus I doubt they were any worse than my vintage brethren from the 50's & 60's.

A few years later, the beaters are gone. Has he hit the lottery? He's bought another Corvette and I'm in shock! It's an all black '81 & kinda nasty looking. He must have a great wife to let him own 2 Corvettes! But obviously I'm still his favorite because I'm the one occupying his garage! However, he's driving that '81 every day so I do feel a little jealous. Meanwhile, I'm still enjoying all my favorite outings like racing at Atco, competing at various car shows, participating in parades, going out to Macungie & Carlisle and attending special events like CCDV's Cavalcades, their charity toy runs &

my all time favorite, the Hot Dog Runs. I love being in a caravan with dozen's of other Corvettes. It doesn't get any better than that!

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CCDV 'Help Each Other' Project

The CCDV Board has suggested that being able to offer help for club members who has experienced an unexpected breakdown with their Corvette is a good idea. A small sub-committee was established with Bruce Waldron, Patty Nolan, Mark Krapf, and Jack Householder to develop a plan for implementation.

However, before an extended effort is put forward to make this happen, it was felt important to know in advance that the membership majority would be prepared to participate.

The basic idea is the following:

- 1. A list of club members (who have agreed in advance) will be made available to other club members. At a minimum the list will include the Club Member's Name, Cell Phone Number, and Town Location (such as Bensalem, Lansdale, or Warminster). This would allow the broken down member to select a phone number closest to their current location.
- 2. A number of ideas have been suggested for distribution options including, but not limited to, from a download list available on the website to a 'real time lookup' with your iPhone.
- 3. Care is being given to insure minimum security risks to individual participants.
- 4. Maybe it would be helpful to know that this member had a C3 or a C6. These are all possibilities.
- 5. No one's name would be included without written approval in advance.

Soon, there will be a place that you can provide your feedback on the 'members' only portion' of our website (positive and / or suggestions). Based on the number of positive responses (looking for a minimum of 100), a formal proposal will be put forward to the board for approval in the Oct/Nov timeframe so that it can be rolled out in 2010.

Thanks, in advance, for your positive support.

The 'Help Each Other' Committee

NOMINEES FOR 2010

Ed Bonk has submitted his slate of officers for 2010

President: Ed Bonk

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The following (8) CCDV members have submitted their names to be placed on the ballot for the eight (8) Board Member at Large positions.

Pete Carroll Jeff Hey, Sr. Dennis Trayes Jaques Etkowicz Pat Nolan Bob Weiss

Rose Ferrante Mark Sandler

It is election time again and absentee ballots will again be available should you be unable to attend the November 12th, general membership meeting at the VE club. Even though there are 8 people nominated at this time and only 8 positions available, nominations can be made from the floor just prior to the vote, so don't think your vote might not count!

To receive an absentee ballot, please contact me, Rose Ferrante via the club phone 215-938-7722. You may also use e-mail to request your ballot. Please direct the email to represent 1311@verizon.net and make sure to indicate Absentee Ballot Request in the subject line (this e-mail address is only to be used for the ballot requests). It would be a great help to me if you could make sure to include your mailing address when you request the ballot as well as your phone number in the event we would have misinformation on our membership list. It is important to contact me as soon as possible due to the time sensitivity in receiving the ballots prior to the November meeting. All absentee ballots must be received by November 11th.

If you require a spousal ballot, please include that information as well.

Please note: The ballots that are cast at the meeting are secret. An absentee ballot will include your name on the ballot and the ballot must be signed. This step is necessary to keep track of who casts a vote. If you request an absentee ballot, you must use it to cast your vote. You may still attend the November meeting but you will not receive a ballot at that time. Full instructions will be included on the absentee ballot. If any step is omitted or a selection is unclear, the vote will not be counted.

Thank you for supporting the club and exercising your right to choose the people to represent and work for you in this great club of ours!

Sincerely,

Rose Ferrant

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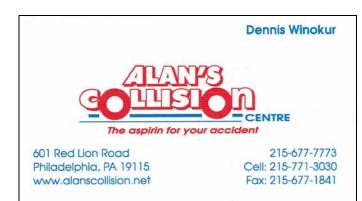
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If anyone is interested, please contact me ASAP. Group tickets must be ordered before the end of January so I'd appreciate hearing from you no later than January 15th.

Thank you, Joel – 215-969-0392



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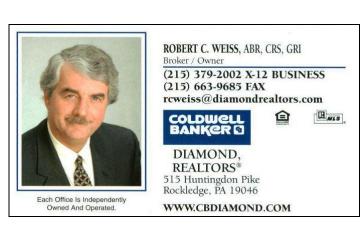


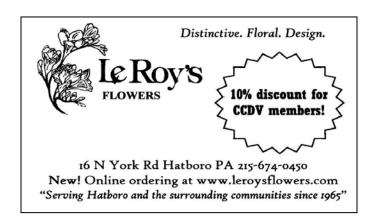














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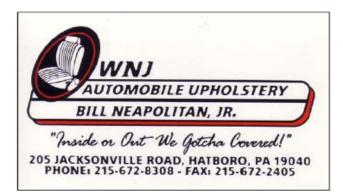


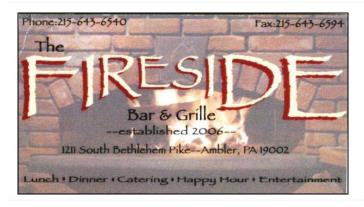
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Thank you, Dave Peterson

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Before I know it, I'm 15 years old and I'm sporting a new "classic" tag. But now what's he doing? I'm up on jack stands. Help! He's removing my entire exhaust system & adding these shinny '69 side pipes that he bought from some other CCDV member for \$300. And my original ralley wheels are being replaced by these flashy chrome Crager S/S. I don't know what he's up to, but I like the look and the sound is awesome! Maybe he thinks he's a big shot just because he became president of CCDV? He also joined these NCRS guys who are all about originality - nuts & bolts. In my slightly modified condition, I'm not sure if I'll be accepted. But as usual, I'm up for the task. Then along came this N/E Muscle Car Club. Once again, I wondered if I'm worthy. Am I really a muscle car? I never gave it much thought but I guess I'll do. The members of all these clubs are really great. Their cars are sensational & I'm having the time of my life.

For several years, things were going really swell. Then the bombshell exploded. No one mentioned that he's got a teenage son! Now I'm really in trouble. And he wants to drive me to his prom! Has his dad gone insane? No need to worry though. Fortunately for me, he's a very good kid and all goes well!

More time flies by and I'm 25. I hope he doesn't label me with those "antique" tags. I really don't feel that old. These C-5's I've been seeing all over for a few years are awesome! From what I can tell, they're reminiscent of my cousins from the early days. They're fast as hell & everyone's driving and modifying them instead of hiding or storing them for prosperity. Meanwhile, Mr. Big Shot finishes 2 more years as CCDV's Prez & I got treated to some new fiberglass bumpers. With a lot less wrinkles I'm feeling refreshed! I can't say I'm sorry to see those old rubbery ones go.

Now I'm getting ready to surpass the big 100K & I feel like a million. My good friend the '81 is long gone, replaced by a front drive beater. I never dreamed that I'd be a part of this family for 26 years. It's been a fantastic relationship & I doubt we'll ever part. He's kept me in tip-top shape & I continue to make him smile every time he enters the garage, removes my cover and takes me out for a spin.

No matter what may come in the future, the fun and enjoyment plus all the great memories and friendships will always be with us. And who's responsible? ME! That's who. His 1976 Corvette Stingray - AKA Shark!

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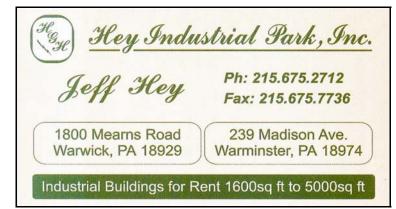
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Highlights from the November 19, 2009 CCDV Board Meeting

- ✓ A motion was passed to accept four (4) new membership application(s): Lee Zwick, Reynold Rahmer, Robert Toomey and Catherine Toomey (spousal). Total membership stands at 556 members.
- ✓ A total profit of \$17,435 was generated as a result of the car raffle and interest yielding \$14,400 available for distribution to charities at CCDV's discretion with the balance of \$3,035 being retained in the CECF treasury for fund growth (in accordance with the Bi-laws). A motion was passed to distribute \$14,400 from the profit of the raffle car in accordance with the following table.

JDF	\$2,000
Sun Foundation	\$3,000
St. Mary's Villa	\$4,000
Manna on Main Street	\$3,500
Warrington Ambulance	\$400
MS Walk for the Cure	\$1,500
TOTAL	\$14,400.00

- ✓ A motion was passed to grant \$2,000 to the recipient of the CCDV Scholarship Fund to Kyle Alasevich who is currently attending the Automotive Training Center in Warminster, PA.
- ✓ A motion was passed to distribute \$3,700 from the Cavalcade proceeds (\$3,400) and an Outback fund raiser (\$300) in accordance with the following table.

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JDF	\$1,000
Sunshine Foundation	\$2,000
MS Walk for the Cure	\$700
TOTAL	\$3,700.00

✓ A Motion was passed to donate \$631 from the 2009 Cruise Night proceeds to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.

Upcoming Events



Monday, December 14– CCDV Marksman Night – contact Bill Burkholder (afternoon & evening only) 215-343-5968 or wburkholder4@comcast.net



Saturday, December 5 – CCDV Holiday Party



Thursday, December 10 - NO CCDV GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



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MEETING INFORMATION

Second Thursday of every month at 8:00 PM (except December)

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