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New Members

Tom Hoyer

1971 Blue Coupe &
2005 Blue Coupe

Edward Bonk Jr.

1990 Black Convertible

Jack & Irene Pearson

2002 Torch Red Hard Top

Andy & Joanne Kuzma

No Vette Yet

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September 30, 2009**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Bonk



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As I write this message today it's suppose to be the fall season and no more summer. But as far as I'm concern the summer is not over until CCDV says it's over as we still have a few Corvette activities remaining on the calendar.

September had a few activities that included the roving breakfast at **Michael's** in Bensalem, Pa. There were approximately **30** members in attendance enjoying the food and camaraderie. Good job to **John Benischeck** for organizing this event and making a lot of hungry people happy. The racing team had no races schedule but **Doug Berezcki** didn't like that so he drove down to the all Corvette race at **Capitol Raceway, MD** and spent the day racing. Besides being happy that he was racing he also won a trophy for his accomplishments. Congratulations Doug on winning a trophy. At the end of the month there was the '**Corvette's at the Beach Boardwalk Show**' in Ocean City, N.J. which is hosted by the '**Boardwalk Corvettes of Atlantic City**' Corvette Club. It was not the best of weather as the rain was heavy driving down in the morning. By show time the rained stopped and the sun started coming out. We had a lot of members winning trophies so I will write a separate article listing their names and events of the day (**See Page 8**). Also this month the **National Corvette Museum** raised our club banner on one of their light poles outside the museum (**See Page 3**). The Board approved a **\$350.00** donation to the museum that will be used towards their expansion project and in return they put up our banner. It will remain hanging for one year and than will be returned to our club.

For **October**, Cruise night will be the last until next April and the club will be giving out free hot dogs in appreciation of everyone's support. Our traditional **25th** Annual Hot Dog run (**See Page 9**) is predicted to have a big turnout. Beside the Cavalcade and

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GAS CAP COMMITTEE

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October Birthdays



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	Steve Schuh		Kathy Bunting
2	Steve Nichols		Linda Sheaffer
	Patrice Pladsen	18	Michael Moss
3	Rick Coppola		Bill Papula
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4	M. Patrick Dillon	20	Patricia Madden
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6	Jeff Markley	22	Barbara Katz
7	Steven Nikazy	23	Debbie Penna
	Michael St. Denis	24	William Ehret
	Luanne DePaolo		Anne Scull
	Brenda Lynch	25	Sidney McCleary
9	Joe Bradley	26	Barbara Herbetko
	Miriam Rogers		Pat Hughes
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	Robert Talley		Pat Pignitor
11	Tom Bunting	27	Luisa Bearn
	Dennis Levitt	28	Frank Gibilante
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12	Rick Fiorentino	29	Larry Ream
	Karen Pavorsky		Barbara Brown
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14	Valeria Iannarone	30	Bill Goodwin
15	Ted Popek		Tom Grunewald
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	Joe Tait		David Satchell
		31	Bill Barwig

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Do not e-mail "WebGuy" as he only handles the technical aspects of the website. You can also e-mail any questions that you have regarding CCDV to Bill.

He will re-direct the e-mail to the proper chairperson who will be able to assist in resolving issues promptly.

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Holiday party this is one of our biggest events. One year there were **84** Corvettes that caravan through beautiful Pennsylvania and had more people waving to us than you can imagine as we drove through towns and the countryside. A must activity for those who want to give their cars a good run before winter. The raffle car winning ticket will be drawn at the **October** General Membership meeting. Due to the problem we had at the Ocean City car show we still have a few hundred tickets left. We will be selling them at the **Peddlers Village** Corvette show car show and will be looking for our members to buy the remaining tickets at the October meeting. I asked **Kenny Shaw** to come to the meeting and give an update on his '**Strickly Corvette**' show next April. As you probably noticed, your **October** Gas Cap was delivered a week later than normal due to the end of **September** cutoff for the Board nominations. The names of the nominees need to be published and reviewed by the club's members (**See Page 11**) prior to the election in **November**. Your vote is very important so if at all possible please come to the **November** meeting and cast your vote.

In looking ahead to **November's** General Membership meeting, which is the day after Veterans day, I would like to pay tribute to our past or current members who are veterans. Also if you have anyone in your family who has returned from Iraq, Afghanistan or just in the service ask them to attend our meeting as my guest of honor and I will have a table set aside for them. I asked a good friend of mine, **David Dolby**, who was awarded the **Congressional Medal of Honor** by **President Johnson** to come to the **November** meeting but is unable to do so due to another commitment. But he will be at the **October** meeting and I will have handouts on the tables describing his heroics. He had **five** tours of duty in Vietnam, was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars as well as several Purple Hearts. He would be willing to sign the hand outs if anybody wants his autograph. He will be wearing his **MOH** around his neck so everyone can touch and look at it.

At the end of the year **Paul Wydominic** will step down as activity Chairperson. This position is appointed by the President and is a voting position. If anyone is interested in filling this position you can contact any Board member or myself.

In closing, I want to say 'Thank You' to everyone who participated, volunteered or played a significant role with all our summer activities.

And finally, If you want to buy raffle car tickets contact **Dave Bressler** (215 350-9527), **Dave Urbanek** (215-443-7568) or myself. If you sell nine you get the tenth free. You can see the car on the club's web site.

I wish you and your family the best.

Ed

CCDV BANNER AT THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

The Board approved a **\$350.00** donation to the museum that will be used towards their expansion project and in return they put up our banner. It will remain hanging for one year and then will be returned to our club.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

1. Crab Dash to St. Michael's in Maryland

We've done it before, so let's do it again!

When: Saturday, Oct. 10

Where are we going: St. Michaels, Maryland

Why are we going there: Crabs of course

Who's doing the cooking: [click here for website](#) **'Crab Claw Restaurant'**

How many can go: Reserved seating for 30 @ 11:00am

Gotta hear from you by: October 6 - last call

How are we getting there: Meet in the Home Depot parking lot in Willow Grove by the turnpike ... Leaving at 8:00am sharp.

Take cash - No Credit Cards! The Crab Claw does not take plastic will accept a personal check...even from out of state. They do have a full service ATM on site.

Note: The Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum is next to restaurant and we will check on group pricing. You can also enjoy the many shops that are just a short walk away.

Sound good ... wanna go: Respond to this posting, or email Paul & Ginny

Wydominic - wwydominic@verizon.net, or call 215-453-7994 no later than Oct. 6.

2. Cruise Night - Last of the Season

Hope to see a big turnout at our last Cruise Night of the Season - Sat., Oct. 17, 4-8PM.

If the weather cooperates we'll be serving Hot Dogs thanks to everyone for a great season.

3. Hot Dog Run - Sunday, October 18

4. Bowling - in the planning stages for November, please watch for more info

5. Holiday Party -

Join Us! CCDV HOLIDAY PARTY

Hors d'oeuvres, dinner and dancing

Where: The Buck Hotel Ballroom East

1200 Buck Road, Feasterville, PA 19053

When: Saturday, December 5, 2009 - From 7:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Price: \$45.00 per person - Filet Mignon or Chicken Piccante

****Cash Bar***

Please print this form and return with your check made payable to CCDV before the deadline of December 1, 2009. Please mark your selections:

Name _____ Filet _____ Chicken _____

Name _____ Filet _____ Chicken _____

Telephone # _____

Mail this form with your check (\$45.00 per person) made payable to CCDV to:

Miriam Rogers, 59 Cherokee Drive, Richboro, PA 18954

Paul Wydominic would like to thank everyone for their best wishes on a speedy recovery from his recent shoulder surgery. He's doing great, but will need to keep the vette garaged for several weeks.

PAST ACTIVITIES

1. September's Roving Breakfast at Michael's Restaurant -

John Benischeck organized this event and we had a blast. Michael's food was terrific, and the service was unbeatable. I overheard another employee say, "We had the best server in the restaurant".

Thanks to all who joined us. Hey, it doesn't get any better, good food, good conversation, good people!

2. September's Cruise Night -

Like to thank Don Terranova for covering September's Cruise Night. Great weather and good attendance. Plaque winners were Joe & Pat Hughes's vette, Joe Hummel's 39 Ford, and John Van Pelt's 69 Firebird.



Submit your Vette for the 2010 CCDV Member Calendar!

Here are the submission details and guidelines for getting your Vette into the 2010 CCDV Member Calendar...

GUIDELINES:

1. You may submit 1 to 3 images. No more.
2. Specify the following specs for publication with the photo(s):
 - o Your Full Name and CCDV website online name (if any)
 - o Model Year
 - o Exterior Color Name
 - o Engine Type (eg. L48) and/or Size (eg. 350/174hp)
 - o Any special type (eg. Collector's Edition, Silver Anniversary, etc)
 - o Year Purchased
 - o Where photo was taken, if you think it is worthy of mention
3. Specify how you want your name associated with the image(s) if used. You may specify one of the following:
 - o Do not use your name
 - o Specify your online name and your Real First Name
 - o Specify your online name and your Real First & Last Name
4. Specify how you want your location associated with the picture if it is used. You may specify one of the following:
 - o Do not use your location
 - o Specify your City and State

All submissions will be reviewed and judged on the following criteria:

1. **Quality** - ***THIS IS VERY IMPORTANT!!!*** The image file must be of a substantial quality in regards to DPI (eg. 300) and Resolution (eg. 1760x1168). The higher these numbers are, the better it will look when printed, especially on a calendar. You'll probably need a 2.1 megapixel camera or better, set at the highest quality setting possible.
2. **Artfulness** - The image should be tasteful and free of anything that would detract from the Vette. For example, **no people, no other cars, no business signs**. Examples of good backgrounds are: open fields, a park, a tree-lined 2-lane road, your driveway, etc.
3. **Framing** - Framed so that the entire Vette is in the picture. It can be taken from any angle except straight on of the rear.
4. **Scenery** - The prettier the background, the better. Plus, keep in mind that **we'd like to have season appropriate photos**. For example, a background of trees turning color in the fall; trees and flowers blooming in the spring; snow covered roadway in the winter, pumpkin patch for October, etc.

The more of these criteria that you meet, the more likely your photo will be used.

TO SUBMIT YOUR VETTE:

1. Making sure to follow all the guidelines above, send your Vette & Personal Details and image file(s) as attachments or by specifying URL(s) to:
CCno+spamDV@C3VRMail.com
Make sure to remove **no+spam** from the email address!!
2. Entries must be received no later than 10/31/2009!
3. You will not necessarily be notified directly about whether or not your Vette is selected. A list of selected Vettes will be made available on the CCDV forums shortly after the selections have been made.
4. If you have questions, [send me an email](#).

Good luck!

CORVETTES AT THE BEACH BOARDWALK SHOW

Well it wasn't pretty driving in the nasty rain going to Ocean City but it was nice and sunny for **29** CCDV members when our club won the best club participation award for the **5th** consecutive year. The award was a **\$100** bill rolled into a swizzle stick. I personally want to thank everyone who made the trip. I know it was not an easy decision to look out the window and see nothing but rain and than having to drive **80** to **100** miles to be in the show. Your all troopers.

The show had approximately **200** cars in it down from last years **425** total. Our count was down as well from **60** to **29**.

CCDV also did very well with winning trophies. We had **8** members winning **9** awards and adding our best club participation award makes the overall total of **10** awards.

Their theme this year was TV shows so some of the awards have a TV theme related to the car

Don Lemek - Best color combination with the flames.

Don Rhoads - The seventies show. The first 70's era Vette registered.

Ted Deleone - Best Pet in the car

Lee Pavorsky - Cutest Co-Pilot in the show (His daughter Marissa)

J.T. Thompson - Most Handsome Co-Pilot in the show (His son Paul)

J.T. Thompson - N.Y.P.D. award

Dave Bressler – “Pimp My Ride”, Most after market add ons.

Glenn Murphy - Favorite C6 in the show.

Bob Milnes – Newest Corvette

I want to congratulate everyone on their awards and if you can bring them to the October meeting we can show our members your trophy.

I will put the names of everyone there into a box and draw one name for the **\$100** award at **October's** meeting.

I also want to thank **Joe Remick** and **Bob Weiss** for driving the Raffle car from Jamison only to be told that they could not put the car on the boardwalk and sell raffle tickets. From what I was told the OC leaders to be say that no raffle car tickets can be sold in OC. I tried to push back on this decision but to no avail. I will work with Paul (President of Boardwalk Corvettes of Atlantic City) to resolve this next year. Bob & Joe than drove to **Wildwood** to put it in the muscle car show only to find out it was canceled on Sunday due to the rain. Than they tried to get it in the **Irish festival** to sell tickets and could not get into that as well. Bob & Joe I appreciate your efforts for trying so very hard to raise money for our charities and the kids associated with those charities.

Overall we did sell some tickets secretly in OC (Thanks Dave '**Secret Agent**' Bressler) and some were also sold in Wildwood.

CCDV's Annual Hot Dog Run Celebrating 25 Years



Sunday October 18th, 2009

Rain Date Sunday Oct. 25th.

Leaving 11 A.M. Sharp

New Starting Location

**We will leave from the Hilltown Walmart on Route 309
3 miles north of Montgomery Mall.**

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

*** You do not need to drive your Corvette to participate. *
Please call or check website if inclement weather.**



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

Vice President: Joel Fellman

Corporate Secretary: Brian Dixon

Recording Secretary: Bruce Waldron

Treasurer: Brian Canty

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 rferrante1311@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](mailto:rferrante1311@verizon.net)). 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 Ferrante

Going Racing

Racing in the month of September was virtually non-existent. The last Corvette Challenge was on **JULY 25th**! Our race on the 28th of August was rained out and will be rescheduled on November 7th. There was one race to attend in September. Unfortunately it was at Capitol Raceway, south of Baltimore MD! More on that later.

There are still 5 Corvette Challenge races this season. Four points races and the top 16 race. So with the season just a little past ½ over, three CCDV drivers have a very good shot at making the top 16 race. And two of them still have a good chance at winning the top prize! Jerry Muniz, Ellis Gray, and I are positioned to finish high in the standings which would qualify us for the top 16 race. Ellis and I are presently 9th and 10th respectively in the standings. We are both 10 points out of first place, and with four strong showings we have a chance to contend for the lead. The next race is October 10th. And the balance of the season is as follows.

E9 October 249:30 P,E
E10 October 319:30 T
E11 November 79:30 P,E
E12 November 149:30 16

P= Pro 8 race
T= Pro 10 race
E= 11.50 Index race
16= Top 16 race

Hope to see some club members out for the next couple of races. The air is getting cooler and that usually means the cars are going to run faster!!!!

Back to the race at Capitol Raceway. The Corvette Club of America put on a Corvette Show and Go that is similar to the Show and Go at E-Town. Since there was no racing in August and our next Challenge race wouldn't be until October 10th, I decided that I would go down for this event. Actually the decision wasn't hard, I have attended this event for the past three years. The results for the past three years were dismal, two red lights in the first round and a disabled car before eliminations. This year was a little better. I won my class in five rounds! And unlike the Show and Go up here, all class winners get to compete for "King of the Hill". I made it to the final! In that race I cut a good light (.018) and ran all out. I came up .012 short though and took second place for the day. The coolest part of the day was the trophy. It has a C4 Vette on top. It looks like my Vette!

Till next time 'Race on!'
Doug Bereczki

FINAL CALL FOR RAFFLE TICKETS!

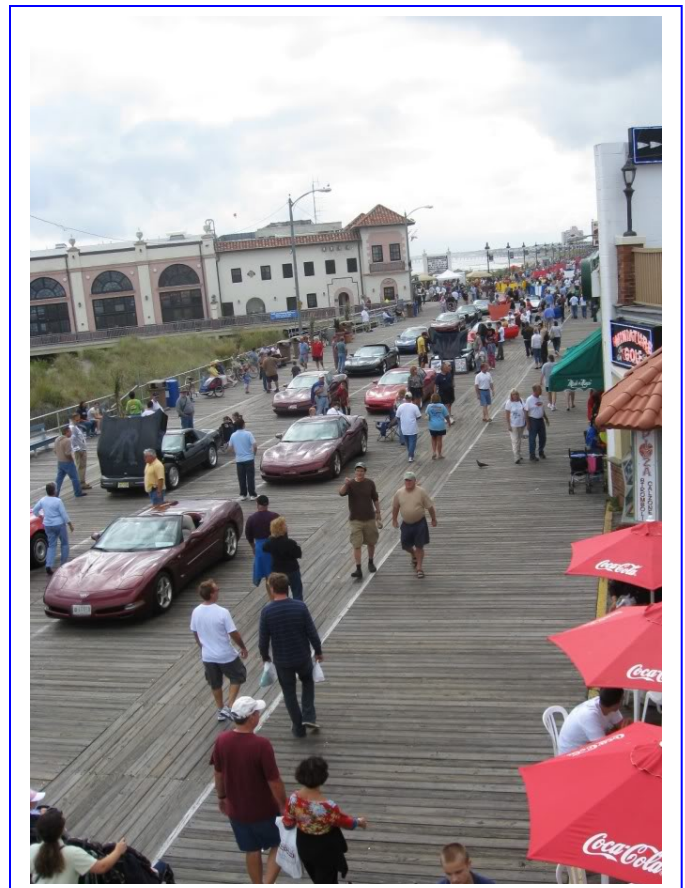
Hi everyone. This is our FINAL CALL to all members to return ALL *unsold* raffle tickets immediately so that someone has a chance to sell them BEFORE the October 8th meeting. It doesn't do us any good to have someone hand us 20 tickets an hour before the drawing and say: "Here-I couldn't sell them". It won't give us any chance to sell them either. If you have tickets that are *sold* already, simply put them in the mail to: CECF PO Box 2776 Warminster, 18974 so that they will be RECEIVED no later than October 4th. That will give us a few days to get them entered into the computer and make sure they are accounted for, since there are still hundreds of tickets to enter. If you have *unsold* tickets and don't think you can sell them, please contact me at 215 350-9527 or Jeff Hey, Bob Weiss, or Joe Remich to return them. Thanks to all for your dedicated effort for this years raffle. Together, we can bring it to a profitable and - most importantly - charitable conclusion.

Dave Bresler



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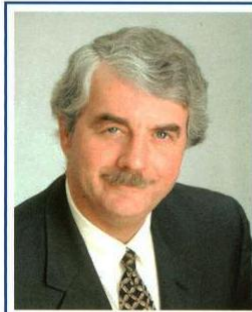
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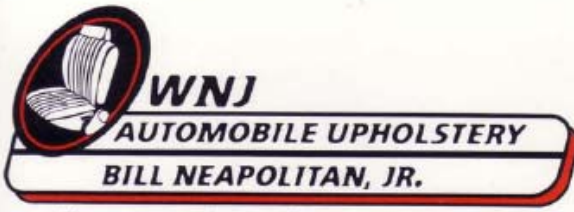
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Highlights from the September 17, 2009 CCDV Board Meeting

- ✓ A motion based unanimously to purchase the hot dogs for the next Cruise Night at a cost not to exceed \$150.
- ✓ A motion was passed unanimously to approve six (6) new membership application(s): Andy Kuzma (Associate Member) and Joanne Kuzma (spousal), Jack Pearson and Irene Pearson (spousal), Ed Bonk, Jr., and Tom Hoyer. Total membership stands at 547 members.
- ✓ CECF needs the unsold raffle car tickets to be returned to the ticket coordinators so the unsold tickets can be taken to the Ocean City Show.
- ✓ Jacques Etkowicz presented the draft budget for next year's Cavalcade. It was agreed that Bryner's contribution should not be calculated as part of the profit and loss from the Cavalcade Show.
- ✓ A motion was approved unanimously to approve an initial budget for expenses for the 2010 Cavalcade Show of \$10,000.
- ✓ A motion was passed (YES=14, NO=1, ABSTAIN=0) to donate all of the proceeds from the Silent Auction to charity.
- ✓ A motion was (YES=12, NO=2, ABSTAIN=0) passed to donate \$3,400 from the proceeds of the Cavalcade to charity. We discussed the Toys for Tots benefit. At October's Membership meeting, Ed Bonk will ask for a volunteer to organize the event this year.
- ✓ It was discussed as to whether the club should reimburse people who paid to enter their cars in the Cavalcade but did not come because of inclement weather. The consensus was not to refund the money.
- ✓ There was a discussion as to whether the Christmas Party should continue to be adult only and the consensus was yes.
- ✓ We have a new club cell phone with a two-year contract.

Upcoming Events



Thursday, October 8 – CCDV General Membership Meeting & Raffle Car Drawing



Saturday, October 10 – ECSCC Drag Racing – CCDV Crab Dash



Monday, October 12 – CCDV Marksman Night – contact Bill Burkholder (afternoon & evening only) 215-343-5968 or wburkholder4@comcast.net



Saturday, October 17 – CCDV Cruise Night



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