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Tony & Betsy Pileggi
2003 Metallic Blue Convertible

Michael Cristinzio
2001 Silver Coupe

Marc Bruckner
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1991 Black Convertible

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Ed Bonk



Very rarely I start my message on a sad note but I want to pass on to everyone that **Frank Gonzalez**, a long time member of our club and our Ambassador to the National Corvette Museum (NCM) passed away in March. Frank who was a strong supporter of CCDV, the NCM and racing at New Jersey Motorsports Park will be surely missed.

Finally, spring is here and the month of April is CCDV's official month that starts our warm weather outdoor activities. Our patience throughout the winter will pay off as our club has a full plate of activities planned that will keep everyone happy and occupied throughout the summer. With **Don Terranova** returning as our Activities Chairperson we all know there will be a lot of fun events throughout the summer.

During **March**, the monthly roving breakfast was at the **Warminster West** diner and had an over whelming turnout. There were over **40** people in attendance and it's good to see this many people show up. Good job to **John Benischeck** in planning this event. Our CCDV racing team started off the season this month and they are ready to represent our club and race against the best in the area. The team is always looking to add new members so if your interested contact any member of the team and they will be happy to talk to you. Good luck this year to everyone on the team. Our General Membership meeting had **Kenny Shaw** giving us an update on his '**Strickly Corvette**' show this month in Atlantic City.

For **April**, our first '**Cruise Night**' of the year will kick off at the Lowes store in Warrington. In the past our cruise nights have always been very successful and I'm quite sure this will continue.

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	Robert Sellers		Donna Gray
	John Tambourine	27	Bob Bunting
	Bob Walker	28	William Vinal
10	Marcia Kuonen	29	Jim McKeone
11	Joan Supplee		Anthony Rich
12	Tom Bates		Ilene Blumenthal
13	Angelo Grippo		Donna Boyko

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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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The ECSCC racing challenge will take place as well as our roving breakfast which will be at **Otto's** in Horsham, Pa. Our guest speaker will be **Mark Kelliehan, Creative Colors International**, and will talk about repairing Leather car seats, etc. As I stated above, The **'Strictly Corvette'** show in the Atlantic City Convention center is this month and will be quite a show.

As of this writing our club has **4** cars in the **'Walk of Fame'** and **6** in the **'Corvette Display'**. Kenny has double the size to 300,000 sq. ft and is expecting over **400** Corvettes in total at the show with approximately **300** vendors. Our club gets a **25%** discount at the gate and Kenny Shaw gave me a PROMO code for our club to use in order to get the discount. The PROMO code will be in the **'Member Only'** section on our web site.

I need volunteers to assistance with reviewing our Tax returns (2) and getting Guest Speakers (2). Reviewing the returns would take no more than two hours and if interested contact Pete Carroll, a current member of the Board. If interested in helping me to get Guest Speakers for our General Membership meeting you can contact me. I fully appreciate your support in this matter.

And finally, ticket sales for the raffle car have gotten under way and should you want to buy or sell tickets contact **Dave Bresler** (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

CAVALCADE NEWS

It won't be long before the birds are singing, flowers are blooming and the hearts of Corvette owners are filled with love. The love of a great car show, that is. Although it is only April, it is not too early to start thinking about the Cavalcade. The club's 40th Cavalcade is set for June 19, 2010 at the Middle Bucks Institute of Technology. Your opportunity to sign up is included in the Gas Cap this month. We are also in need of volunteers to help with the set-up, tear down, parking, etc. If not for our great volunteers over the years this event would not be as successful as it has been. Therefore, please consider volunteering. Not only will you get a great deal of satisfaction from helping, you'll also get a sweet one of a kind limited edition T-Shirt. Sign up sheets will be distributed at the General Meeting. For those of you who can't wait that long to volunteer please send me a PM or an e-mail. Thank you to those who have already volunteered.

Jacques

Speaking of the Cavalcade, due to its overwhelming success last year, we are again having an Oriental Auction. Our goal is to raise \$1500.00 to be donated to our charitable organizations. So that we may be successful again this year we are seeking donations of goods (new or gently used) and services that can be packaged for the auction. Examples of items that we are looking for include wine, spirits, etc... which can made into a basket of cheer, coffee, gift cards to Starbucks - you get the idea. Gift certificates to local restaurants, sports and automotive memorabilia/events, hand-made items and kids toys were all very desirable at last years auction. Let your imagination run wild! No reasonable donation will be declined. If you know of any business owners that may be interested in providing samples of their goods, gift certificates, or an introductory service please ask that they consider donating, we will advertise their products at the auction table. If you have any donations or questions please feel free to contact me. Thank you in advance for your support.

Marlene

TWO EVENTS -- ONE DAY

We're talkin' about an all day party here folks: Come to one or come to both.

APRIL CCDV BREAKFAST --- Sunday, April 18, 2010 --- 9:30am

My goodness.....(not that there's much goodness there, thank you) It's almost April already! Time to start thinkin' about bacon again! This month we're back at Otto's Brauhaus Restaurant, which is about a mile south of the Willow Grove Naval Air Station. Join us for a lotta laughs, some save the world ideas, more laughs and general good fun and camaraderie (did I spell that right?) If you are interested you can respond on the website posting **OR** you can call me (John Benischeck) on my cell phone 215-208-6620. I need to give them a head count on April 16th.

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After breakfast we will be cruising up Easton road to Jamison to Tony & Rose's world famous BUSTED KNUCKLE GARAGE

To hang out and use the lift to change our oil or switch engines or adjust our suspensions, or not. See below.

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Tony & Rose are doin' it again!! (Well, there doin' that too). They are opening up their garage and letting us use their "lift" to let us change our oil, check our tires or brakes, or do other things to our rides. Non- Corvettes are welcome too, because they need oil too. It's a BYOO (Bring Your Own Oil) Day. If your car doesn't need new oil, just come and HANG OUT with fun people.

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Starting at 8:00 am and lasting until the last person leaves (last fall, the last person left about 9:00pm).

Rose & Tony have a big ol' 55 gallon drum that you can pour your old oil into.

There will be coffee, soda, beer and light fare to eat. And they're havin' a Weenie roast. **Yowza!!!**

This is a party you won't want to miss!!!! There'll be more laughs and jokin' around than you can stand, so you can sit down, and more of that camaraderie with all the great friends you've made at CCDV.

Three cheers for Rose & Tony!!!!

John Benischeck

RAFFLE CAR TICKETS

Hello everyone! Hope you're all enjoying the warmer weather again. To me, this weather means car shows, the shore and RAFFLE CAR TICKETS! Yes - it's that time again to get your tickets for our beautiful 2001 Dark Blue raffle car. I handed out over 1000 tickets at the March meeting, and hope to move a lot more at the next meeting on April 8th! I will be sitting at the front table, so don't be shy and come on up to get your stack to sell. Remember, when you sell 9, you get one free! If you won't be at the meeting and want me to mail you your bunch of tickets, simply email me at Kidzdent@aol.com with the number of tickets you want and your address and phone number. I'll get them out the next day. Thanks for helping to make this years raffle another CCDV success story.

Dave Bresler

"TOY RUN & CARNIVAL FOR THE KIDS"

On Saturday, August 14th from noon to 3:00 PM, CCDV is organizing an afternoon picnic carnival at Christ Home, 800 North York Road (just north of Street Road) in Warminster. Christ Home was established in 1903 to serve and house disadvantaged, abused, neglected or abandoned children. Their primary goal is to reunite the children (who vary from very young to 15 years old) with their families or find permanent new homes for them. The Home also provides temporary shelter for runaways or homeless youth from ages 12 to 17.

The Club will be providing hot dogs, hamburgers, rolls, etc. and may possibly provide some additional games for the approximate 35 children who reside there.

We will be looking for our members to come out, enjoy having a picnic lunch and fun with the children, plus provide toys and gifts for them.

In the next month or 2, we will have the names and ages of the children which will help us decide what specific gifts we will need to bring. Meanwhile, please note this date as we'd like a good showing of helpers and member's Corvettes for the children to see.

Thank you very much. More information to follow.

Joel Fellman

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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, Jacques Etkowicz, Show Chairperson at CCDV.JLE@verizon.net

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Going Racing

The wildest Winter in recent memory is behind us now. With all the snow AND rain, I would not be surprised if the track had been washed away! Fortunately E-town came away from the Winter unscathed and it was time to go racing again! The Corvette Challenge had two races scheduled in March. The first race was a non points warm-up race; along with last years Top 16 race. The second officially kicks off the points races.

March 20th sure did not come in like a lion weather wise. The barometer was hanging around 29.90" and the temp. was in the **upper** 70's. That indicated that the cars were not going the set any speed records. I seem to remember last years first race being in the upper 70's! Ellis Gray, Jerry Muniz, Tad Archambault, John Milewski, Glenn Murphy and I made the trip to the track to get the rust out of our systems.

During the timed runs Glenn got Big Red's **first** 11 sec. time slip! 11.969 to be exact. John had a really lousy first run. Took a little advice from Glenn and then steadily improved on his next 3 timed runs. Jerry was battling a battery problem while Tad had a minor mechanical malfunction that ended his day. My car's times were anything **but** consistent, which was really disappointing with 6 timed runs! Ellis had the best qualifying session. He qualified #1 for the 11.50 index race.

John, Ellis, Jerry, and I entered the Corvette Challenge race. With some good timed runs John was stoked for his first elimination run. John gets his **FIRST** win. That also gets him his first trophy and a sticker. Ellis and I bow out in round 1. Jerry cut a .034 light and cruises into round two.

Round 2: John had been consistently running 12.9x's so he slapped a 12.88 on his window and strapped in for round 2. He cut a .064 light while his opponent naps his way to a .208 light. So John wins round 2 right? Unfortunately he misses a shift and could not run his number and his opponent runs him down for the win. Jerry on the other hand runs his # pretty good. He posted an 11.519 on an 11.50 dial! So it's on to round three for Jerry. That's were Jerry's Challenge day ended.

Jerry, Ellis, and I qualified for the Top 16 race. I lose in round one by **.001!** Jerry gets as far as round 2. Ellis gets the farthest with a semi final race. He has the race won from the start and prepares to cruise to the stripe for the win. He crosses first 3 mph slower than his usual runs but breaks out by .01! Tough way to lose \$1000.00! Ellis also made it to the semi final round in the 11.50 index race. In that race he was up against last years champ, Rob Farley. As the lights go green Ellis cuts a .023 rt to Rob's .022 rt! This is a **DRAG RACE!** Ellis crosses the stripe at 11.571 as Rob crosses at 11.573. Talk about a photo finish! Ellis is .00036 on the losing end!!!!

Glenn, John, and I enter the Trophy Marathon race. Glenn spins his way to 1 round win as he had a difficult time getting Big Red to hook on street tires. I finally manage to get two round wins, the last two of the day. John was the big winner in this event with three round wins. He took home a really big trophy for his efforts!

So that wraps up the Warm – up race for the Corvette Challenge.

March 27th, felt more like December 27th. At 29* when I left my house it seemed that I should be putting my car away for the Winter! By the time the six of us made it to the track the temp shot up to

32*!!! Tony and I traveled together and met Ellis, Jerry, Tad, and Mike Campbell at the track. At least the Sun was out.

The first round of time shots were pretty much a waste of time as the track was too cold. No one had any traction. That was too bad because the DA was -2000'!!!! So with no traction it was hard to take advantage of the "mineshaft air". Because of the poor traction the officials at Raceway Park gave us an additional time shot. That was nice as some of us were able to get a personal best time. Tony Buonassisi Got a PB with a 12.147 run at 118.70 mph. Mike Campbell got 9 personal bests! He got a PB on every run, finishing up with a 12.315 @ 115.70 mph.

As the Elimination rounds started the temp reached a balmy 40*! Tony, Tad, and I had very short runs in the Challenge as we all went out in the first round. Both Jerry and Mike made it to round three before being sent home. Ellis on the other hand won round after round until there was only one driver left! That's right Ellis made the Final Round in the Challenge. He got there the 'hard way'! Along the way he had to take out Eric Fisher (last year's runner-up), Rob Farley (last year's champ), AND Ralph Savarese (finished 3rd last year)! THAT is a TOUGH set of drivers to beat! In the Final Round he was up against Lou Calicchia, last weeks Top 16 Champ! Ellis dials 11.43 while Lou dials 11.34, almost a heads up race! Ellis gets to leave first with a .048 light with Lou a slit second behind El with a .045 RT. This is a great Final with both drivers full throttle neck and neck all the way to the stripe! Neither driver backed down, Ellis crosses at 11.490 to Lou's winning 11.378. That translated into a margin of victory of .0259! Sense a pattern here?

Ellis and Gerry also compete in the 11.50 index race. Ellis once again wins round after round until he finds himself in the Final Round of that race also! On his way to the Final Ellis meets up with Jerry in the semi final round. Even though Jerry ran a 11.50 with a 6!, Ellis takes the win with a better reaction time. In the final Ellis gets to run Eric Fisher once again, and this time takes the win on a double breakout run! Pattern broken!

Tony, Mike, and I also entered the Classic vs. Modern Muscle race. Tony takes me out in round two on his way to the semi final round. Mike makes it to the semi final also. Unfortunately that's as far as the both of them got!

All in all it was a great day racing and hanging out with friends. At the end of the day Ellis Gray is in second place in the Corvette Challenge and in first place in the 11.50 index race! Jerry and Mike are tied for sixth place in the Challenge. And believe it or not we get to do this all over again next week!

Till next time 'Race On!'

Doug

CORVETTE PICTURES WANTED

Hello CCDV Members Here is a List of "21" Corvettes I still need for the Calendar. I have talked to some of you about your Corvette. Please send the photos that we talked about. If you have one of the corvettes listed, send to "corvetteraffle@comcast.net" Thank You Jeff Hey

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1964 Coupe
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1973 Convertible
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NEW MEMBERS PAGE

My corvette is a 2001 Silver coupe in which I purchased in 2004. It is a 6 speed with about 15,000 miles. I removed the stock exhaust and installed a Corsa Touring catback exhaust with Pro Series Tips. I also installed a K&N cold air intake. This is my first Corvette. In the picture, my girlfriend and I are getting ready to go down the shore for the weekend.

I was first introduced to the CCDV when I was invited to the clubs annual "Hot Dog Run" this past year. Taking part in this event definitely motivated me to join. I enjoyed being around so many good people who shared a common interest. I look forward in taking part in upcoming events and thank you for allowing me to become a member.

Sincerely,
Michael Cristinzio





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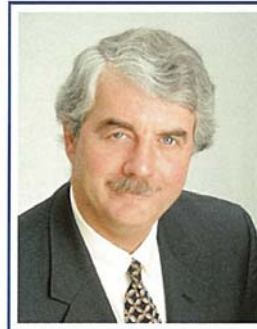


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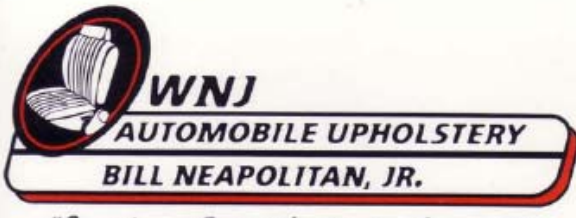
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- ✓ Cruise Night is on for April 17th. We have Cruise Night posters at Lowes. The Lowes management team is trying to make a connection between Cobalt tools and the event. We will be giving away six (6) trophies at every Cruise Night.
- ✓ A motion was passed to accept three (3) new membership application(s): Tony Pileggi, Betty Pileggi (spousal) and Michael Cristinzio. Total membership stands at 564 members.
- ✓ Tickets for this year's raffle are now being distributed. The raffle car is being inspected and has been lettered.
- ✓ The club phone was discussed and it is being used very infrequently. However, the Board wants to continue having the phone for special events and to provide contact data for our flyers and letterhead.
- ✓ The Help Me Book committee requested an attorney comment on whether a disclaimer is needed to protect the club when listing people and their phone numbers in the book. The attorney felt that a statement is not necessary.
- ✓ A motion passed to solicit the membership to purchase and distribute gifts for 35 children at Christ's Home at a cost of approximately \$50 per gift per child and the club to cover any shortfall.
- ✓ A motion did not pass to solicit the membership to purchase and distribute gifts for 30 children at the Ronald McDonald House at a cost of approximately \$30 per gift per child and the club to cover any shortfall.
- ✓ A motion passed to sponsor this year's Corvette Challenge "Closest to Dial" award in the amount of \$1,050.

Upcoming Events



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



Thursday, April 15 – CCDV GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Saturday, April 17 – CCDV Cruise Night



Sunday, April 18 – Otto's Breakfast & Tony and Roses "BYOO"

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