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New Members

Ed & Kathy Aplegate 1995 Polo Green Coupe

Bob & Helene Bierman 2007 Blue Coupe

William Rau 2008 Blue Coupe

Gary Romberger St. 2006 Victory Red Coupe

Steve & Maryjane Schuh 1002 White Coupe

Dean Weitzman 2010 Jetstream Blue ZR-1

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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 eat a lot of Turkey.

The month of **November** is when our annual Board elections are held and we had **eight** candidates on the ballot so no election was required. I want to congratulate the members who were elected and thank all **eight** nominees for their interest in our great club. I also want to congratulate T. Wayne Lankford for stepping up to run for the Board and I look forward to working with everyone throughout **2011**. The General Membership fell on Veterans day and as in the past 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 World War II. He talked about how he watched the bomber plane, Enola Gay, take off and pass over him without a jet escort. He knew something was about to happen when he observed this and as everyone knows something big did happen. This really highlighted the meeting. There was little club activity this month as the outdoor activities basically come to a halt. A few of our members did attend the 'Corvettes for Chip' show which is hosted by the Keystone Corvette Club. Our club sponsors the 'Slow Drag' event and I had fun overseeing this. The Keystone club thanked CCDV for their participation as there was **385** Corvettes in the show and they collected **\$11,500** for the **CMCF** foundation that supports Amyloidosis, the disease that Chip Miller died of. The last roving breakfast at Michael's was a success as this event always is. I was again asked to drove Miss Pennsylvania in the Hatboro Thanksgiving parade (See Page 9).

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For **December**, there is **'NO'** General Membership meeting. The holiday party will again be at the **Buck Hotel (See Page 4)** on **Saturday**, the **4th.** There will be a few changes this year and one will be that we will not present any checks to the charities we support. We will do this at the January General membership meeting so that we can have more time to dance and have fun. This will be a great time for all and I'm looking forward to meeting some new members.

For the past **six** 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 **2011** should you have someone in mind contact me and we can discuss the details. I would also like to form a committee to do this and assign this task to the committee. Let me know if you are interested in this role.

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.

CRUISE NIGHT 2010

Ed

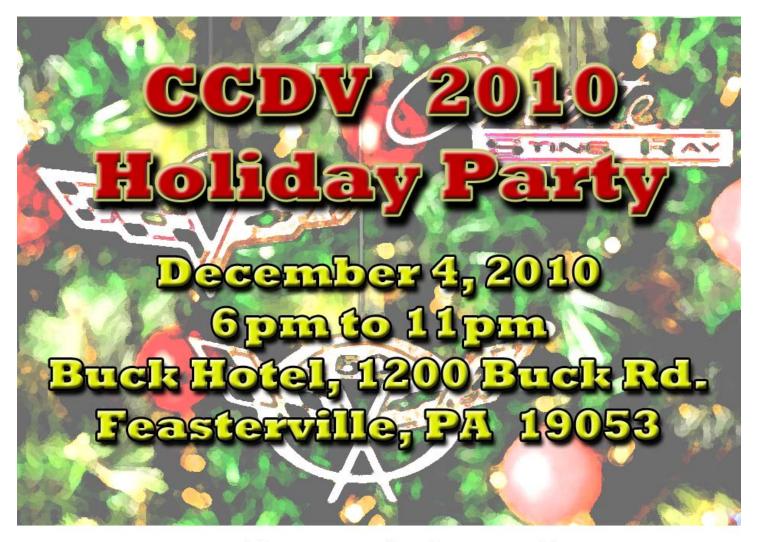
The CCDV monthly Cruise Nights have become the place to be for local car enthusiasts. I hear more and more people saying good things about our Cruise Nights. We had great turnouts each month friendly people and never any problems. This year we introduced music. We have a professional PA system from which we play music all evening from the 60s and 70s via satellite radio. We also doubled the number of trophies awarded from 21 to 42 for the season. Bob Rosenberg and Glenn Murphy sent out letters to companies such as Mothers wax, Jeg's etc... asking for donations to use as door prizes. This paid off we were able to give away nice door prizes each month. You know, the best part of Cruise Night is that it does not cost the club a penny. We take in enough money from the sodas & pretzels we sell for a dollar each as well as the 50/50 to pay for the entire event. As a matter of fact at the September's Cruise night we grilled away 350 hot dogs as a way of saying thank you to the people who support us. Now for the big surprise not only does this <u>not</u> cost the club a single penny but after everything is paid for we made close to \$1000 which is added to the club funds to be donated to our charities. Not bad huh?

See you next year! Don Terranova

Thanks for helping throughout the year:

Tony & **Error! Reference source not found.**Ken & Debbie, Rich & Miriam, Loretta, John B. Tony Foggia for helping as well as donating \$50 out of the 50/50 he won in July and giving it back to the club.

And many more you know who you are.

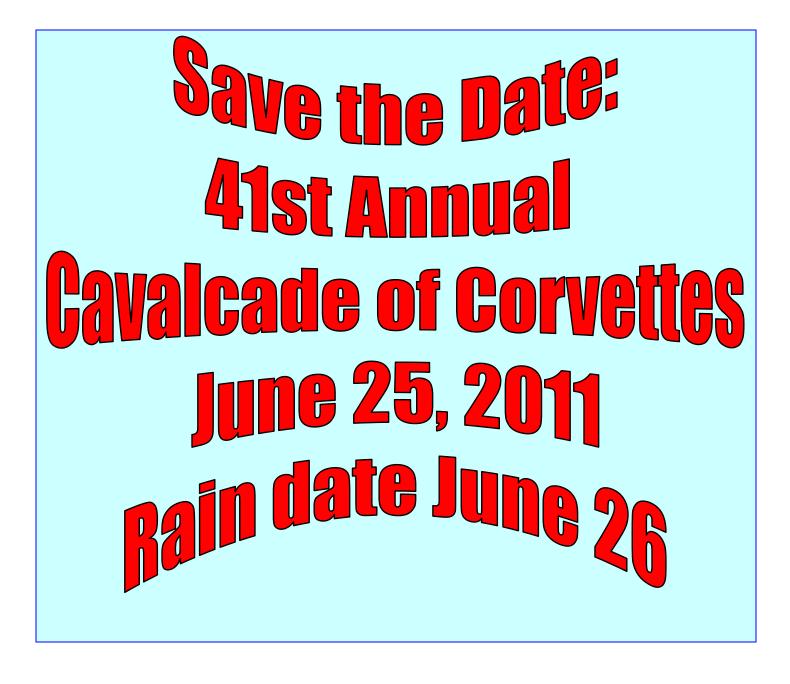


Cash bar open at 6pm, hors d'oeuvres served from 6pm to 7pm, buffet dinner to follow.

Music and entertainment provided by DJ and singer, Peter Venneri for your dancing pleasure at the: 'Top of the Buck Ballroom'

* per couple Buffet selections include: Carving Station serving Beef Top Round Chicken Marsala Salmon with Brandied Lobster Sauce Raviolis Salad, Vegetables, Potatoes, Rolls Assorted Desserts

BUFFEI DJ New Please RSVP no later than November 27, 2010 Make your check payable to CCDV and mail to: Miriam Rogers, 59 Cherokee Dr, Richboro, PA 18954 For more info email Miriam at MDRAPES11@msn.com or tel# 215-364-0374



Longwood Gardens

Just a short heads up. On January 8, 2011 we will be putting together a CCDV trip to Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA. We will also be stopping along the way for dinner. Stay tuned for details.

Don Terranova

Going Racing

This past month was a VERY busy month at the drag strip. Our Club members participated in 6 events. Fortunately the weather cooperated for ALL of them. That is a good thing at this time of year as there are no dates left for make-up races.

11.50 Friday Night Index Race, 10/29/30

Ellis Gray has been competing in this series. Ellis entered into the last event for the year in first place by only three points. He promptly qualifies #1 and is paired up with the second place guy in round one! This would be the deciding race for the whole season! The lights go green and 11.52 seconds later Ellis Gray is the Friday Night 11.50 Champ!!!!!

Corvette Challenge #10, 10/30/10

Five Club members made it out to the track for this race. Tony Buonassisi, Mike Campbell, Jerry Muniz, Ellis Gray and this reporter. The day started out good for all of us. We all had a good set of time runs and Ellis Qualified #1 in the 11.50 race. Round one in the Challenge sent Jerry and me packing while Mike, Ellis, and Tony moved on. All three advanced to round three! In round three Ellis bowed out and Mike and Tony moved on. Round 4 sent Mike home and Tony, firing on all cylinders, went on and on and on. Tony made it to the Final round!!!! Unfortunately Tony finished up in the runner-up spot with a .014 red light. Not a bad day for a couple of guys who haven't seen the track in a while! Nice job Tony and Mike!

In the 11.50 race Ellis Qualified #1! Gets a nice points bonus for that. Ellis proceeds to mow down the field all the way to the Final. In the final a red .014 light ends Ellis's day. Turns out he needed a close to perfect light to win as his opponent cut a .007 green light!

Yes you read that right. Both Tony AND Ellis make it to the Final and both knock themselves out with a -.014 RED light!!!!!!

Corvette Challenge #11, 11/6/10

Back down to the three guys who have made it to every race this season. Ellis, Jerry and I are out for the last points race for the season. Ellis entered this race in second place and is racing to stay in second place, because the Championship has already been decided two races ago! I still have a mathematical shot at second place and Jerry can still get in the top 16 with a strong showing. Well Jerry and Ellis get eliminated in the first round! I don't fare much better, getting knocked out in the second round! Not quite the way we would have liked to finish.

So the final tally is Ellis nets the 4th place spot, I get a tie for 7th, Jerry slides into 20th place, Mike gets the 25th spot and Tony ends up in the 27th spot. Not a bad finish in a group of about 50 racers each week!

In the 11.50 race Ellis is in second place, two rounds behind the leader, Eric Fisher. One of two scenarios has to happen for Ellis to win the Championship. One, Eric would have to go out in round 1 or 2 and Ellis would have to win two additional rounds. Two, Ellis would have to qualify #1 and only win one more round than Eric! This is pretty tight for a four round race!

After qualifying is complete Ellis gets the #1 spot with an 11.520 pass! Eric qualifies #4 which puts him on the opposite end of the ladder! So the stage is set for the second scenario. Round 1, Ellis and Eric win. Round 2, Eric and Ellis win. Round 3, Ellis and Eric win!!!! Final round, it is Ellis and Eric! The winner of this final wins the Championship for the season. All three ambers flash at once and they're off. Ellis trees Eric by .031 and turns on the WIN light **11.506** seconds later! Ellis Gray wins his SECOND 11.50 championship of the year!!!!!!!

Corvette Challenge Top 16 Race, 11/13/10

Ellis and I qualified for this race and Jerry and Tony also made it into the race. This is the fourth time that I made it into this race. For me the result was the same as the other three times, out in round 1. Both Jerry and Tony also packed it in early, out in round one. Ellis went on to the semi final round. There he lost a double red light race. His opponent -.013 Ellis -.012, since he was dialed in slower his red light was first and that was it for him.

We had a new racer out for the first time. Woody and his wife Judy came out to race. Woody entered the Trophy Marathon with his 2002 black Vette. He did pretty darn good for the first time competing. Ran very consistent and ended up winning a trophy in that race! I entered the GTO vs. Vette race and the GM EFI race. Made to the semi final round in the GTO vs. Vette race and won the GM EFI race!

ATCO, Imports vs. Domestics, 11/21/10

Ellis traveled to Atco Raceway to compete in this event. There were a # of classes to enter. Ellis entered......yup you guessed it, the 11.50 class. Ellis ran off a string of 11.50X wins all the way to the final race. In the Final he got treed and came up a little short. Took home the runner up trophy! Nice!

ATCO Corvette Club Wars, 11/28/10

We had a rather large contingent of CCDV racers head down to Atco for this event. Tony, Ellis, Joel Fellman, Al Betz, and I entered this event. Bob Rosenberg and Big John also stopped by but did not race. It was fun to race some different racers for a change. After round one it was just Ellis and me moving on. At the end of round two, I was the only Club member left. I made it all the way to the Final. Left pretty good and crossed the line .045 off my dial, .01 better than my opponent. But was treed at the start by .04 and that did me in.

So that wraps it up for the past four weeks, also probably the last race of the season. Sorry that drag racing is the only part of racing that I have been reporting about, but I haven't heard of other club members participating in other racing events. I know some members have been to road race events, but not recently. The Philly SCCA auto cross events have been attended by some members, but again not recently. As I hear of other race activities I'll report on them. So if I missed any race type event let me know.

Until next time, Race On! Doug Bereczki

NIAGARA FALLS RECAP

Hi Folks, sorry it took so long to recap of our Niagara Falls trip in the GasCap. I've been very busy. The trip went off flawlessly. The final count was 23 cars 46 people. Glenn Murphy planned the route we took. He was able to choose just the right mix of interstate and back road. It was a very enjoyable ride. We checked in at the Embassy Suites in Canada Saturday early evening, the hotel set aside a secure parking area underground just for us. The rooms were fantastic; each of us had a suite with a postcard view of the falls. Each morning we had a complimentary full buffet breakfast complete with an omelet station. The was also a Managers reception in the evening, where we were giving 3 complimentary drinks and snacks. We all got together in the evening for drinks. We also dined together when possible. It was a laid back and relaxed trip. The next day and for the rest of the trip we experienced, let's say less than ideal weather. I must say although it was occasionally wet outside, it did not dampen our spirits. Everyone enjoyed him or herself and did not let the rain get in the way of a good time. Some of us visited Old Fort Niagara, which is located on the banks of Lake Ontario. What a view. There were tour guides onsite that gave us the history on the Fort as well as a guide dressed in period clothing that gave us a demonstration on muzzleloader rifles. On Monday the majority of us opted to take a bus tour of 3 local wineries, the picturesque town of Niagara on the Lake and a chocolate factory. The wineries were very interesting, they make a wine in this part of North America called ice-wine. They pick the grapes and crush them while frozen solid. (The grapes, not the pickers ha-ha) This does something to the sugar in the grape, which creates a unique very sweet taste. We also visited the town of 'Niagara on the Lake' this town is often described as the prettiest town in Canada and once you visit it you can see why. Lots of shopping for the ladies, as well as good places to eat and drink. I had a very good Sheppard's pie at an Irish Pub there for lunch. If we had to do it over again we would have arranged to spend more time there. We also visited a chocolate factory, this was a part of the tour I would skip if I had to do it again. They did not actually make the chocolate there. They bragged that the chocolate comes from the PA Dutch area. Being from Pennsylvania that did not impress us much, Hershey bars and scrapple are from there too. Most of us went for a ride on the 'Maid of the Mist'. Some of us went to try our luck at the many Casinos there and some of us took a driving tour of the area in our Corvettes. That's the nice part of our trips; vou are not locked in to a strict itinerary. We left Tuesday morning a few of us staved for an extended visit some went in different directions and others went to visit the Corning Glass museum in Corning New York. This was a very interesting place but you need to set a minimum of 5 hours aside for it, there is just too much to see. All in all I'd give the trip 4 stars out of 5. If the weather were a bit nicer it would have gotten the 5th star.

We are already beginning to plan the 2011 trip. We are looking at a 5-day trip. We will visit Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural masterpiece 'Falling waters' in Mill Run, PA. From there, drive to the southern entrance of the scenic Skyline Drive in Virginia then continue up into Gettysburg to take a tour of the battlefield. Details such as time date etc... are still being worked out but stay tuned if you are interest. Don Terranova

HATBORO THANKSGIVING PARADE

Mary Meister, Executive Director of the Miss SE Pennsylvania local of the Miss America Organization, asked me again to drive Miss Pennsylvania (Courtney Thomas) in the 2010 Hatboro Thanksgiving parade. Two years ago our club established a great partnership with this organization when I was asked to be one of three judges for the Miss SE Pennsylvania pageant which include six additional titles. That was quite an experience as it took eleven hours to complete the judging. Mary in return had a couple of the winners come to our Cavalcade show in the rain to help promote our show as well as pick their favorite car for a trophy. I wrote an article on this in the July 2009 Gas cap should you want to read it.

So this year Mary needed Corvettes including mine to drive three winners from the six different titlists in this year's Miss SE Pennsylvania pageant. I drove Miss Pennsylvania, Big John Milewski drove Miss SE Pennsylvania and Tony Buonassisi drove Miss Miss Greater Delaware Valley. The other four titlist were driven in non Corvettes which I let Mary know that they were not going to be put in front of our Corvettes and they weren't. We had great weather as well as a good time getting our pictures taken with the girls in the staging area and driving through the parade. Below are some of the pictures taken that day.

Mary again committed to have some of the winners come to the Cavalcade show next year. I'm hoping to get Miss Pennsylvania to come as she goes to Drexel University and might be in the area at that time. She lives outside of Pittsburgh in a town called Sigel and will be competing in the Miss America pageant in January.

The other girls she will try to bring are:

Miss Southeastern PA, Melissa Caltabiano Miss Greater Delaware Valley, Jolene Nieves Miss Mountain Laurel, Brina Williams Miss Lehigh Area, Marissa MacIntosh (former Miss Southeastern PA & attended our show) Southeastern PA Outstanding Teen, Sandra Archer Greater Delaware Valley Outstanding Teen, Ashley Germano



Ed Bonk & Miss Pennsylvania



CCDV in the Parade



Ed Bonk & Miss Pennsylvania



Big John Milewski & Miss SE Pennsylvania



Tony Buonassisi – Miss Greater Delaware Valley

NEW MEMBER GARY ROMBERGER

I'm Gary Romberger and have a 2006 Victory Red Coupe. The CCDV was home for me in the early 90's when I had a silver '76 Corvette, but I left because it interfered with my work schedule. As a retiree, I now have the time to enjoy my new Corvette and participate in club functions.

Highlights of my time include fishing, photography, and the outdoors. I love to spend time with my grandkids in Cape May, NJ and my daughters when they visit.

I'm looking forward to spring when I can drive my new Corvette ALL of the time. I had a chance to experience that when I took a trip to Cape May and had the experience of the power on the Atlantic City Expressway. Much more power than my '76!



Thank you for welcoming me to the CCDV club again.

Gary Romberger



NEW MEMBERS BILL AND HELENE BIERMAN

Hello CCDV club members

My name is Bill Bierman my wife's name is Helene Bierman. I retired from Verizon in 2003 at age 50 after 30 years service. I bought my 1st Vette in November of 2007. I am President of the Norwood Fire Co. and have been a member of the department for 41 years. We enjoy cruising on weekends and attending Corvette functions. I have been married for 33 years and have 3 grown boys.

From Bill & Helene Bierman

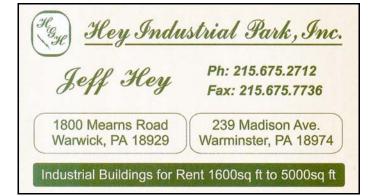


















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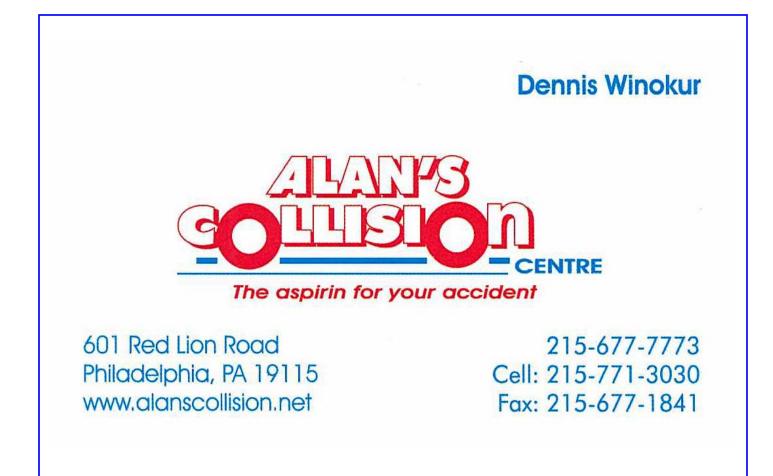
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Highlights from the November 18, 2010 CCDV Board Meeting

- ✓ Don Terranova is unsure if he can continue as the Activities Chairperson. He will remain in the position until his personal plans are firmed up.
- ✓ Due to the cost of hiring a new DJ for the holiday party, a motion passed to increase the club's contribution from \$3,000 to \$3,200.
- A motion passed to accept nine (9) new membership application(s): Steve Schuh, Mary Jane Schuh, Gary Romberger Sr., William Rau, Ed Applegate, Kathy Applegate (spousal), Bill Bierman, Helene Bierman (spousal), and Dean Weitzman. Total membership stands at 559 members.
- ✓ A motion did not pass to keep the yearly membership renewal rate at \$35 for this upcoming renewal period. As a result of the above vote, the renewal dues will revert back to the original \$40 amount. It was agreed to give each member a \$5 coupon redeemable at the club store.
- ✓ A motion passed to accept nominees Bob Weiss, Steve Howard and Joe Remich into CECF positions for 2011.
- ✓ <u>A motion passed to distribute contributions totaling \$16,800 as outlined in the following table:</u>

JDRF	\$3,000
Sunshine Foundation	\$4,000
Manna on Main Street	\$3,500
St. Mary's Villa	\$4,000
Multiple Sclerosis Walk for the Cure	\$1,500
Warrington Ambulance	\$400
Varity Club	\$400
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$16,800.00

✓ The Vette Shop agreed to pick up the expense of mailing the remaining club calendars to those members who did not pick up their copy at the meeting.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 4 – CCDV Holiday Party at the Buck

Thursday, December 9 – <u>NO</u>CCDV General Membership Meeting

Monday, December 13 - CCDV Marksman Night – contact Bill Burkholder (afternoon & evening only) 215-343-5968 or wburkholder4@comcast.net

Saturday, January 8 – Longwood Gardens Christmas Display tour

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MEETING INFORMATION

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

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