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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 I start to write this message I realize this will be my last President's Message for the Gas Cap. After eight consecutive years as President I wrote **96** messages that I hope kept our members current as well what was planned for the future regarding CCDV. I will list some of the accomplishments the club has gone through and some memorable moments during my tenure in this issue.

In **November** our annual Board elections were held and I look forward to supporting everyone in their roles. The past president then automatically becomes "**Chairman of the Board**" and continues to attend the board meetings with a voting right. Just as **Bill Burkholder** held this position and acted as a consultant and over saw the operation of the club during my eight years, I will do the same. The General Membership meeting was two days before Veterans Day and I introduced our past and current members of the military as I have in prior years. There were about **25** members who stood in front of the room and announced their name, branch of service, the years of their service and each one got a great ovation from the members in the room. We also had the scholarship recipients, **Peter Carroll** and **Robert Clendaniel**, as our guests.

The breakfast at "**Revivals Restaurant**" located in **Perkasie, PA** went well. Approximately **20** people, as always, thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Good job **John Benischeck** for hosting this event.

For **December**, there is **NO** General Membership meeting. The holiday party will be at the **Spring Mill Country Club** in Ivyland, Pa. on **Saturday, December 8th**. This will be a great time for all and I'm looking forward to meeting all our new members.

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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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Nick Cipriano will be the next president of CCDV and I am planning a **Nick Cipriano** night at my place, **Katie O'Donnell's Restaurant and Irish Sports Pub on 12/7**. A lot of members will be meeting here at **8 PM** for a night of fun and entertainment. Try to make this event and wish Nick good luck in his new role. Katie O'Donnell's is located across from **Raymour & Flanigan** in the **Franklin Mills** complex in NE Philadelphia. The web site is www.katieodonnells.com, should you want to check out the place and the menu.

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

A SPECIAL THANKS TO CCDV AND ITS MEMBERS

Officers, Board of Directors, Chairpersons and all the members of CCDV for your efforts and support through out my eight years as president, I would like to use this write up to say thank you to Bill Burkholder, Chairman of the Board. If it was not for your support I would not have had a successful presidency nor would the club had as many events and activities in living up to being the best Corvette Club in America.

I always looked at our organization as being a '**Premier**' club and felt very proud representing us at the many events I was invited to. Such events as the Celebrity Luncheon at Corvettes at Carlisle, being asked twice to drive Miss Pennsylvania in the Hatboro Thanksgiving Parade, being one of six judges in the Ms. Pennsylvania beauty contest (a part of the Miss America contest), just to mention a few great moments. Additionally being in a position to meet people like Dave Hill (one of five Corvette chief engineers), Will Cooksey (Corvette Plant Manager), Mario Andretti, Miss Pennsylvania, Miss America as well as being able to introduce to our members my good friend Congressional Medal of Honor recipient David 'Mad Dog' Dolby at one of our GM meetings. Dave came to the meeting with the medal hanging around his neck and signed autographs. Every time he called me he always asked about the club as being a guest of honor at our meeting meant so much to him. Dave died from complications two years ago.

I will never forget getting phone calls from GM to have our club invited to attend the unveiling of the Z01 Corvette prior to the Philadelphia Auto show, and a writer from the National Corvette Museum wanting to interview me for a write up on our club and one from EAGLE ONE letting me know that we won the 2009 Eastern region best community award for conducting the most outstanding community service program in the eastern region during 2008.

And I can never forget Dave Peterson, owner of Bryner Chevrolet, and club sponsor since 1972 who without a doubt supported us like no other car club sponsor can. Dave, thank you very much for what you have done for us all those years.

Again, thank you everyone for a great eight years.

Ed

HOLIDAY PARTY 2012

WHERE: Spring Mill Country Club
80 Jacksonville Rd, Ivyland, PA
<http://springmillcountryclub.com/>

WHEN: Saturday, December 8th

TIME: 6pm for Cocktails
7-10pm Buffet Dinner, Cash Bar

COST: \$40.00 per person

Any questions, call Terri Urbanek,
267-994-6386

Please mail your check made out to: CCDV by December 1

Address: Dave & Terri Urbanek
444 Hawthorne St.
Warminster, PA 18974

*Thanks to Barb Weiss, Joann Gries & Terri Urbanek for
making all the
"Holiday Magic" this year!!*

Please note: The Spring Mill Country Club is across the street from the Spring Mill Manor.



HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM NICK CIPRIANO

From my home to yours, I extend warm holiday and New Year wishes to all CCDV members and their families.

The CCDV Holiday Party always is a great opportunity to rekindle old friendships and to make new ones. I am counting down the days to mingling with members at this year's party at the beautiful Spring Mill Country Club.

Please also permit me to express my gratitude to those who have agreed to serve the Club by chairing various activities for 2013. Of course, endless thanks to the countless members who have previously served the Club as chairpersons, committee members and volunteers.

And just a bit of business . . . We have managed to fill all but three positions: (1) Activity Chair; (2) Cavalcade Auction Chair; and (3) Classic Car Show Chair. As to the final position, the Classic Car Show runs concurrently with the Cavalcade. We are seeking a go-getter who will encourage other area car clubs to participate in the Classic Car Show.

We are eager to fill these three positions ASAP so we can hit the ground running in January. Please contact me if you are interested in volunteering.

I am looking forward to being your new president and I promise to give it my all.

Take care and good health to all.

Nick Cipriano



2013 CAVALCADE

We are in need of members to lead the 2013 Cavalcade. The Cavalcade is a very important event for the Club and its long-standing charities, and I feel an undertaking of this magnitude would be easier to manage if the leadership responsibilities were shared. Accordingly, we seek two volunteers to head this event.

What the Membership may not know is that the CCDV Board and Officers stand ready to provide ample support to the Cavalcade Chairperson(s), so potential volunteers need not be concerned that they will be left to their own devices. The Board has a deep bench of talent and collectively has many decades experience in organizing and directing the Cavalcade. Importantly, Board Member and Cavalcade Chair Emeritus Jacques Etkowicz has offered to provide substantial guidance to whomever volunteers to take on this very important role.

The bottom line is simply this: we need volunteers and I am counting on the members to step up and get involved, the sooner the better. A member may think that he or she is unqualified, hasn't been a member long enough or may be intimidated. WRONG! You will get plenty of help from experienced people. And remember new faces are always welcomed and enthusiastically encouraged to get involved with CCDV activities.

We very much hope to have the new Cavalcade Chairperson(s) aboard before the CCDV holiday party and I look forward to receiving a flurry of inquiries from interested CCDV Members.

If you would like to discuss this on a personal level, please feel free to call me any time. You can reach me at 215-870-1510.

Again, thank you very much,

Nick Cipriano

CCDV CHANGES (2005 – 2012)

Within the last **eight** years, while I was President, the club went through significant changes, because of a growing membership, more diversity in age and gender and having ‘**Open Forums**’ at the General Membership meetings where members can speak out. The outcome of these forums was very beneficial and instrumental in moving forward with change. Beside these ‘**Open Forums**’, I also get e-mails, voice-mails or have face to face discussions with members concerning changes.

Here is a re-cap of the past **eight** years. The changes are listed in **NO** particular order.

- A new location for the General Membership meetings. We moved from the VFW in Willow Grove to the VE club in Warminster with a larger meeting room, roped off parking and better food
- One day venue for the Cavalcade, moving from the two day indoor show to a one day outdoor show
- Initiated the CCDV President’s semi-annual award for those members who exceed expectation either currently or in the past with their efforts in helping the club
- Started paying for the Sponsorship of our CCDV racing team at Englishtown
- Created a Scholarship fund for two students each year to go to a local trade school
- Twice moved our Cruise night to a new location due to the growth and popularity of the show
- Changed the picnic location to the VE club which has better activities for the children and a pool and then again moved the picnic to Jim and Edy Doan’s house in New Hope, PA
- Hosted the annual Corvette Big Roundup being held at Walnutport, PA
- Partnered with the annual Doylestown Oktoberfest and hosted a car show
- Created a General Membership meeting survey to get a pulse check on how the members perceive the meeting and what changes could be made
- Received the EAGLE ONE award for conducting the most outstanding community service program in the eastern region during 2008.
- Partnered with the Montgomery County Board of Health to co-host the annual Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) safe driving and anti-drug conference
- Changed the time and location of the holiday party from the VFW in Warminster to the Buck Hotel
- Created a Public Relations Chairperson position to better focus on our marketing efforts
- Created a Special Projects Chairperson position to better focus on such initiatives as 1) having Multi-Sponsorships and 2) partner with businesses that will give us a club discount.
- Celebrated CCDV’s 50th anniversary with a memorable banquet, picnic and logo
- Initiated a CCDV “Help Each Other” member list for those that need roadside assistance
- Sponsored the “Slow Drag” as part of the “Corvettes for Chip” show put on by the Keystone Corvette Club
- International recognition of CCDV with a Club write-up in the National Corvette Museum’s magazine.

Even with all these changes my commitment to the Club in whatever capacity will never stop if there is room for improvement or a better way to best suit the membership.

Ed Bonk

CCDV TRIPOD INFRASTRUCTURE by Ed Bonk

In my first year as President I wanted to organize the over all operation of the club into what I call a 'Tripod' infrastructure with three components. In this article I will expand on what I meant by this. You might not have thought much about the club's infrastructure but when you look at the chart below it will justify what I mean when I say CCDV is a 'Premier Club'. There are Three major components to this 'Tripod'. They are **Business**, **Entertainment** and **Compassion**. Listed below breaks down these components and shows the items that fall within them both past and present.

BUSINESS

- * General Membership Meetings
- * Board Meetings
- * CECF
- * Web Site
 - E-Commerce
 - On-Line Club store, Car & parts sales, membership
- * Financial Operating Plan
- * Raffle Car Sales
- * Preferred Partner with Pep Boys
- * Lifetime Business Member with the National Corvette Museum
- * Bryner Chevrolet Partnership and member discount program
- * CCDV President's Award
- * CCDV Specialty License Plate

ENTERTAINMENT

- * General Activities
 - Roving Breakfast
 - Brunch's
 - Dinners
 - Caravans
 - Bowling
 - Marksmen Night
 - CCDV Picnic
 - CCDV Holiday Party
- * Auto Cross
- * Entering Various Car Shows
- * Cavalcade of Corvette Show
- * CCDV Racing
- * CCDV Cruise Nights
- * Oreland Parade
- * Willow Grove Parade
- * Hulmeville Parade
- * Hatboro Thanksgiving Parade

COMPASSION

- * Charitable Donations
 - Juvenile Diabetes Foundation
 - Sunshine Foundation
 - St. Mary's Home for Teens
 - Multiple Sclerosis
 - Ehlers Danlos Foundation
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - MANNA Soup Kitchen
 - Warrington Ambulance
 - Gilda's Club of Delaware Valley
 - Alzheimer's Research Foundation
 - MS Walk for the Cure
- * Linda Murphy Memorial Trophy
- * Donating food to the Manna Org
- * Assisting Members during Bereavement
- * Support our Wounded Troops Day
- * St. Vincent's Orphanage Toy Run
- * Willow Grove Fantasy Flight for Disabled & Terminally Ill Children
- * Volunteering Time for other club car Shows
- * Trade School Scholarship Fund
- * Won the 2009 EAGLE ONE Golden Rule award for the Eastern region for outstanding community service
- * Initiated a CCDV 'Help Each Other' member list for those that need roadside assistance.
- * Christ's Home for Children (Christmas in July)

When I look at the chart it gives me a great feeling to know that I'm part of an organization that has so many great members who are dedicated to other things beside Corvettes. This is truly the best car club in the world.

Thanks everyone.

CCDV 15 years ago in 1997

by Joel Fellman (part 2)

- 4/97** CCDV members caravan to the "Corvettes Fun & Run" at Atco Raceway, arranged by Tom Bash. Bob Weiss' LT1 runs a 12.6 best time at 110 mph.
- 4/97 **** Through the efforts of Club member, Ellis Gray, CCDV begins to purchase and acquire its own high tech web site, www.CCDV.com, which meets with enormous interest from both in and outside the Club!
- 4/97 **** Wendell K. Strode, Executive Director of the National Corvette Museum, sends a "Thank You" letter to the Club for purchasing the 4 Club bricks, surrounded by an additional 8 bricks purchased by individual CCDV members.
- 4/97 **** 4 CCDV members, Wil Abney, Tom Bash, Frank Giordano and Bruce Waldron meet with members of County Corvette Association to arrange a 4 part challenge, including: auto-crossing, drag racing, softball game & road rallye, with each Club hosting 2 events.
- 5/97** CCDV members take part in the Willow Grove VFW Loyalty Day Parade & the Hulmeville-Pennel Memorial Day Parade - both arranged by Billie Satchell.
- 5/97 **** Well known Corvette auctioneer, collector and aficionado, Bob Gold, is the guest speaker at our General Membership meeting. Members also consider the possibility of changing the regular meeting place, but vote to remain at the Willow Grove VFW Post.
- 5/97 **** To date our web site has had nearly 600 hits (visitors), plus it was the recipient of some awards and was nominated for several others. **Eric Lindros, Captain of the Philadelphia Flyers Hockey Team, leaves a (confirmed) message in our guest registry.**
- 5/97** Bruce Waldron resigns from the CCDV Board. Ellis Gray takes over his position as Recording Secretary. Bruce remains the Cavalcade Chairman.
- 5/97** Joan Pollock and Anthony Cumbo join CCDV
- 5/97** CCDV members take part in a scavenger hunt, arranged by Dennis Trayes.
- 5/97** Tommy Morrison, President of Morrison Motorsports, Inc. donates his 1991 Corvette Mobil-sponsored ZR-1 race car No.92, to be displayed at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. This Corvette was one of the two ZR-1's Morrison entered in the International Motor Sports Association's (IMSA) 24 Hours of Daytona in 1991. The car finished 4th in the GTO Class and 11th overall at Daytona, plus 6th in class at Sebring.
- 6/97** 11 CCDV members and friends caravan from the Pep Boys on Route 611 to Kansas City Prime, an exclusive restaurant, on Main Street in Manayunk - suggested by Ellis Gray and arranged by Gail Abney.

- 6/97** A few CCDV members attend the Car Guys Driving School at Watkins Glen Raceway, arranged by Tom Bash.
- 6/97** Dave Schmidt, the automotive writer for Montgomery Publishing Co., was our guest speaker at the General membership meeting. He showed up in a black '97 C5, after testing it and putting it through its paces the prior week. A free raffle was held for members in attendance and Joel Fellman won an impressive high speed test ride with Dave at the wheel.
- 6/97 **** A vote is held at the General Membership meeting whether to retain or abolish CECF. The vote is overwhelming to keep CECF alive!
- 6/97** Besides Bryner Chevrolet, additional Corporate sponsors for this year's Cavalcade include the Hatboro/Horsham McDonald's, Montgomery Publishing Co., West Coast Video and the Willow Grove VFW
- 6/97 **** At the softball game, the first event in the 4 part Challenge Series with the County Corvette Club, CCDV took an early lead with 31 members attending in 27 Corvettes. We won the game 11 - 2! The 2nd event, autocross is scheduled for 7/13; the drag race 3rd event, is scheduled for 8/23 at Cecil County Dragway in Delaware, and the 4th and final event, the road rally is scheduled for 9/21.
- 7/97** A nice 2 page article featuring the 1997 Corvette appears on the front page of the 7/2/97 Business section of the Philadelphia Inquirer, including 2 photos & featuring CCDV member, Skip Bianchini and a statement from Club Chairman, Bob Weiss.
- 7/97** CCDV members are invited and take part in 2 July 4th parades; the Oreland Lions and Community Parade and the Bridgeport's Memorial Park and 50th Anniversary Parade.
- 7/97** 35 CCDV members, family and friends caravan & spend an enjoyable day at Knoebel's Amusement Park in Elysberg, PA - arranged by the Abney's.
- 7/97** Kevin Tobin, a CCDV member in the late 60's and early 70's, is our guest speaker at the General Membership meeting.
- 7/97** CCDV members caravan from the Willow Grove Pep Boys on Route 611 and take part in the Autocross, Stage 2 of the 4 part Challenge Cup 1997, with the County Corvette Association. The event takes place at Gloucester County Community College in Sewell, NJ.
- 7/97** CCDV Activities Chairperson, Billie Satchell, leads a caravan of members to attend the popular Moonlight Memories V Cruise night held on York Road in the heart of Hatboro.

To be continued.

CCDV SATURDAY BREAKFAST

DECEMBER 15, 2012 at 9:30 am

LANCERS RESTAURANT



ATTENTION HUNGRY CCDV VETTESTERS:

Are you tired of cooking breakfast?

Are you tired of doing the breakfast dishes?

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**LANCERS RESTAURANT is located at 858 Easton Road, Horsham, PA 19044 (across from the Willow Grove Naval Air Station)
LANCERS' phone number is 215-674-5088.**

Please call me on my cell phone (215-208-6620) or post a response on our website by 12/14/12 if you plan on attending.

(This is a rain or shine event. Since December is a busy month, I made a reservation at LANCERS, which is centrally located and easy to get to for CCDV members. More importantly, LANCERS has great food at very reasonable prices. Also, T. Wayne and Pattie Lankford live around the corner and can walk over in their PJs and robes, if they choose.)

Hope to see you there.

Johnny Bacon



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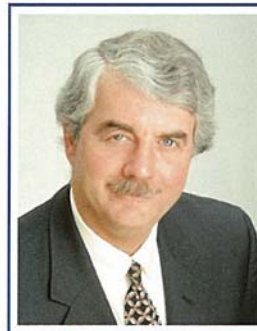
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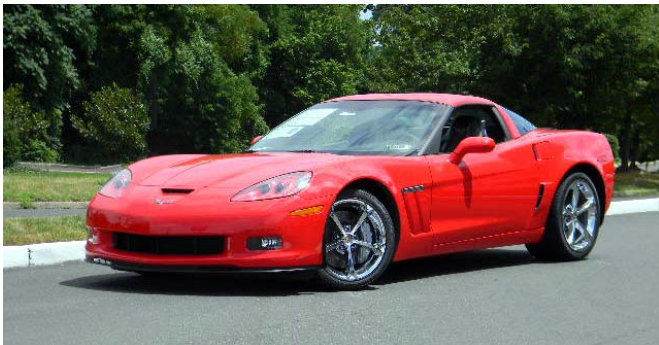
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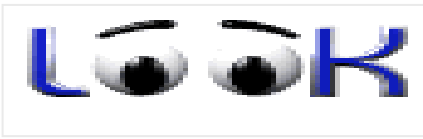


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Highlights from the NOVEMBER 15, 2012 CCDV Board Meeting

- ✓ A motion passed to accept five (5) new membership application(s) for: John Coder and Colleen Coder (spousal), Steve Chupa and Kate Chupa (spousal) and Michael Sava Jr. Total membership count stands at 534 members.
- ✓ The 2012 raffle was a big success. A motion passed to make the contributions to the charitable foundations as follows:

JDRF	\$2,600
Sunshine Foundation	\$3,800
Manna on Main Street	\$3,800
St. Mary's Villa	\$3,800
Multiple Sclerosis Walk for the Cure	\$1,300
Warrington Ambulance	\$250
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Red Cross Disaster Relief Fund	\$250
Mattie N. Dixon Community Cupboard	\$300
TOTAL	\$16,350.00

- ✓ Steve Fisher has been identified as Show Chairman for next year's Cavalcade.
- ✓ A motion passed to give Steve Nikazy a free one year membership as a "Friend of CCDV".

Upcoming Events



Saturday, December 8 – CCDV Holiday Party



Monday, December 10 - CCDV Marksman Night – contact Bill Burkholder (afternoon & evening only) 215-343-5968 or wburkholder4@comcast.net



Thursday, December 13 – NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING



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