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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Nick Cipriano*



How time flies! February is here, the daylight hours are growing longer, and the countdown has begun for the first Cruise Night of the year. Having now occupied the President's chair for two months, I have developed a deep appreciation for how much the Board, Officers and volunteers do for the Club in planning, organizing and orchestrating Club activities and functions. Please permit me to segue to a couple of key issues on which we are working.

Chairpersons and Volunteers Needed. Although we have managed to fill many vacant positions, we continue to seek volunteers for leadership roles. Again, I cannot stress enough how important it is to have volunteers. No volunteers, no Club!

We are very fortunate that T. Wayne Lankford has agreed to be the interim Activities Chair until a successor volunteers. While Wayne's shoes are big ones to fill, surely someone would like this very rewarding role, and I would be thrilled to hear from all interested members.

Meanwhile, the Cavalcade organizers are making great progress. I want to thank Steve Fisher for standing up and taking the chairperson's job for this year. It is a big job and we are very grateful for his capable leadership. We, however, are looking for someone to assist Jacques and Marlene Etkowicz with the 2013 Cavalcade Auction and to ultimately assume responsibility for next year's auction. Please contact either Jacques or me with your interest.

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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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To illustrate how much work goes into putting on a show like the Cavalcade, listed below are last year's volunteers. Please forgive me if I have missed some names:

Jacques Etkowicz	Rick Coppola	Wayne Rutter	Dan Wurst
John Tambourine	John Benischeck	Robert Lowes	John McKinnon
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Bob Weiss	George Seymour	Buzz Thomas	Mark Sandler
Jeff Hey	Dave Urbanek	Jon Mentzer, Jr	Debbie Sandler
Frank Schmidt	Keith Bailey	Cynthia Seymour	

Raffle Car. We are still in the process of looking for a C-6 for CECF's Raffle, and if anyone knows anyone who has a C6 for sale or is thinking of selling, please contact Jeff Hey or Bob Weiss.

Gas Cap. We will be making some changes to the Gas Cap over the next several months. You will see contributions from more members, including tech advice, movie reviews and other items of interest. There will also be a help wanted section, which will advise members of available positions within the Club.

HELP WANTED

Volunteer sought for CCDV Activities leadership role. This is a very important position within the Club and personally fulfilling role. All interested parties should contact Nick Cipriano by telephone or email.

The Cavalcade Auction Committee needs you. We are seeking a high energy volunteer to assist Jacques and Marlene Etkowicz in organizing this year's Auction and to assume responsibility for the 2014 Auction. Kindly contact Jacques or Nick.

My final CCDV 2012 Semi-Annual President's Award

Early in **2005** when I was President I ask the Board to allow me to present a form of recognition to any member whose contributions, enthusiasm and commitment to the club was at the highest level. Through out the year we continually give recognition through verbal or written communication such as a simple 'Thank you' or a physical means such as a trophy, but I was looking at this at a different echelon. Realizing we are a premier club and such an award is warranted, the Board approved the idea. I named it the '**CCDV President's Award**' and wanted it presented on a semi-annual basis due to the number of people who participate in our club activities past or present. I felt the award should have no boundaries such as what year the recognition was deserved, how many years someone is a member or the type, level or number of activities. But this would not be your average type of award, as it would require hard work and a significant contribution to our club and its members. The award is 10 inches high, has a contemporary design and made of blue acrylic with white lettering.

The second **2012** recipient of this award was presented to Dave Bresler at the January General Membership meeting. Since he joined the club Dave has been very dedicated supporting the club in many ways. Some of the things Dave volunteered for was supervising the sale of the Raffle car tickets, bringing his funny ambulance and ice cream truck to the cavalcade corvette show and as well as being our DJ at the show. When you need a person to assist with an event Dave would be one of the first to step up and help. .

Should you see Dave in your passing please congratulate him on his efforts put forth to our club and its members.

For your information past recipients of this award are **Don Terranova and Joel Fellman (2005), John Tambourine and Dennis Traves (2006), Rose Ferrante and Bob Weiss (2007), Tim Simmons and Dennis Levitt (2008), Jacques Etkowicz and Jeff Hey (2009), Marlene Etkowicz and John Benischeck (2010), Marge Klick and Joe Remich (2011), Laura Thomas and Dave Bresler (2012).**

On the Road

This contribution is from John Benischeck:

Our January breakfast was a blast! 36 hungry CCDV Vettesters attended the Breakfast at the Red Lion Diner (on Rte 611) on this cold winter morning. The weather was clear, and many members drove their vettes. As a bonus we got to see and check out T. Wayne's and Pattie's (Lankford) gorgeous brand spanking new white 2013 60th anniversary model Grand sport. We occupied most of the side room at The Red Lion. The warm camaraderie was rampant! There was so much laughing and smiling and storytelling, it's hard to believe that it was only 9:30 in the morning. It was an absolute Party! And the food was great, too! It struck me (yet again) that of all the mornings in my month, the CCDV Breakfast mornings are the most fun. It's just a great way to meet and enjoy the different members and make new friends in our wonderful club. This is an easy way for new CCDV members to get their feet wet and join in the fun of our club. I love to meet new members and hear their stories!

The next breakfast is scheduled for Otto's Brauhaus, also on Rte 611, at 9:30 am on Sunday, February 24th. There is a writeup with the details in this GasCap.

We'll keep the bacon frying for ya! Johnny Bacon

Movie Review

A lot has happened to Arnold Schwarzenegger since he starred in his last feature film; serving as governor California, fathering a child with his household nanny, watching the destruction of his marriage. But, the "Governator" is back and ready for action in a new high octane thriller that seems best suited as a summer release.

"The Last Stand" hits theaters tomorrow and this film directed by Jee-woon Kim is a victory for Chevrolet product placement. Every SUV has a bow tie and a cherry red Camaro is ready for its close up.

A drug cartel king (Eduardo Noriega) bolts from federal custody in Las Vegas, thanks to bad guys who orchestrate his escape by car. Since he has racing experience, his chosen method of flight to the Mexican border ushers in the real star of this film: a dark metallic gray ZR1.

The Corvette is mentioned a lot in movie publicity material and much to my delight, it gets plenty of screen time. We see shots of the car from the air, front, back and profile, weaving in and out of traffic at 170 mph plus. Lots of interior shots too. If only the soundtrack also featured the delicious exhaust note! We'll look past the tire squealing on dirt roads.

Schwarzenegger plays a small border town sheriff who gave up the fast life of law enforcement in LA to sheep herd a group of fledgling cops. Only he can stop the fugitive.

There are plenty of aging references to help lower action scene expectations but fear not.

Then, there is the violence.

"The Last Stand" features plenty of "gun porn." There are Glock's, RPG's, every manner of military-assault style rifle, and a "Tommy gun." Even a Colt revolver and German Vickers machine gun find their way into the story. Heads explode and bad guys convulse as they are peppered with endless rounds.

I must admit I was a little surprised they did not tone down the violence and language to arrive at a box office friendly PG-13 rating. Instead, the orgy of blood spatter and potty mouth comes in at a hard R.

Academy Award winner Forest Whitaker plays an FBI chief. Johnny Knoxville provides comic relief as a gun museum guy.

This may be one of the best Corvette movies ever. Unfortunately, the over the top violence during a time of national gun debate makes this a guilty pleasure.

All in all, not a bad "escape."

6/10 Stars

"The Last Stand"
In theaters: 1/18/13
MPAA Rating: R
108 Mins.

Steve Nikazy

The 1-13-13 Debut of the 2014 Stingray Glenn R. Murphy

The National Corvette Museum organized a terrific trip to Detroit for the unveiling of the C7, and we were thrilled to have the opportunity to travel with the NCM group. At 7 p.m. on January 13, 2013, the world caught its first glimpse of the C7 at the architecturally significant Russell Industrial Center, a sprawling former auto body plant and warehouse complex. Brilliant was GM's decision to debut the elegant, highly refined C7 against the backdrop of a rough, century old factory interior.

The C7 is a complete redesign over the C6, sharing only two parts with the prior model. So pleased was the Corvette Team with the ultimate design—which borrows classic Stingray elements—that GM's Vice President of Global Design, Ed Welburn determined that it indeed was worthy of the "Stingray" designation. The 2014 C7 will be available in three models, standard, Z51, and Z51 with MSR, and in three trim levels, 1LT, 2LT, and 3LT. Reportedly, the convertible model will be introduced at the Geneva Motor Show in March. GM has not yet announced any information on performance model C7's.

Engineering and design highlights of the 2014 Stingray are summarized below:

Advanced Aerodynamics: Corvette engineers used computer-aided modeling programs to predict and track air flow over, under and through the C7 body. They also used data gathered in real time from the Corvette Racing Program in the American LeMans Series. This information was used to balance front and rear grip for high-speed stability.

Lightweight: Like C6 Z06 and ZR1 models, all 2014 Corvettes will have aluminum frames. The C7 frame is 99 pounds lighter and 58% stiffer than the 2013 Grand Sport frame. Additional weight was removed from the C7 hood and roof, which are carbon-fiber on all 2014 Corvettes. This reduction in weight on high panels helps lower the C7's center of gravity. The standard, removable roof panels on all 2014 C7s will be body-color carbon-fiber. Optional roof panels are visible woven carbon-fiber and transparent. At the time of the reveal, the C7 had not yet been crash-tested so gross vehicular weight was not announced.

Engine: The 2014 C7 will have a 6.2 liter LT1 V-8, with 450 HP and 450 lb./ft. torque. It will accelerate from 0-60 in under 4.0 seconds. At this point, GM estimates the C7 will exceed the 2013 EPA rating of 26 miles per gallon on the highway. The engine will be direct-injected, have active fuel management, cylinder deactivation and continuously variable valve timing. The compression ratio is 11.5:1. The transmission choices will be a 6 speed automatic or 7 speed manual with active rev matching for downshifts during performance-oriented/spirited driving. If desired, rev matching can be toggled off. The Z51 option adds dry sump oiling to the LT1.

Interior: Upgraded materials over prior models have been selected for the C7, including better quality leather seats; carbon-fiber, aluminum and micro-suede accents; and hand-wrapped leather steering wheels. Buyers will have a choice of two seats. Standard will be the "GT" seat designed for all-around comfort and support and optional will be the "Competition Sport" seat for more aggressive support at the track. Both seats come with 8-way power and offer power lumbar, wing adjust and heating and cooling. All seats have magnesium frames for additional weight savings.

Tail Lights: The new lights are three dimensional sculpted lenses that house indirect LED lighting. The lamps are hidden and cast their light up from the bottom of the housing into a reverse reflector, creating an even glow. The tail lights integrate functional air-craft style air outlets for the available differential and transmission coolers. The inlets for those coolers can be found upper body next to the rear quarter windows.

Tires: A 2014 Corvette will be equipped with Michelin Pilot Sport ZP tires. The change in tire suppliers was in direct response to customer complaints and concerns and years of testing with the Corvette Racing Team. The wheel and tire sizes for the standard C7 are 18" front and 19" rear while the Z51 will have 19" front and 20" rear.

Other Features:

- The C7 has electronically controlled bi-mode exhaust, which is manually switchable from the driver’s seat or left fully automatic like the NPP exhaust on the C6.
- The C7 also offers five driver selectable modes, ranging from comfort/touring to aggressive/track. There is even an ECO mode if you’re so inclined to cruise and save fuel. The mode selector is on the center console.
- The parking brake is now electronic, and the center console mounted grab handle has been eliminated. In prior models, drivers—especially those at HPDEs—lived in fear of a passenger accidentally pulling the parking brake grab handle and causing havoc.

Statistical Information:

WB	106.7”	Weight Dist.	50/50
OL	177.0”	Track	F: 62.8”; R: 61.6”
OW	73.9”	Brakes	F: 12.6” Base; 13.6”
OH	48.6”		Z51 R: 13.3”

We were awed by the 2014 Stingray and observe that photos simply do not do it justice. Although the Stingray did not make it to the Philadelphia Auto Show, it will be a short train ride away at the 113th New York International Auto Show, which runs from March 29 to April 7 at the Javits Center. And a final word on NCM-sponsored events. This trip was our first non-HPDE NCM event, and the trip was flawlessly orchestrated. In addition to being invited to the January 13 press reveal, we attended the North American International Auto Show on opening press day, enabling us to have largely unobstructed views of the cars (except for the 2014 Stingray, which was continuously surrounded by dense crowds), and we were given a great deal of access to the Corvette Team to ask questions. We strongly encourage *GasCap* readers to consider participating in NCM events.





VERSAILLES AND I

It's been called Versailles of America, the Jewel of Philadelphia society, Whitmarsh Hall, Stotesbury Mansion or whatever you want to call a 145 room mansion where princes and business tycoons dined and danced in the opulence of the Gatsby era. In 1921, Edward T. Stotesbury, when he was 72, built Whitmarsh Hall as a dream house for his second wife, Eva. Stotesbury lived there with his wife until his death, at age 89, in 1938.

The mansion is perched on a commanding hill in Montgomery County's Springfield township. Original acreage totaled 160, now only 47 acres remain as the single family homes abound around the beautiful old ruin. Yes, I said ruin. It looks as if it has been bombed! Vandals have reduced it to rubble - only the shell still stands.

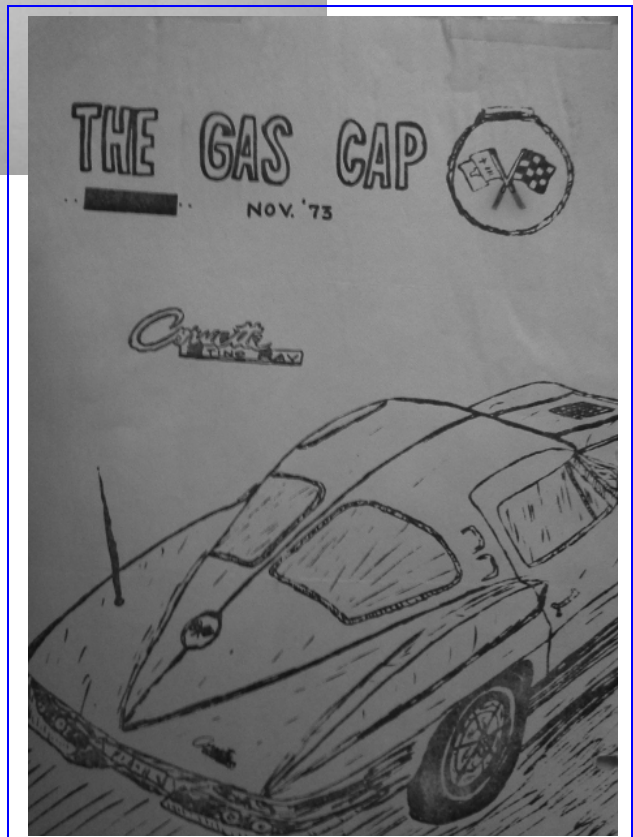
In 1921 it cost \$2 million to build and somewhere Between \$3 million and \$12 million to furnish. French and English antiques, alabaster marble from Italy, French paintings, gold bathroom fixtures - let your imagination run wild! Annual maintenance cost was \$1 million. Well, that's not bad considering its 145 rooms with six stories - 3 underground, 45 bathrooms (all with gold plated fixtures), nine elevators, a bowling alley, a movie theatre, a babershop, squash and tennis courts, indoor swimming pool, its own powerplant, 35 indoor servants and 65 outside servants (It all adds up you know). I mean if you had a private railroad that ran to the estate, you could entertain royalty (and he did) such as the crown prince of Sweden and industrial giants. The gardens were modeled after those at Versailles. The French royal residence outside of Paris, and included pillars and fountains.

The end of Whitmarsh Hall is near. It's a shame to have to remove it. It's history. I was there in 1972. I drove right in and parked and dreamed. What a fantastic place it had to be. Stotesbury was the head of Drexel & Co., and a partner of J. P. Morgan & Co. of New York, Investment banking houses. He was the money man, the financial wizard. I stood there looking at the same things he looked at and I knew he would never be able to foresee the end of the Mansion.

My camera and my '63 Corvette have recorded another part of the history of Whitmarsh Hall. I think Mr. Stotesbury would have approved.

Ron Musacchio

**A former CCDV member
returns to Philadelphia
at Christmas and
remembers!**



Thank You!

Nick, Bob, Joe, Ed, Joel, David, Jeff, Bill, Barb, Marge, Sherry, John and all of Sunshine Foundation friends,



Over 28 (if not 30 years) we could not continue to be more grateful for the generous support of the Corvette Enthusiasts Community Foundation and the Corvette Club of the Delaware Valley, for allowing us to spread Sunshine into the lives of chronically ill, physically/mentally challenged and abused children by answering a child's dream.

Matthew will have a wonderful time visiting the Central Florida attractions, while staying at [Sunshine Foundation's Dream Village](#). As many of you know, because we (uniquely) do have family income limitations, for Matthew (as with almost every child we serve) this will

most likely be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do what other children take for granted, visit LEGLOLAND FL, Universal Studios, Sea World and Disney World. All of this while being in a fairytale setting with special accommodations to make his dream a magical experience.

Thank you all for giving us the chance to get Matthew off the waiting list and experiencing his dream come true!! Attached is an article that recently was written about another [Sunshine Foundation](#) dream recipient. Enjoy!

Attached is picture from last night (Billy, just know your pic is better, could you please pass it on to me so we can use it on our website and newsletter!) and the other pics I took of the superstars who do so much who sat at the head table are on [my facebook page](#) as well.

Also, special appreciation for all of the effort that is put forth all year long to sell so many raffle tickets. Your altruistic giving is so very much appreciated. Please keep me posted on upcoming events when you begin to sell the raffle tickets so we can be sure to share that with friends of Sunshine Foundation!!

Always the deepest of gratitude,

Kate

FEBRUARY CCDV BREAKFAST at OTTO'S **Sunday, February 24, 2013 at 9:30am**



My goodness.....(not that there's much goodness there, thank you) It's almost February 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?)



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If you are interested you can respond by posting on the CCDV website OR you can call me on my cell phone 215-208-6620 OR see me at the 2/14/13 CCDV Meeting. I need to give them a head count on February 23rd.
Hope to see you there.

Johnny Bacon



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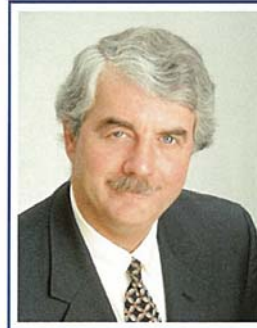
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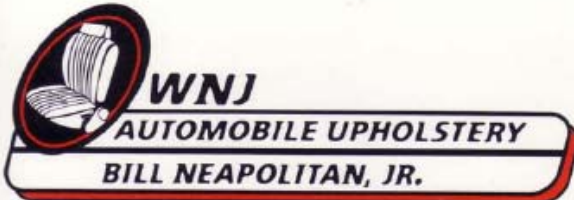
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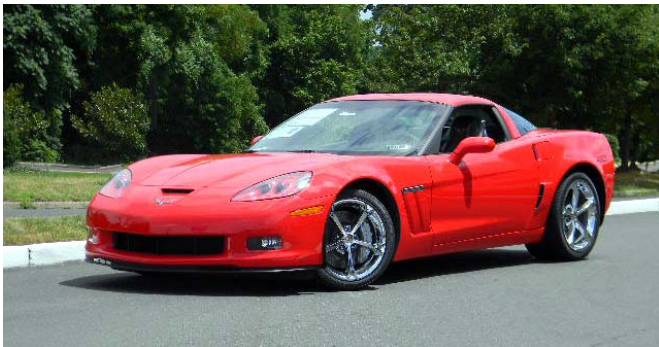
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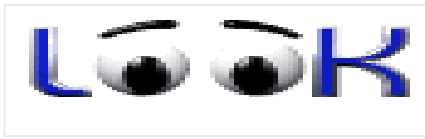


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Highlights from the JANUARY 17, 2013 CCDV Board Meeting

- **Membership:**
- New membership applications received and approved:
 - Patricia and Richard Sands, paid. (1963 Black Split Window)
 - Charles and Elaine Christian, paid. (1982 Silver Coupe)
 - Robert and Varkonyi, paid (2003 Red Anniversary Coupe)
- **CECF:**
- End of year financials underway, per Bob Weiss.
 - \$400 Check for the Red Cross to be sent to Northern New Jersey to assist the victims of Super Storm Sandy.
- **New Business:**
- Possible alternatives to VE Club due to rate hike to \$500/month:
 - Nick went to 5 places; most wanted at least \$800/month.
 - Phoenix Club would be \$450/month.
- Phoenix Club discussion:
 - More remote location is a concern.
 - Nick to arrange a tour of the facility on Saturday, January 19, 2013.
 - Bill Burkholder suggests if we were flexible enough to change our meeting night, then Warminster VFW Hall would welcome the Club.
- Suggestion Box: 85 suggestions; 40 of them are complaints about the food.
- Cavalcade report by Steve Fisher
 - First meeting occurred on January 14, 2013
 - Need a new trailer and tents.
 - Classes will be consolidated for award purposes.
 - Steve set up a new account for emails regarding the Cavalcade: ccdvsqf@gmail.com
- Chris and Candy Merlino have volunteered to take over Cruise Night.

Upcoming Events



Monday, February 11 - CCDV Marksman Night – contact Bill Burkholder (afternoon & evening only) 215-343-5968 or wburkholder4@comcast.net



Thursday, February 14 – CCDV General Membership Meeting

Saturday, February 16 – Motorama 2013, Harrisburg, PA



Sunday, February 24 – Breakfast at Otto's Brauhaus Restaurant

Friday, March 1 to Sunday March 3 – AC Car Show



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