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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *by Nick Cipriano*



Message from Your New President

Hello Everyone

Please allow me to introduce myself: My name is Nick Cipriano, and I will be your new president for 2013. I am very honored and excited to be your new president, and I am looking forward to leading CCDV into the New Year. I have a terrific team behind me, and they are as thrilled as I about going into 2013 together. We hope to offer new ideas to the club and in the process we will try and make this club even more exciting.

But before I go any further, permit me to re-introduce the team:

- Joel Fellman, who has graciously agreed to continue his role as CCDV vice president, is both a former CCDV president and long-standing member. Joel truly knows the ins and outs of the club and the club's legacy. I can't adequately thank Joel for enough for stepping up and working with me.
- Tim Simmons is your new treasurer. Tim also has served as club president and has been around this club of ours for many years. He knows the ropes, and he will keep the club's books balanced and true.
- Michael Sava is CCDV's new corporate secretary. I have no doubt that Mike will interject some new energy into the club and will offer some fresh perspectives.
- Yvonne Murphy is your new recording secretary and GasCap editor. Yvonne is looking forward to working with Russ Parker to tweak the look and content of the GasCap.

And lastly it's me, your new pres. I have been a club member for more than 20 years. Like many club members, I have attended monthly meetings, Corvette shows and occasional CCDV social activities. An unexpected benefit is that through the club, I have rekindled old friendships and made countless new ones. Over the years, however, I have been impressed by the commitment of the leaders and volunteers of CCDV. These members tirelessly

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give their time to organize the Cavalcade, various social activities and the club's substantial charitable activities. Believe me, without these folks, this club would stop running. This collective dedication inspired me to step up and offer a hand.

I am learning fast that the president's job has some challenges, and I am grateful for the wisdom of the current and former board members and officers. In the short time since the election, I have learned that the club's smooth operation wholly depends on volunteers. While I know you are busy, please find some time to volunteer. And besides, once you get involved, you will enjoy it. The first thing on my agenda and one of the reasons I took on this job is to encourage more members to become involved in this great, storied club. I look forward to hearing from and working with you.

Happy New Year!

Nick CIP



CCDV BLOOPERS

Let's face it – in life not everything goes smoothly or exactly as planned. Well this saying holds true in CCDV as well. Here are a few instances from the past.

While our many years in CCDV have been filled with numerous great & fun times (besides all the wonderful friends and acquaintances we have made), there have also been a “few” not so great times, for example: Who can forget the Weingard's rally? Their very FIRST clue to turn right should have said to turn left!!

Needless to say that rally was a disaster right from the very start!

Then there was the Hot Dog Run when a surprise parade through Easton split the caravan with a detour and half the Vettes got separated not knowing where everyone went for about an hour or so until we somehow managed to locate the first half.

There was also one memorable rally by Bruce Waldron where 2 girls in front of us made a wrong turn and we never saw them again – not just for the rest of the rally - but literally “NEVER” saw them again!

Or how about the winery tour when one member hit on another member's wife and a fist fight ensued. That was one to remember!

On one of our first CCDV rallies, we went off course (nothing new) and we were on some back road somewhere out in nowhere-ville. We were ALL ALONE for quite some time with no one in sight. Finally we passed another Vette going in the opposite direction. Little did we know that they were just as lost. We traveled a bit and then figured that maybe they knew where they were going so we turned around. They did the same thing and when we crossed each other again, we both stopped right in the middle of the road, got out of our Vettes and stared to discuss our lost situation. After a good ½ hour or so, with not another single vehicle approaching from either direction, we discovered they were Gary & Nancy Ziegler who were also fairly new members. They lived only about a ½ mile from us & we instantly became good friends! I have some great stories about Gary's Vettes but they will have to wait for another time!

On our first night rally called “Night Moves”, everything was going fine. Then we approached a one lane bridge somewhere near New Hope. We figured we could make it across no problem. And then, just before we were over it, a humongous school bus came out of nowhere from the other direction & we thought for sure it was the end! Fortunately we just narrowly sneaked by but we will always vividly remember the sight of those big bus headlights blaring – almost blinding us as we passed by.

On another rally, one question asked how many birds or butterflies were on a particular homeowner's mailbox. Of course everyone had to get out of their Vette to count them! After a while of watching this, the owners got concerned, called the police and reported that a possible drug ring was using their mailbox as a drop-off site! When the cops arrived, the next few Vette owners had some explaining to do but fortunately the owners & police had a good sense of humor accepted their explanation and the owners proceeded to set up chairs on their front porch to watch the rest of the Vettes stop by.

Last story, then I'll leave you alone. As with the best of plans, on one rally, the owners of a big old house on the route kept a huge sleigh (the horse drawn type) out in front of their home. Well don't you know, of all days, the owners finally decided to move the sleigh into their barn? Since the sleigh was the landmark to turn at the next intersection, from then on, everyone obviously went berserk trying to figure out just where the hell that lousy sleigh was hiding!

OK, one more. On this rally, one couple decided to stop off at a deserted field way out in the sticks for some “personalized” fun. The next thing we heard was that she contracted a bad case of poison ivy on her butt! We all knew where that came from!!

There are many more little ditties like these but I'll also save them for another time.

Meanwhile, Save the Wave,

Joel

Ps: Oh yes, then there was the rally that we decided maybe Sue would drive & I would navigate. A MAJOR mistake!! I'm not even going into detail on that one except to say it nearly ended at divorce court!! Never again!!

CCDV 15 years ago in 1997

by Joel Fellman (part 3)

- 8/97** The National Corvette Museum reinstitutes the previously popular new car option "R8C". With the additional payment of a \$400 administrative cost, purchasers of new Corvettes can once again take delivery at the museum.
- 8/97** Mike Yager, President of Mid-America Corp, purchases CERV 1, the first Chevrolet Engineering Research Vehicle, to add to his private collection.
- 8/97** CCDV members caravan to the annual auto-cross & drags at Englishtown, NJ, arranged by Tom Bash.
- 8/97** Guest speakers at the General membership Meeting includes Scott Dages from Meguiars Car Care Products and Bill Miller, co-founder and co-owner of Carlisle Productions and Fairgrounds.
- 8/97** CECF approves a \$500 donation to the Larry Shinoda Medical Trust Fund and the check is presented at Corvettes at Carlisle.
- 8/97** Members are offered to run Buy/Sell/Trade advertisements on our internet Web Site for a cost of \$10 for 3 months.
- 8/97** About 2 dozen CCDV members caravan and show their Vettes at the August Buxmont Car Club's Nostalgia Night to promote the upcoming Cavalcade.
- 8/97** CCDV members enter part 3 of the Competition Series and Challenge Cup '97 with County Corvette Association - arranged by Frank Giordano. This event takes place at Cecil County Dragway, Rising Sun, MD.
- 8/97** The 27th Cavalcade is highlighted in the "Winners" column on the inside front cover of the 8/29/97 - Weekend section of the Philadelphia Inquirer newspaper.
- 8/97 **** The 27th Annual Cavalcade of Corvettes takes place over a beautiful Labor Day weekend at the Willow Grove Naval Air Station. Gross income = \$20,800 (approx.), including \$16,000 from the gate. Expenses total \$11,100 (approx.).
- The raffle car gross sales = \$32,400 - net profit, after expenses = \$13,800, of which over \$9,000 is targeted for donations! Bob Morgan of Culpville, PA, who purchased his ticket at the Willow Grove Air Show, wins the fabulous 1990 Red Corvette raffle car.
- The normal goodie bags, put together by Louann Lemek and given out to the owners of the Corvettes inside the hanger include a box of "Corvette Car Cookies", manufactured by Summerfields Corp. and officially licensed by Chevrolet. Eleven different model years are produced, including the 1986 Corvette Indy concept vehicle. Each model is shown on the package.

The Cavalcade was featured on three major television networks; including channel 3 and channel 6 on Saturday evening, plus channel 17 on Sunday.

- 9/97 **** 64 new members signed up at the Cavalcade, bringing CCDV's total membership to 353! New members include: Mike Brigidi, Jim Davis, Mary Labold, Joe Remich, Jim Waters, William Way, Jim Neelans, Rod Botz, Jack Householder, Dave Ziegler and Carl Levin.
- 9/97** Net Profit from the Cavalcade Ad Book = \$750, mostly through the efforts of Evie Gibson.
- 9/97** A very nice photo of CCDV's web master, Ellis Gray, standing by his extremely low mileage 1978 Pace Car at the Cavalcade is printed in the 9/3/97 issue of The Intelligencer Record newspaper.
- 9/97** Evie Gibson, who now handles the Club Store, begins to take orders on Club shirts, etc., with special 40th Anniversary logos.
- 9/97** The Willow Grove Public Spirit newspaper includes a photo of Bob Weiss turning the keys of the '97 Cavalcade Raffle Car over to Bob Morgan in front of his beautiful new 1990 Red Corvette.
- 9/97** CCDV member, Jim McMillan suffers a heart attack, but comes out okay.
- 9/97 **** Club President, Mike Burke, appoints Bob Weiss to be our first Ambassador to the National Corvette Museum.
- 9/97** Steve Fisher, the head of Corvette maintenance at Bryner Chevrolet, is the guest speaker at our General Membership meeting. He provides some in depth information on the C5 Corvette.
- 9/97** CCDV members enter the 4th and final Challenge Cup event against County Corvette Assn. in a Road Rally arranged by Tom Bash and Frank Giordano. The Rally starts in the parking lot behind Wendy's at the Willow Grove Mall and ends at the Seven Stars Inn in Phoenixville, PA.
- 9/97** 30+ CCDV members and family attend a Club swim party picnic and hayride at Carl & Carla Rost's beautiful home in Lahaska, PA. Carl is the New Members Committee Chairman.
- 9/97** CCDV members caravan and attend a Corvette weekend at Ocean City, Maryland, arranged by Ron Carroll.
- 10/97** Bob Houck, Jr. of H & R Radio is our guest speaker at the General Membership meeting.

To be continued.

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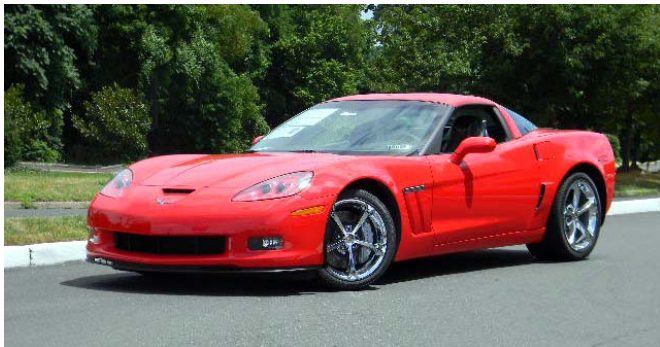
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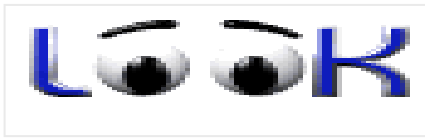


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Highlights from the DECEMBER 13, 2012 CCDV Board Meeting

- The 2012 CCDV Holiday Party was a terrific success.
- A membership application was received from and paid by Robert and Patricia Kostaras. Their application was approved. Membership count stands at 517 members.
- Steve Fisher has volunteered to chair the Cavalcade, and Jacques and Marlene Etkowicz have agreed to chair the Cavalcade Auction.
- An anonymous donor has given \$8000 to be distributed to CECF's charities, bringing the total amount donated to \$24,350.
- Representatives of the charities will be invited to attend the January meeting to receive their contributions.

Upcoming Events



Thursday, January 10 – CCDV General Membership Meeting



Saturday, January 12 – Breakfast at Red Lion Diner



Monday, January 14 - CCDV Marksman Night – contact Bill Burkholder (afternoon & evening only) 215-343-5968 or wburkholder4@comcast.net

Saturday, January 19 – Phila. Auto Show



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MEETING INFORMATION

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