



# Vettester

*The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware. June 2007*

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# On the Road

By Andy Rumford



June - the month with so many events listed! The club's annual Fathers Day show inside the Concord Mall being the big event. To date, we have 21 cars scheduled for this fun show. PLEASE email me and signup for this event online if your interested. This club function is always such a wonderful way to spend the day and has become quite the "ritual" with the club. Hope to see you there. The signup sheet as well will go around again at the June meeting. Please see Jack or I with any questions about the show.

June also is scheduled for First State Corvette Clubs annual show on June 9<sup>th</sup> in Dover and Canal Day (signup sheet online) on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Did you have a chance to go to the Pike Creek Cruise Night on May 5<sup>th</sup>? There was a sizeable turnout of all different makes and models. A nice night!! This cruise night is one to put on your calendar, the First Saturday of each month at the Pike Creek Charcoal Pit / Bowling Alley. A list of cruise nights is available on the clubs website.

Congrats goes out to Ed and Elouise for taking "Best Corvette" at the Williams Family Auto Mall Show in Elkton on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Kudos to Matt for taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Thomas Chevrolet Show in Media, PA. on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Way to go folks!!! The first Cruise Night of the year at the Lone Star took place on Thursday,

May 17<sup>th</sup> from 4-8PM. A total of 26 vehicles arrived for the night. A nice evening.. The Lone Star committed to "hosting" the cruise nights thru September. There will be an updated cruise night flyer on our website. Please feel free to distribute it to anyone who you feel may wish to attend. Many thanks go out to our Host, The Lone Star for sponsoring the event and providing the music and trophies. The next scheduled cruise night is June 21<sup>st</sup>. Hope to see you there.

I participated in a small car show on May 12<sup>th</sup> at Solanco High School, which is in Quarryville, PA. approx 10 miles south of Lancaster. A nice event, about 70 cars/trucks in attendance. A few vettes made the show, one man coming down from Harrisburg in a C4, trimmed out in dark blue with white pinstripes and a large round NY Yankee Logo on the hood. He definitely had a theme going. I attended this show for a reason - sure, I handed out a few show flyers for us and for Corvettes for Kids, but the event had a meaning. The proceeds from the show helped the family of a young girl, 16 YO, who attended Solanco high school who was killed in a boating accident on the Susquehanna River. The 16 foot boat she was in with several friends, on Lake Aldred, went over the Holtwood Dam as the motor stalled and failed to re-start in time. Her friends, amazingly, were found alive! The day was upbeat with many folks remembering fondly this young lady.

The next generation Corvette was unveiled to Chevy Dealers a few weeks past. The GM engineers didn't reveal a picture of the entire new model, but only snapshots of different sections of the car. Rich Diver indicated to us that the car is a 'Split Window' model, and is tentatively scheduled to come out in 2010. I'm sure more to follow on this one!!

And lastly, Keystone State's 31<sup>st</sup> Annual All Corvette Show at Penske Chevrolet In King of Prussia, ( Across the street from the King of Prussia Mall for those interested in shopping!! ) is to be held on Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup>. This has been a very nice event for the last 4 years that I have attended and surely plan on attending this rain or shine show this year as well. Their will be a sign up sheet at the Club meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> as well as on our website for this event. We can meet at route 1 and 202 at the Dunkin Donuts at 7:30 on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Keystone and CCND have interacted quite well together over the years. Lets show our support for the Keystone State Corvette Club and their annual event. Detailed information about their event can be viewed on their website at: <http://www.keystonestatecorvetteclub.net/index.htm>

Well, its time to pack the Vette and head out to the Ambler, PA. car show today. The weather looks like another 'winner' for all of us to be back "**On The Road**".

# ***Meeting Agenda***

***Upcoming Agenda for the next meeting on 6/5/07***

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## **Call to Order:**

## **Welcome:**

## **New Members:**

## **Officers Reports:**

Vice President: Steve Blanchies, Membership  
Treasurer: Harvey Smith  
Member @ Large: Mike Metcalf  
CCND Governor: Dave Morales  
Newsletter Editor: Barry Kimmelman  
Social Chairperson: Linda Kimmelman  
Show Chairman: Fred Krumm

## **Old Business:**

Club Jackets  
Blue Rocks - Date set for June 16<sup>th</sup> ( Online Sign-up )  
Club Calendar  
Club Picnic Update - Date set, Mark your calendars July \_\_\_\_\_  
Fathers Day Show - Concord Mall  
Netherlands Inn Update - Meeting held 5.25.07 ( YCCC / Keystone/ CCND)

## **New Business:**

Corvettes for Kids Update ( revised format 2007)  
Recap Cruise night - Updated Flyer Lone Star "OK" to continue thru 9/07  
Keystone State Corvette Club Show June 10<sup>th</sup> Penske Motors  
Chesapeake City Canal Day - Signup Sheet online, leaving Prices Corner Park and Ride at 8AM. Festivities start at 9AM.

## **50 / 50:**

## **Adjournment:**

**Next Meeting date is July 3, 2007**

# CCND MAY MEETING MINUTES

## Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by **Andy Rumford** on May 1, 2007. Andy brought a sheet cake for all members with May birthdays.

- New Member:** **Jack Stawicki** – '91 convertible      **Horace Wahl** – '07 convertible  
**Liz Taylor** – '87 convertible      **Mike Ward** – '04 coupe
- Vice President:** **Steve Blanchies** reported 70 paid memberships.
- Treasurer:** **Harvey Smith** presented the financial report.
- Member at Large:** **Mike Metcalf** not able to attend. Andy reported no orders at the present time.
- CCND Governor:** **Dave Morales** reported NCCC shows in Baltimore, MD on 5/18-20. Call Dave for details.
- Newsletter Editor:** **Barry Kimmelman** reported that he needs "Member of the Month" articles. (Barry's e-mail is [BKimmelman@comcast.net](mailto:BKimmelman@comcast.net).) If you go to a show, take pictures and send them to him. Many updates to website regarding shows and activities – look for updated pictures. Bob Cooke had a concern about a Member of the Month articles posted on the website and available for anyone to view. There was concern about personal information getting into the wrong hands. Members voted to "password protect" the Member of the Month articles.
- Social Chairperson:** **Barry Kimmelman** reported on upcoming activities for **Linda:**
- Sun. 05/20 Cruise & Brunch to Serendipity – 10:30 a.m.
  - Sun. 05/26 The Creamery @ Woodside Farms – 6:30 a.m.
  - Sat. 06/30 Canal Day in Chesapeake City, MD – 8 a.m.
- Show Chairman:** **Fred Krumm** not able to attend. Andy read an email from Fred stating vendor solicitations are out – meeting at Diver next week to discuss budget – further information next meeting.
- Old Business:** **Club Jackets** – per questionnaire, member voted \$50-\$75 jacket price – 60% - black, 30% - white, some voted for beige  
**Blue Rocks** – 6/16 – fireworks night - \$24/person – sign up sheet went around  
**Club calendar** – Andy wasn't sure how many pics sent to Mike  
**Cruise night – Lone star** – 5/17 – 4-8 p.m. –General Mgr being transferred to Concord Pike location – Mgr to make sure 1<sup>st</sup> cruise night goes smoothly – motorcycles & vettes – competing against Hooters  
**Cruise Night** – discount food coupons – 3 trophies to be given out  
**Club picnic** – possibly the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in July  
**Spring Carlisle** – same as last year
- New Business:** **Netherlands Inn** – multi club event scheduled for Sunday, 11/11/07 – Toys for Tots – six other clubs interested in participating  
**Concord Mall Father's Day Show** - 25-27 cars – club receives \$750 – 7 a.m. – money goes to Adopt-a-Family  
**Run to the Beach** – 5/20 - meet at 8:30 a.m. Park 'N Ride Prices Corner – reservations for 11:30 a.m. – restaurant has nice view of bay  
**Annual vacation** – Jack had information sheets available for a celebrity Cruise Line sailing 2/9 from San Juan for 7 nights - \$250 deposit by 5/30 to reserve cabin – call Jack for pricing if interested

**05/50**      **\$34 – Chris Carlantonio**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, June 5, 2007**

# CCND Events

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## CLUB EVENTS FOR JUNE 2007

May 27, 2007  
Sunday

### THE CREAMERY @ WOODSIDE FARMS – 6:30 PM

**Ice cream!!!** 1310 Little Baltimore Rd, Hockessin, DE 19707. Meeting at the Prices Corner Park N Ride between 6:00 and 6:15 pm and we'll head on over to Woodside Farms. Afterwards, we are invited to Andy Rumford's home to watch the Longwood Garden s Fireworks display. ( please note the date correction from last month's newsletter typo).

June 5, 2007  
Tuesday

### CCND MEETING @ THE LONE STAR STEAKHOUSE & SALOON – 7:00 P.M.

Meeting will be held at the Lone Star Steakhouse on 113 S. Dupont Highway in New Castle, De.

June 13, 2007  
Wednesday

### DINNER AT LA TOLTECA

Newark Shopping Center, Newark, De. at 6:00 pm. Meet at restaurant at 5:45 PM.

June 16, 2007  
Saturday

### CCND @ the Blue Rocks Game Night

contact Mike Metcalf for details. Sign-up online: <http://www.vetteclub.org/activities/signup1.php>

June 17, 2007  
Sunday

### CCND Show at the Concord Mall

CCND's annual Spring show at the Concord Mall. info and sign-up online

June 21, 2007  
Thursday

### LONE STAR & CCND'S THURSDAY CRUISE NIGHT

113 S. Dupont Hwy in New Castle, DE Details on the website

June 30, 2007  
Saturday

### CANAL DAY, CHESAPEAKE CITY, MD.

Probably won't want to take the Corvettes to this one but we can still caravan down. I did find out that there is no parking in the town. Folks are shuttled into the festivities. Also, the Chesapeake Inn has a \$20 Cover Charge that day; so anybody wants to try something different, let me know.

## LOCAL EVENTS

June 3, 2007  
Sunday

### BEACH BUMS CORVETTE CLUB SHOW ON LONG BEACH ISLAND

Gates open at 8 a.m. info: [http://www.vetteclub.org/shows/showinfo\\_assets/Beach Bums show.pdf](http://www.vetteclub.org/shows/showinfo_assets/Beach Bums show.pdf)

June 10, 2007  
Sunday

### FIRST STATE CORVETTE CLUB'S CAR SHOW

Will be at Boscov's at the Dover Mall on US 13 in Dover, DE from 9 am to 3 pm. Registration ends at 12 pm. Contact Bruce Ballard at 302-670-0500 for more information

June 10, 2007  
Sunday

### KEYSTONE STATE CORVETTE CLUB SHOW

Gates open at 8 a.m. info : [http://www.vetteclub.org/shows/showdetails2\\_assets/penske\\_show\\_2.pdf](http://www.vetteclub.org/shows/showdetails2_assets/penske_show_2.pdf)

June 16, 2007  
Sunday

### NCRS CORVETTE DAY @ THE CECIL COUNTY DRAGWAY

Rising Sun, MD. Info here: <http://www.vetteclub.org/shows/showdetails9.html>

## June Birthdays



Lynn Blanchies --- June 25  
Charlotte Gerber --- June 24  
John McCarnan --- June 28  
Bobbi McGhee --- June 28  
Ginny Steele --- June 9  
John Twaddell --- June 26



## York County Corvette Club Show

Story & photos by: Andy Rumford

Located at Manchester Motors in York, PA. a total of 60 Corvettes attended this event on 4/29/07. The weather was just wonderful for this show, sunny and a slight breeze. Ken Woodcock from Keystone State Corvette Club and I attended this function. A nice show held at the same location as last year. Lance Miller from Carlisle Events was there with his Callaway "Super Natural". Had a chance to meet and speak with President Rich Miller and YCCC's newsletter editor, Stu Jones. One nice part of the event was the silent auction of "Gift Baskets". Several different ones to choose from and all donated by YCCC members. Ken took 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the C5 group while I was fortunate enough to place third in the C3 class. This event is only an hour and 30 minutes from Lantana Square and is one to put on our calendars each year. A wonderful ride up thru Lancaster and out to the York area. Rich...GREAT SHOW!!



**20 Questions:**

**Name:** Mike Metcalf Sr.

**What is your age?** 57

**What is your occupation?** Director-Network Operations, Cingular Wireless

**Where do you live?** Salem Woods, Newark

**What is your marital status?** Married

**Do you have children?** 2 kids, 3 grandkids

**Do you have pets?** Dog, Jazman age 9

**What is your Favorite Food?** Italian

**What is your Favorite Music?** Oldies-MoTown

**What made you want to join CCND?** Purchased a vette, wanted to share experiences

**How long have you been a CCND Club member?** 6 years

**How long have you been interested in Corvettes?** Forever

**Are you a Driver or Passenger?** Driver

**When did you get your first Corvette?** 2001

**What year was your first Corvette?** 1971

**What is your favorite over-all Corvette?** 57 Convertible

**What is your current model year Corvette?** 71 Coupe

**Do you prefer coupes or convertibles?** Convertible

**Do you prefer Automatic or Manual Transmissions?** Manual

**Do you do your own service work on your Corvette or do you take it to a mechanic?**  
Little of both

**Besides CCND and Corvette related activities, what non-Corvette interests do you have?**

Golf, traveling, grandkids, sports



# Thomas Chevrolet Corvette Show

Test and photos by Matt Guthan

Another great day at the Thomas Chevrolet car show put on by County Corvette. The morning did look like it was going to rain, but I was going to take the chance and pray that the sun god would prevail. This show was a little different this year, it was a memorial show for Gary Gressel, which they honored him buy having street rods be displayed at the show. This I thought was a very nice memorial, and I will be curious for next year if they will have the street rods be displayed again.

I have always liked this show, and its great meeting different people and seeing the many different vettes and custom vettes

I was also very surprised that I won a second place in the 1963-1967 class





# 1966 CORVETTE

## Corvette specs by the year



- The 1966 Corvette differed from the previous year because it had the following:
  - A plated, cast-metal grille with an "egg crate" insert
  - ribbed rocker panel mold-ings
  - chrome-plated exhaust bezels
  - spoke-style wheel covers
  - a vinyl covered headliner
  - the elim-ination of roof vents

- The front fend-er sides again had three slanting vertical air louvers.
- Inside, the seats had an extra amount of pleats.
- Corvettes equipped with the new 427-cid V-8 came with a power-bulge hood.
- Ten exterior colors were available

Tuxedo Black	Nassau Blue	Silver Pearl	Rally Red	Laguana Blue
Ermine White	Mosport Green	Milano Maroon	Sunfire Yellow	Trophy Blue

- All were available with a Black, White, or Beige soft top.
- Eight interior colors were available:
  - Black, Red, Bright Blue,
  - White-blue, Saddle, Silver,
  - Green, Blue

### **LD. NUMBERS**

- The serial number (Vehicle Identification Number -- VIN) was located on a stainless steel plate welded to the right side hinge pillar cross-brace under the glove box
- Corvette engines have the last six digits of the VIN stamped on the block next to the engine number
- The body number plate was located on the engine side of the cowl.
- The Fisher Body Style Number 66-19467 identifies a Corvette Sting Ray convertible
- The Fisher Body Style Number 66-19437 identifies a Corvette Sting Ray coupe
- The body number is the production serial number of the body.
- The trim number indicates the interior trim color and material.

### **ENGINE & Transmission**

- The standard motor was a 327ci V8 motor, overhead valve with a 4.00" bore and 3.25" stroke. Compression of 10.50:1 with 5 main bearings, hydraulic lifters, and a Holley four-barrel carb. Output was 300hp@5000rpm.
- Three optional motors were available: The basic specs were the same as the standard motor but one had 11.0:1 compression and produced 350hp. Two Big Block 427ci motor options were available, one with a Holley carb, 10.5:1 compression producing 390hp, one with a Holley carb, solid lifters, compression of 11:1, and produced 450hp, later to be re-rated down to 425hp for insurance reasons.
- A manual 3-speed close ratio was standard.
  - A manual 4-speed close ratio, a manual 4-speed wide ration.
  - or an automatic 2-speed tranny was available

### **CHASSIS**

Wheelbase:	98 inches	Overall length:	175.2 inches
Front tread:	56.3 inches	Rear tread:	57 inches
Wheels:	steel disk	Tires:	6.70x15
Brakes:	Drum on all four wheels	Axle ratio:	3.36:1 (optional 3.08, 3.55, 3.70, 4.11, 4.56)
Front suspension:	upper and lower A-arms; unequal-length wishbones; coil springs; anti-roll bar; tubular shocks		
Rear suspension:	fixed differential; nine leaf springs; lateral struts and universally-jointed axle shafts; radius arms and direct-acting shock absorbers		

### OPTIONS

RPO 898 Genuine leather seat trim (\$79.00)  
RPO A01 Soft-Ray tinted glass, all windows (\$15.80)  
RPO A02 Soft-Ray tinted glass windshield (\$10.55)  
RPO A31 Electric power windows (\$59.20)  
RPO C07 Auxiliary hardtop for convertible (\$231.75)  
RPO C48 Heater and defroster deletion (\$97.85 credit)  
RPO C60 Air conditioning (\$412.90)  
RPO F41 Special front and rear suspension (\$36.90)  
RPO G81 Positraction rear axle, all ratios (\$42.15)  
RPO V74 Traffic hazard lamp switch (\$11.60)  
RPO J56 Special heavy duty brakes (\$342.20)  
RPO K66 Transistor ignition system (\$73.75)  
RPO N14 Side Mount Exhaust system (\$131.65)  
RPO N36 Telescopic steering wheel (\$42.15)  
RPO U69 AM-FM radio (\$199.10)

RPO Z01 Back-up lamps & inside Day/night mirror (\$16.15)  
RPO L79 327-cid 350-hp V-8 (\$105.35)  
RPO L36 427-cid 390-hp V8 (\$181.20)  
RPO L72 427-cid 425-hp V8 (\$312.85)  
RPO M20 Four-Speed manual transmission (\$184.30)  
RPO M21 Four-Speed manual transmission (\$184.30)  
RPO M22 Close Ratio 4-sp manual transmission (\$237.00)  
RPO M35 Powerglide automatic transmission (\$194.85)  
RPO P48 Special cast -aluminum knock-off wheels (\$326.00)  
RPO T01 7.75 x 15 gold sidewall (\$46.55)  
RPO P92 7.75 x 15 white sidewall (\$31.30)  
RPO N32 Teakwood steering wheel (\$48.45)  
RPO N40 Power steering (\$94.80)  
RPO N11 Off--road exhaust system (\$36.90)  
RPO N03 36-gallon fuel tank for coupe only (\$198.05)

### HISTORICAL NOTES

- Only two per-cent of all 1966 Corvettes had a three-speed manual transmission
- 89.3 percent came with a four-speed manual gearbox
- 13.2 percent had a tilting steering wheel
- 20.2 percent had power steering.



# Humorous Diversions

Add a smile to your day.....



A tour bus driver is driving with a bus load of seniors down a highway when he is tapped on his shoulder by a little old lady. She offers him a handful of peanuts, which he gratefully munches up. After about 15 minutes, she taps him on his shoulder again and she hands him another handful of peanuts.

She repeats this gesture about five more times.

When she is about to hand him another batch again he asks the little old lady,  
"Why don't you eat the peanuts yourself?"

"We can't chew them because we've no teeth," she replied.

The puzzled driver asks,  
"Why do you buy them then?"

The old lady replied,  
"We just love the chocolate around them."

Can you imagine if all the stupid people in the world wore signs around their neck that states; "I'm Stupid"!

These folks are pretty easy to spot, here's a few examples.

Your changing your flat tire and a guy walks up and says; you got a flat? You look at him and say; no, the other 3 are just swollen.

You've been fishing for a few hours and when you get back to shore some guy asks; did you catch them? You look at him and say; no, I was out rowing and they just jumped right in.

You're driving your truck and you get stuck under a bridge, some guy says; you stuck? You respond; no, I'm delivering a bridge...

Just think what a benefit this would be and how much time it would save.

If you saw someone with a sign around their neck that says I'm Stupid.

Would you ask him for directions?

A traveling insurance salesman is stopping by the final house of the day. He'd been hopelessly pounding the pavement all day long and finally stumbles across a large stone house with 4 car garage and an air of money.

He rings the doorbell and a young boy about 9 years old opens the door. The boy is wearing a bath robe, smoking a cigar with one hand, holding a bottle of scotch in the other and has the latest issue of Playboy under one of his arms.

The salesman says "Is your Mom or Dad home".

The boy says "What do you think?"

A woman went to the doctor's office, where she was seen by a young, new doctor.

After about 4 minutes in the examination room, the doctor told her she was pregnant. She burst out, screaming as she ran down the hall.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was, and she told him her story. After listening, he had her sit down and relax in another room.

The doctor marched down the hallway, back to where the first doctor was and demanded, "What's the matter with you? Mrs. Terry is 59 years old, she has four grown children and seven grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?"

The new doctor continued to write on his clipboard and without looking up said, "Does she still have the hiccups?"

# C5 Corvette Tech Tips – Part 1

## **Dead Battery, reprogram RCDLR 07.06.03.001**

### Condition

Some customers may comment on a dead battery after the vehicle has been parked for an extended period of time. Typically, the battery will last approximately two weeks.

Because of a software anomaly within the remote control door lock receiver (RCDLR) causes an additional 30mA draw on the battery when passive locking is enabled and the vehicle is parked.

Correction: Reprogram the remote control door lock receiver.

On Corvette models, prior to reprogramming, remove the Radio/S-Band/VICS 15-amp fuse from the I/P electrical center (passenger side).

## **C5 Throwing Codes**

If you C-5 is throwing codes unplug this connector in the engine compartment and check for corrosion on the grounding strap bolted to the frame.

## **C5 Computer Codes**

Turn the key to the ON position, but don't start the engine. 2. Clear any present messages by pressing the RESET button. Hold the OPTIONS button down, and press the FUEL button 4 times. (This will get you into the CODES section of the DIG.)

4. The computer will automatically display all the codes your car has created. It will cycle through each code every 3 seconds. (NOTE: Any code that ends in H is a history code (something that has occurred in the past) but is fine now.)

5. Once the computer has finished going through all of its codes, press RESET to enter Manual Configuration mode. It should start with a module and show "NO CODES" or "# CODES".

6. To optionally reset the codes once in manual mode, press and hold RESET until it displays "NO CODES".

7. Press OPTIONS to go to the next module, (ie, from PCM or Powertrain Control Module, to TCS)

8. Repeat the steps in this paragraph until you have reset the codes in all the computer modules.

NOTE !! Only reset the codes IF you want to - it is NOT necessary to do this.

9. When finished, simply take your key out of the ignition.

After retrieving the codes go to [www.stengel.net/dicodes.htm](http://www.stengel.net/dicodes.htm) to read what they refer to.

## **2005 NavSystem/Radio Upgrade**

General Motors has released a software update disk package consisting of two disks to update the software for 2005 Corvettes equipped with the factory Navigation option.

Technical Service Bulletin # 05-08-44-014A

You can order the disks from your dealer Part # 15836651 or have the dealer do the installation

The software update will do the following:

- 1) Modify the signal interface with the ARS module to correct poor reception conditions.
- 2) Add an on screen message to remind you that a destination is required before a route can be planned.
- 3) Add MP3 functionality.

## **Column Lock Failure**

**Condition: Some customers of 1997-2004 Chevrolet Corvettes equipped with a manual transmission (MM6/M12); 1997-2000 Chevrolet Export Corvettes equipped with an automatic transmission; and 2001-2004 Chevrolet European Export Corvettes equipped with an automatic transmission may have a condition where the column lock may fail to unlock the steering column when the vehicle is started.**

### **Special Policy Adjustment**

This special policy covers the condition described above until February 29, 2008, regardless of ownership. The repairs will be made at no charge to the customer.

For vehicles covered by Vehicle Service Contracts, all eligible claims with repair orders on or after February 8, 2006, are covered by this special policy and must be submitted using the labor operation codes provided with this bulletin. Claims with repair orders prior to February 8, 2006, must be submitted to the Service Contract provider.

### **2005 Heated Seats Inoperative**

**Condition:** Some customers may comment that the heated seat function is inoperative again, one week or less after repair for the same concern was complete. The technician may have previously replaced the seat heater element and heated seat control module assembly, and the new module may be inoperative.

**Cause:** Electrostatic discharge from the seat may cause the heated seat control module to become inoperative.

**Correction:** Replace the heated seat module with the redesigned heated seat control module assembly, P/N 10366538

### **C5-C6 Gas Cap Door Issue**

If you find that your gas cap door on your C-5 or C-6 does not open when you push the button push inward on the door while pushing the button because sometimes the strap that holds the gas cap will cause excess outward pressure that the electric solenoid can not overcome. When you put the cap back on make sure the cap strap is not sticking outward to cause this problem. There is an emergency pull cable located in the trunk area on the left hand side to use also if this does not work.

### **Prevent Excess Wear**

To prevent excess wear on the plastic gears that open and close the headlights on your C-5 do it when you are stopped or at very low speed. The wind resistance against the lights when opening or closing at highway speed cause extra stress on the plastic gears and causes premature wear and the fix is expensive.

### **C5 Wheels Frozen to the Axle**

If you find that you can not remove the wheels from your Corvette because they are frozen to the axle hub or rotor retighten the wheel nuts, then loosen each one 2 turns, lower the car to the ground, and SLOWLY drive the Corvette forward and backward while moving the steering wheel left to right. Remove any corrosion from the surfaces before reinstalling the wheels.

### **C5 problem with the A/C**

If your C-5 has a problem with the A/C blowing hot air on the drivers side when you have cold air on the passengers side try this if you have the automatic A/C controls. The damper motors may just need "recalibrated". Do this with the engine running, try pulling and reinstalling fuses #18 and #27 in the passenger side floorboard fuse panel. The motors should reset when the power is reapplied if that is the problem.

### **Unlock C-5 Radio**

Here is how to "unlock" the radio in your C-5 Corvette if you need to do this and will save you money at the dealers. 1. Press and hold presets 2 & 3 for about 10 seconds until the first 3 digits of the display code are displayed. 2. Write the numbers down, 3. Press the AM/FM button, write down the next 3 numbers. 4. Call 1-800-537-5140, when asked, enter 202107, press the "button" and enter the 6 digit code from the radio, you will get an unlock code, write it down. 5. Go back to the Corvette, press the "HR" button and set the first 2 numbers, then press the "MIN" button and set the last 2 numbers, press AM/FM button, "SEC" should be displayed, turn on the radio. To remove the preset code, repeat step 5. you should see --- on the radio face, the code is now out of the radio.

## C5 Synthetic Oil Specification

You must use synthetic oil labeled GM4718M in your C-5 and C-6 corvette for the GM warranty to be in effect. Not all synthetic oils meet this spec. "GM4718M" will be listed on the oil bottle label if it meets the spec.

### Automatic Transmission Shift, Engine Drivability Concerns or Service Engine Soon (SES) Light On as a Result of the Installation of an Aftermarket Reusable, Excessively Oiled Air Filter

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Do This	Don't Do This
First. Inspect the vehicle for a reusable	DO NOT repair under warranty if concerns result from the use of a reusable aftermarket oiled air filter

- Service Engine Soon (SES) Light On
- Transmission shift concerns, slipping and damaged clutch(es) or band(s)
- Engine drivability concerns, poor acceleration from a stop, limited engine RPM range.

The oil that is used on these air filter elements may be transferred onto the Mass Air Flow (MAF) sensor causing contamination of the sensor. As a result, the Grams per Second (GPM) signal from the MAF may be low and any or all of the concerns listed above may occur. When servicing a vehicle with any of these concerns, be sure to check for the presence of an aftermarket reusable, excessively oiled air filter. The MAF, GPM reading should be compared to a like vehicle with a OEM air box and filter under the same driving conditions to verify the concern. Transmission or engine drivability concerns that are the result of the installation of an aftermarket reusable, excessively oiled air filter are not considered to be warrantable repair items.

## Seatbelt Retractor

Owners of some 2004 Chevrolet Corvettes may state that the driver or passenger seatbelt will not extend from the seatbelt retractor.

If a resolution can't be found through normal diagnosis, replace the affected seatbelt and install a new bolt (p/n 15017724) and new washer (p/n 10257765) and discard the original bolt and washer. The larger diameter washer distributes the clamping load evenly on the lower seatbelt retractor.

## Fuel System Treatment

GM recommends that you add at each oil change a bottle of GM part #12345104 GM fuel system treatment to your fuel tank. This will clean your fuel injection systems and will also help with the fuel gauge problem on the C-5 corvettes. It is also available at Wal-Mart under the name of "Techron Concentrate Fuel System Cleaner".

## Brake Line Messages

The owners of some Corvette have experienced Service ABS, Service Active Handling Traction Control messages. Wheel speed sensor codes may be set. This condition may be caused by replacing the OEM rubber brake hoses with aftermarket stainless steel brake hoses.

It is believed that the metal in the brake lines conducts static electricity, causing confusion in the wheel speed sensors.

The brake hoses must be returned to original rubber ones before the case can be investigated. This is a customer-pay expense.

# CCND June Tidbits

Bits of assorted info for the membership

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## Driving Ticket fine increase in NJ:

Starting on August 15th, the price of a ticket for violation of NJ Law 39:3-29 (failure to show your driver's license, registration, or insurance card at the time you are stopped) is going from \$44.00 to \$173.00 . Please make sure your vehicles have the proper documents in them.

If you jump in the car to run to the store and forget your wallet with your license in it and you are stopped.... Oh well, you just spent \$173. And the fine for not having all three documents is \$519!!!

Forward to people in NJ, and let them know of this change. And be careful, the fine for hand held cell phone use while driving will be going up to \$180.00.

Watch out if you live or are driving in NJ!

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Wow, membership is back on the rise again. Six or seven new members over the last couple of months! Welcome to all the new members.

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CCND members, don't forget about the new „For Sale“ section on the website if you have anything you need to sell. Hey, it's free to all CCND members so take advantage of it.

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Don't forget about the new CCND Cruise Night on the third Thursday of each month thru September. It's held at the Lone Star on Rt. 13 from 4-8PM.

May was the first month for it and we are hoping to keep increasing the size and popularity of this new monthly Cruise venue. Come out and support the club.

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