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The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware. November 2007

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Body Drop on Mike Mortarulo's 1980 frame replacement project

Website Updates:

Updated info on the Corvettes for Chip show

Special section on 1980 Corvette Frame Project

Updated Activity and Shows pages

New items for sale

SHOW COVERAGE

Boeing Helicopter Show

CCND Picnic

Porter Chevrolet Show

MONTHLY ARTICLES

20 Questions - member profile

Humorous Diversions

Corvette Specs - 1969

On the Road

By Andy Rumford



This Season has been one PHENOMENAL year. From start to finish, it's been filled with so many interesting events and now that it is "winding down" for the off season, we can sit back and think of all the positive things we have done as a Club this year.

What are they? Well, how about for starters, the CCND Club Jacket has been brought to fruition with a sizeable number of members having ordered them (thanks Mike Metcalf!!). The club calendar is moving forward again thanks to Mike and Steve. CCND Membership has risen this past year from 64 Members in January to 81 Members at last count. A small thing, like the birthday cake at the club meetings, has gone over quite well. Several Members have combined for over 600+ hours working on the "frame project" on the 1980 Corvette. a new combined show with Keystone State Corvette Club will be held shortly, "Corvettes for Chip". This 1st Annual event proves to be one that could continue for some time. CCND's reprisal of our "Cruise Night" at the Lone Star, while not drawing as many cars as we would like is a positive start in the right direction and the last cruise night had more cars than ever - a great note to "end" on for this year. We saw our own Bill Skinner being

honored at Corvettes at Carlisle in the "Chips Choice" display this year. We saw our Club win "Best Club Participation" at several shows this year which shows the support we are all willing to give to other local events. We saw our website take on a whole new look and feel thanks to Barry Kimmelman. We also will be meeting soon with Rich Diver from Diver Chevrolet on quite possibly being our Clubs 2008 Sponsor. They have expressed an interest and I will pursue that avenue, and the list goes ON and ON. We can be so proud of the things we have done this year, which brings me to my next point, the "Club Show".

What a deserving recipient this year, "Our lady of Grace". Seeing the children and the Sisters at the show on October 7th brought a smile to ALL OF US. Having them wear the club event yellow T-shirt was just a wonderful idea and I can absolutely say with conviction that not one award winner who spoke with the children, received a hug or a handshake from them, or looked into their eyes, didn't walk away with a small lump in their throats knowing "they had a made a difference in some small way". That's what this is all about. I'm beginning to see it and understand

it more and more and I have already received great feedback from show participants on how they left the event, with CCND members "waving" goodbye. A nice show of Support and Unity! We had close to 110 cars at this years show (club cars Included).

The Delaware Auto Show saw 14,225 people walk through the doors. The dates for the 2008 event have already been booked, which are October 2nd thru 5th. Our contact at the News Journal has been in touch with us about next years show. We will pursue taking a potentially more active role in the "DAS" in 2008 in some fashion.

Well, time to enjoy this beautiful Fall day with a long cruise. My new headers should sound pretty nice. Take care and I'll catch ya "On the Road"

Meeting Agenda

Upcoming Agenda for the next meeting on 11/6/07

Corvette Club of Northern Delaware - Agenda 11.6.07

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 Calendar
CCND Show Recap....
Concord Mall Recap

New Business:

2008 Club Officers Nominations (elections held at the December meeting)
Holiday Party - Locations?
2007 Member of the Year solicitations - emails to Andy ASAP.
Corvettes for Chip Update - November 11, 2007
Hayride

Adjournment:

50/50:

Next Meeting date is December 4, 2007

CCND Events

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CLUB EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2007

- November 4, 2007
Sunday
CCND's CONCORD MALL SHOW
Meet in front of the Concord Mall between 7 am and **no later than** 8 am. All cars must be inside by 9 am (before the Mall opens). Trophies will be awarded by 4 pm. Cars will not be permitted to leave until after 6 pm.
- November 11, 2007
Sunday
1st ANNUAL "CORVETTES FOR CHIP" CORVETTE SHOW
The Corvette Club of Northern Delaware and the Keystone State Corvette Club have joined forces to bring us an all out "End of the Season" Car Show that will help to benefit the Chip Miller Charitable Foundation. The event will be held at Wal-Mart of Kennett Square, Pa. Show times are from 11 am to 4 pm. Lance Miller will be on hand to hand out The 1st Annual "Chip's Choice" Award! Details on the website here: <http://www.vetteclub.org/shows/ccndshows.html>
- November 14, 2007
Wednesday
DINNER @ MRS. ROBINO'S IN WILMINGTON
Mrs. Robino's offers good Italian food in Wilmington's Little Italy. Nothing fancy but its all fresh. Located at 520 N. Union Street in Wilmington. Only street parking is available, so you may want to leave the Corvette at home. We'll meet at the restaurant at 6 pm. <http://www.mrsrobinos.com/>
- November ??, 2007
CCND HAYRIDE EVENT
Date to be announced. Keep an eye on the website for specific date and times. An email will be sent to the CCND members once details are finalized.

LOCAL EVENTS

- November 3, 2007
Saturday
4th ANNUAL KERBECK'S TOYS FOR TOTS FUN RUN
The official meeting place is at the eastbound side of the Farley Plaza Rest Stop on the Atlantic City Expressway at 12:00 noon. If the toy requires batteries, please tape the appropriate number and size batteries to the outside of the package. Any Year Corvette is Welcome. The only fee is the donation of at least one new unwrapped toy. Detail: [Kerbeck Toys for Tots](#)
- November 18, 2007
Sunday
SOUTH JERSEY CRUISERS "FROSTBITE CRUISE"
Leaving from Bennigan's Grille & Restaurant, 2196 W. Landis Avenue (1/4 mile East of Rt. 55), Vineland, NJ. Door Prizes, T-shirts (Limited Number), and Music will be provided. In case of rain, the Cruise will be cancelled. Call for info 856-692-8930.
- December 1, 2007
Saturday
County Corvette Toy Drive
10:00am – 1:00pm at County Corvette in West Chester, PA. Join the staff of County Corvette, dozens of volunteers, Corvette Clubs from 3 states and hundreds of donors for the third annual Ronald McDonald House Toy Drive. Details and directions: <http://www.countycorvette.com/2007toydrive.htm>

November Birthdays

J. Greg Wood	November 2	Ashley Steele	November 21
Veda Chambers	November 3	Jim Ebner	November 24
Michael Whitmore	November 11	Michael J. Lisowski	November 26
Sylvia Crouse	November 12	Michelle Falla	November 28
Linda Kimmelman	November 15	Jack Clendaniel	November 29



Member of the Month

Kevin Frazier

I have lived in Delaware for 30 years, grew up in South Jersey.

I served in the US Navy on the USS America and the USS Iwo Jima.

Employed with General Motors for 30 year in the Quality Department.

I have been active in my community for many years. Currently Grand Master of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, participated in the Bike to the Bay for MS for 7 years and walk for Breast Cancer for several years.

I picked up my 1999 FRC in 2004 and have been loving it every since. I was looking for a club that was activity involved in doing good things in the community. I have looked at many clubs but CCND had everything I was looking for.



CCND Picnic

Story by Andy Rumford, Photos by Jim McCarnan

September 15th found CCND holding it's Club Picnic at the Connectiv Energy facility off Chapman Road in Newark, De. A wonderful spot, complete with tennis courts, Horseshoe pits, Basketball etc. About 20 members total attended this function. The day was a beauty with temps in the high 60's...Their was plenty to eat and drink. Thanks again to Dave Steele for locating this spot, it would surely be somewhere our Club could return to in the future.





1970 CORVETTE

Corvette specs by the year



- Refinements were made to the basic styling used since 1968 which included
A new ice-cube-tray design grille and matching side fender louvers, rectangular, amber front signal lights
fender flares, square exhaust exits, improved bucket seats and safety belt retractor containers
- Standard equipment included
front and rear disc brakes, headlight washers, wheel trim rings, carpeting, center console
all-vinyl upholstery (in either black, blue, green, saddle, or red)
- Ten exterior colors were available
Mulanne Blue, Bridgehampton Blue, Donnybrooke Green, Laguna Gray,
Marlboro Maroon, Corvette Bronze, Monza Red, Cortez Silver, Classic White, Daytona Yellow
- All convertibles came with a choice of Black or White soft tops

LD. NUMBERS

- The serial number [Vehicle Identification Number -- VIN] was stamped on a plate on the inner vertical surface of the left windshield pillar visible through the windshield.
- Convertible Serial numbers ranged from 194670S100001 to 194670S117316
- Coupe Serial numbers ranged from 194370S100001 to 194670S117316
- 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 70-19467 identifies a Corvette Stingray convertible
- The Fisher Body Style Number 70-19437 identifies a Corvette Stingray 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 350ci V8 motor, overhead valve with a 4.00" bore and 3.48" stroke. Compression of 10.25:1 with 5 main bearings, hydraulic lifters, and a Rochester four-barrel carb. Output was 300hp@4800rpm.
- Four optional motors were available: One had 11.0:1 compression with a Rochester four-barrel carb and produced 350hp (L46 motor). One had 11.0:1 compression, a Holley 4-barrel carb on an aluminum intake, solid lifters, and a high performance cam, and produced 370hp@6000rpm (LT1 motor). Two Big Block 454ci motor options were available, one with a Rochester carb, 10.25:1 compression, hydraulic lifters, producing 390hp (LS5 motor), and one with 11.25:1 compression, a holley carb, solid lifters, and a high performance cam, producing 465hp (LS7 motor). A manual 3-speed close ratio was standard. A manual 4-speed close ratio, a manual 4-speed wide ratio, a heavy duty manual 4-speed, or an automatic 3-speed turbo-hydro-Matic tranny was available.

CHASSIS

Wheelbase:	98 inches	Overall length:	182.1 inches
Front tread:	58.3 inches	Rear tread:	59.0 inches
Wheels:	8" wide slotted steel	Tires:	15"
Brakes:	4 wheel disc	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 Custom interior trim (\$158)
RPO A85 Custom shoulder belts (\$42.15)
RPO C08 Vinyl cover for auxiliary hardtop (\$63.20)
RPO C60 Air conditioning (\$447.65)
RPO J50 Power brakes (\$47.40)
RPO L46 350-cid 350-hp V-8 (\$158)
RPO LS5 454-cid 390-hp V-8 (\$289.65)
RPO LT1 350-cid 370-hp V-8 (\$447.60)
RPO N37 Tilt-telescopic steering wheel (\$84.30)
RPO PT7 F70 x 15, white stripe tires (\$31.30)
RPO T60 Heavy-duty battery (\$15.80)
RPO U69 AM-FM radio (\$172.75)

RPO A31 Electric power windows (\$63.20)
RPO C07 Auxiliary hardtop for convertible (\$273.85)
RPO C50 Rear window defroster (\$36.90)
RPO G81 Positraction rear axle, all ratios (\$12.65)
RPO N40 Power steering (\$105.35)
RPO M21 Four-speed close-ratio manual transmission (n/c)
RPO M22 Heavy-duty close-ratio four-speed manual transmission (\$95)
RPO M40 Turbo Hydra-Matic automatic transmission (n/c)
RPO P01 Custom Wheel covers (\$57.95)
RPO PU9 F70 x 15, raised-white-letter tires (\$33.15)
RPO UA6 Alarm system (\$31.60)
RPO U79 Stereo radio (\$278.10)

SPECIAL OPTIONS – ZR1 Option Group

- The letter "Z" meant it was part of Chevrolet's "special items" group
- It included the following:
 - LT1 engine, M22 heavy-duty four-speed manual transmission, J50/J56 dual-pin brakes with heavy-duty front pads and power assist
- F41 suspension consisting of the following:
 - special 89 lb/in ride rate front springs, 121 lb/in ride rate rear springs, matching shock absorbers, a 0.75-inch front stabilizer bar

HISTORICAL NOTES

- Corvette built only one car with the LS7 engine. The editor of *Sports Car Graphic* drove it for 2500 miles and found it did the quarter mile in 13.8 seconds at 108 mph. GM cancelled the option even though the LS7 option is listed in some early 1970 sales literature. None were ever sold.
- 70.5 % of 1970 Corvettes were sold with four-speed manual transmissions
- 33.5 % had tilt steering wheels
- 27.9 % had power windows
- 38.5 % had air conditioning
- 68.8 % had power steering
- A 1970 Corvette with the LS5 engine could do 0-to-60 mph in seven seconds and go from 0-to-100 mph in 14 seconds
- A 1970 Corvette with the LT1 engine could do 0-to-30 mph in 2.5 seconds, 0-to-60 mph in 5.7 seconds and go from 0-to-100 mph in 13.5 seconds
- A 1970 Corvette with the LT1 engine could do the quarter mile in 14.17 seconds at 102.15 and had a top speed of 122 mph



Porter Chevrolet Car Show

Story & photos by Mike Metcalf

Porter Chevrolet held a car show open to all types of Classic and Muscle cars. Over a 100 cars were in the lot with several Corvettes on display. Many beautiful cars were in the field with 6 classes covering Chevelle, Camaro, Corvette, Nova, custom and others. Free food and drink along with a DJ were provided courtesy of Porter.

Our own Ed Wolos won "Best in Show" for the Corvette class. Can you guess who's gold 72 'Vette is in the pictures (hint, hint, it is a former CCND member's car)?





20 Questions:

Name: Brian Falla

What is your age? 46

What is your occupation? Computer geek (Corporate/business software consultant)

Where do you live? Townsend DE

What is your marital status? Married

Do you have children? No

Do you have pets? Yes (two dogs)

What is your Favorite Food? Dessert

What is your Favorite Music? Classic Rock

What made you want to join CCND? Club functions, meet people with a common interest in vettes

How long have you been a CCND Club member? Since 92 or 93

How long have you been interested in Corvettes? Since high school

Are you a Driver or Passenger? Driver

When did you get your first Corvette? 1986

What year was your first Corvette? 1981

What is your favorite over-all Corvette? Hard to say... I love them all. I like the early sharks, the mid-year coupes and straight axle cars the best.

What is your current model year Corvette? 1969 & 1981

Do you prefer coupes or convertibles? Convertibles

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?
I do it.

Besides CCND and Corvette related activities, what non-Corvette interests do you have? Harleys, antique autos, really early gas engines and steam engines... Basically anything intricate and mechanical

Tidbits

By Nancy McCarnan

Attention all members. The Tidbits section of the newsletter was recently created for the members by the members. If you know of something special about a fellow club member ie: illness, recognition, celebrating special occasions etc. Please drop an email to nmccarnan@verizon.net

This is a new section we would like to add and continue with in future issues of the newsletter.

This section is for any and all “Tidbits” of information that would be of interest to CCND members.

This section is open to any information you would like to share such as announcements likes weddings, anniversaries, promotions, job changes, if you are moving, etc

Getting a new car and want to “brag”? Any special accomplishments in your life that are occurring you would like to tell us about?

Project Update

By the Project Team

To update all CCND members on the 1980 frame replacement project this is where we are at to date as of 10/21/07:

The replacement frame has been completed and completely reassembled with all new and/or rebuilt suspension parts and a new brake system and the rolling chassis finished.

The body has been replaced back on the chassis and work continues on finishing up all the electrical, mechanical, and vacuum connections so that we can get to the point of firing the motor back up.

The To-Do list is progressively getting shorter although there is still a lot of work to be done yet such as:

- Finish all electrical and vacuum connections
- Reconnect parking brake
- Repair steering column
- Refill and bleed new brake system
- Install and reconnect transmission cooler lines to radiator
- Reinstall spare tire tub
- Install new exhaust system

We are hoping to have the car finished in time so that Mike can get it to the alignment shop and than get it registered and tagged again in time to bring it to the Corvettes for Chip show. We aren't sure if we will make that date goal but we will try.

Project Team

Andy Rumford
Alex Rumford
Brian Falla
Barry Kimmelman
Tom Ptomey
Mike Mortarulo & family
Bernie Ostendorf & other volunteers

Boeing Helicopter Credit Union Car Show

Story by Andy Rumford, Photos by Elouise Wolos

Who would have guessed that 300+ cars of all makes and models would be attending this annual show at the Boeing facility in Ridley Park, PA on Sept 29th? As I drove down I95 I expected about 80 cars tops. Well, it soon became evident as the lines of cars just kept coming and coming that this would be no small show at all. Several CCND members were in attendance at the show. Terry, Matt, Ed and Elouise and I represented our club with just scores of friends. The classes were a bit "open" and hopefully for next year they will be tightened up a bit. The DJ was just quite good, playing oldies and more recent numbers. The show benefited Alex's lemonade stand and is sure to be a hit for the coming years. Next years show is already set in stone for late September and is one show to put on your calendar, I already have!!





Humorous Diversions

Add a smile to your day.....



I rear-ended another car this morning.

I tell you, I knew right then and there that it was going to be a REALLY bad day!

The driver got out of the other car, and wouldn't you know it! He was a DWARF!!

He looked up at me and said, "I am NOT Happy!"

So I said, "Well, then, which one ARE you?"

That's how the fight started -----

Little Bruce and Jenny are only 10 years old, but they just know that they are in love. One day they decide that they want to get married, so Bruce goes to Jenny's father to ask him for her hand.

Bruce bravely walks up to him and says, "Mr. Smith, me and Jenny are in love and I want to ask you for her hand in marriage."

Thinking that this was just the cutest thing, Mr. Smith replies, "Well Bruce, you are only 10. Where will you two live?" Without even taking a moment to think about it, Bruce replies, "In Jenny's room. It's bigger than mine and we can both fit there nicely."

Still thinking this is just adorable, Mr. Smith says with a huge grin, "Okay then how will you live? You're not old enough to get a job. You'll need to support Jenny." Again, Bruce instantly replies, "Our allowance. Jenny makes 5 bucks a week and I make 10 bucks a week. That's about 60 bucks a month and that should do us just fine."

By this time, Mr. Smith is a little shocked that Bruce has put so much thought into this. He thinks for a moment trying to come up with something that Bruce won't have an answer to. After a second, Mr. Smith says, "Well Bruce, it seems like you have got everything all figured out. I just have one more question for you. What will you do if the two of you should have little ones of your own?" Bruce just shrugs his shoulders and says "Well, we've been lucky so far."

Mr. Smith no longer thinks the little sh*t is adorable.

Men and Women

1. NAMES

If Laurie, Linda, Elizabeth and Barbara go out for lunch, they will call each other Laurie, Linda, Elizabeth and Barbara.

If Mark, Chris, Eric and Tom go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Godzilla, Peanut-Head and Scrappy.

2. EATING OUT

When the bill arrives, Mark, Chris, Eric and Tom will each throw in \$20, even though it's only for \$32.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

3. MONEY

A man will pay \$2 for a \$1 item he needs.

A woman will pay \$1 for a \$2 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

4. BATHROOMS

A man has five items in his bathroom: a toothbrush, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel from the Marriott.

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify most of these items.

5. ARGUMENTS

A woman has the last word in any argument.

Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

6. CATS

Women love cats.

Men say they love cats, but when women aren't looking, men kick cats.

7. FUTURE

A woman worries about the future until she gets a husband.

A man never worries about the future until he gets a wife.

8. SUCCESS

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend..

A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

9. MARRIAGE

A woman marries a man expecting he will change, but he doesn't.

A man marries a woman expecting that she won't change and she does.

10. DRESSING UP

A woman will dress up to go shopping, water the plants, empty the garbage, answer the phone, read a book, and get the mail.

A man will dress up for weddings and funerals.

11. NATURAL

Men wake up as good-looking as they went to bed.

Women somehow deteriorate during the night.

12. OFFSPRING

Ah, children.

A woman knows all about her children. She knows about dental appointments and romances, best friends, favorite foods, secret fears and hopes and dreams.

A man is vaguely aware of some short people living in the house.

13. THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Any married man should forget his mistakes. There's no use in two people remembering the same thing.

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