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On the Road

By Andy Rumford



As December draws to a close, it's a time that many of us can sit back and contemplate our Corvette Journey through 2008. The "Club" had another nice year with our Membership holding steady and more and more of us involved in "Club" functions and Activities.

I would like to take a moment as well and thank all the outgoing Club officers for their time and dedication this year. There's nothing more than we can give but our "Time", so THANK YOU so very much and keeping with that I wish to Welcome our new "Club Officers". I am so sure your time as an "Officer" of this club will reward you with a totally different viewpoint of our organization.

At the December meeting, remember, we will have 50 copies of the CCND Club Calendar for sale. First come, first served. The cost is \$17.00 each. Please see Jim Ebner for your purchase.

On December 6th from 10-1, County Corvette will be having their annual Toy Drive in West Chester, Pa. Each year the number of participants grows for this very worthwhile event. I hope that you will have an opportunity to visit their shop. Their website, www.countycorvette.com explains it all. Hope to see you there.

On December 7th, we are all invited to an "Old Fashion Christmas" from 4PM until (?) at the home of Larry and Mary Lou Gilbert in Elkton, Md. Please check the club's website for a signup sheet and more detailed information about this RSVP activity.

December also marks the 2nd year as the President of CCND. I couldn't be more thrilled with the time I have spent up here before all of you and I eagerly look forward to the projects, activities, shows and events to come in 2009.

As most of us now tuck away our Corvettes for a few months, we can begin the process again of repairing or improving the cars that have brought us all together.

Happy Holidays to all of you!!!

On the Road

Corvette Club of Northern Delaware

Agenda 12.2.08

Call to Order:

Welcome:

New Members:

2008 Officers Reports:

Vice President:	Steve Blanchies
Treasurer:	Harvey Smith
Webmaster:	Barry Kimmelman
Member @ Large:	Elouise Wolos
Newsletter Editor:	Jim Ebner
Social Chairperson:	Marion Crank
Co-Show Chairman:	Michael Crank
Co-Show Chairman	Bob Gerber
CCND Governor:	Vacant
** Club Ambassador:	Bob Gerber

Old Business:

Joe Biden Membership Packet		
New Meeting Locations Review - Newark Country Club, Iron Hill, Hunters Den, etc...		
Ronald McDonald House	11.30.08	(Recap)
County Corvette Toy Drive	Dec 6 th	10AM-1PM Saturday
CCND Holiday Party money due to Janet by	1.10.09	(January 17 th party)
Friendship House Check Presentation	January, 2009	

New Business:

Club Calendar for sale....\$17.00 each..
Adopt a Family
Shutterfly...2009, CCND a Year in Review (20 pages, \$30) 2-volunteers

Adjournment:

50/50:

Next Meeting date is January 6, 2009

CCND NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting - November 2008



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Andy Rumford** on election night, November 4, 2008. Andy brought a cake for all members celebrating a November birthday.

The meeting began with a presentation of the 2009 National Caravan to Bowling Green by Jeff Duda and Bob Hamilton. Members watched a video that explained about the '09 caravan. Currently, there are 28 official caravans. Each one is headed by volunteer captains. One caravan from the '03 was over 85 miles long. There is a driver's meeting each morning to determine number of miles for the day. One caravan arranged for gas to come to them. 8,000 corvettes participated in the 50th Anniversary caravan. Whatever money is left over goes to the museum. Average hotel price is \$100/night. Jeff & Bob have rooms available if you sign up on the website www.corvettescaravan.com and give them your email. They will, in turn, send info about hotel registration. But **you must signup for the New Jersey caravan** to take advantage of special room rates with Jeff and Bob. Drive will be leisurely, only driving until 4:00 pm with enough time to stop for dinner, etc.

New Members: **Paul Gustafson** '86 convertible
 Mark Sandillands '05 coupe

Vice President: **Steve Blanchies** reported 81 paid memberships. Time to renew 2010 membership at \$35 per year.

Treasurer: **Harvey Smith** presented the financial report.

Member at Large: **Mike Metcalf** reported no new business. He has transferred materials to Elouise Wolos.

Newsletter Editor: **Barry Kimmelman** reported that he has turned the reigns over to Jim Ebner. Website update – will be adding new things. Any member interested in having their car on website, email Barry.

Social Chairperson: Vacancy

* **Club Ambassador:** **Bob Gerber** reported no new business

Old Business: **2009 Club Officers** – no additional nominations – nominations closed
 CCND Concord Mall Show – Great show – 23 cars – Ladies loved boards designed by former member **Joe DeSanta**
 Corvettes for Chip – 235 cars from 19 clubs – feature article will be published in Vette Magazine
 Hayride – 11/15/08 – wagon leaves at 6 pm

New Business: **Change meeting location** – to be tabled for another meeting
 Adopt-A-Family – **Janet Taylor** reported that it will be a single mother with 3 children. Anyone willing to shop, ask her for the wish list.
 CCND Holiday Party – 1/17/09 – **Janet Taylor** reported that it will be held at the IBEW Union Hall, 814 W. Basin Rd. (Rte 141), New Castle, catered by **Therese & Frank Ventresca** – 7 – 12 pm - \$55 pp – includes beer, wine, soda, chocolate fountain, etc- by latest, Janet needs # attending by 1/10/09.

Thomas Massey House – frostbite run – 11/27/08

Ronald McDonald House – 11/30/08 – meet at 8:30 to serve breakfast at 9 am

County Corvette Toy Drive – Sat, 12/6/08 – 10-1 pm

Charlotte Stigler made motion to make Vice President-elect Joe Biden (a corvette owner) an honorary member – motion was seconded and approved. (Joe will be notified)

50/50: \$30 to **Jim Ebner**

* Not an Officer Position

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2008

Member of the Month

Riding Shotgun
by.....Donna Rumford

I fell in love with a red convertible Stingray the summer of 1973 when I was a poor college student working on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. One day, my boss tossed me the keys and said, "Take her for a spin". My best friend and I cruised down the coast to Cape Hatteras then further south across the ferry to Ocracoke Island. On the way back, feeling a bit more confident, I felt the adrenaline rush of 110 MPH on the open beach road. Nine years later, I fell in Love with Andy while we were both poor Special Education Teachers Andy purchased his first Corvette only after realizing that "Life is too short" when I nearly lost my life. The stroke robbed me of ever driving again, among many other obvious things, but I continue to vicariously feel the rush from the passenger seat. At times, it is difficult to go to shows and admire all the awesome vehicles. I would like to thank each and everyone of you for making me always feel welcome even though I will forever now "Ride Shotgun".



Corvettes for Chip.....

By Jim Ebner – CCND Vettester Newsletter Editor Photographs by Barry Kimmelman

On Sunday November 2nd, a cool fall day, the 2nd Annual Corvettes for Chip Show was held in Kennett Square hosted jointly by Corvette Club of Northern Delaware and Keystone State Corvette Club. The show was a huge success with 235 Corvettes on display. Owners came from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and as far as New York attended one of the best show and final shows of 2008.

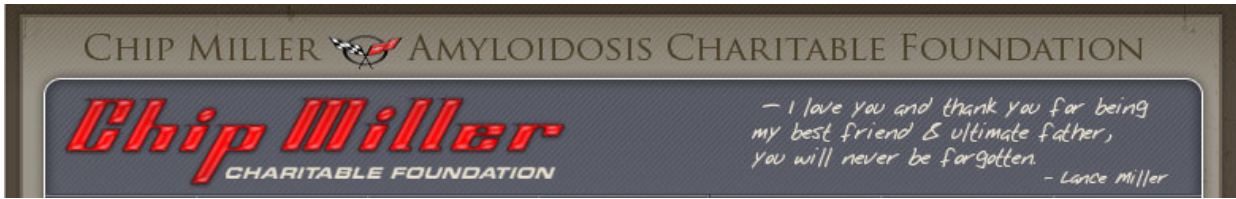
Special show guests, **Lance & Judy Miller**, were at the show and brought one of the incredible cars from the Miller Car Collection, the C5R-#004 racecar driven by Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr. It was a truly an amazing automobile. Lance is a true “Statesman” for the Corvette World and really cares about the cars and more importantly, the people involved. His presence at the show was a real gift and a very positive addition to have him there.



CR5 - #004

As with every event, we like to remember that we are blessed to own the most beautiful cars ever made, and to share our good fortune with others; this event was no exception. With everyone’s support, proceeds from this event totaled \$3600, which was donated to the Chip Miller Amyloidosis Charitable Foundation. Your continued support for events like these should remind all of us that

“Life is Good”.....



CCND and KSCC Donation Presentation to Lance Miller







Best of Trophies.....





The Corvette Club of Delaware Valley hosted a "Slow Drag" which was great fun to watch and congratulations to CCND member, John Perrott for having the "slowest" Corvette at the show.





Jonathan Perrott accepting the award for the Slow Drag. Jonathan, age 10, was a very excited passenger in all four races won with his Grandfather – Congratulations John and Jonathan

We had a Chinese Auction, Charlotte and Bob Gerber as the DJ's and MC's for the day, photo framing and a number of other great items from the show sponsors. Not only was the number of cars that turned out great but the quality was unsurpassed. If you missed being there this year, you do not want to miss next years show on Nov. 1st, 2009. We look forward to seeing you in 2009.

****See all the pictures on the Chip Miller and Corvettes for Chip websites:**

http://www.chipmiller.org/picture_gallery <http://corvettesforchip.com/Photos/photos.html>

Veterans' Day Salute – 2008

Photos by Steve Blanchies







The “Owners Garage”



Web Site of the month – Thanks Bob Arthur

<http://www.racingjunk.com/category/1153/Corvettes.html>

Build a ZR 1 in 5 minutes (Found by Jim Ebner)

http://videos.streetfire.net/video/Corvette-ZR1-Build_166644.htm

The “Owners Garage” is a place where other members can contribute to the monthly newsletter. As with all garages, you may find anything in here. It can be anything that you want to share, Corvette related or not. You could tell us about an upcoming wedding anniversary or family birth announcement. Anything you want to share with the CCND Membership. I am hoping this gives everyone the opportunity to contribute. If you want to send me something, you can e-mail me at jimebner@msn.com or jimebner@vetteclub.org.

December Birthdays

Harvey Smith	December 1
Brian Falla	December 8
Alane Whitmore	December 9
Margaret Spayd	December 12
Michael Ciabattoni	December 14
Jim Hagerty	December 17
Pat Piesieki	December 19
Janice Wahl	December 25
Rose Marie Steinhouser	December 28
Ken Kruk	December 29
Alan Simkins	December 29
Mary Anna Hagerty	December 31



The Crank Shaft.....

Humorous Diversions



Honey, I Found Your Golf Ball

A man staggers into an emergency room with a concussion, multiple bruises, two black eyes and a five iron wrapped tightly around his throat. Naturally, the doctor asks him what happened.

“Well, it was like this,” said the man. “I was having a quiet round of golf with my wife, when at a difficult hole, we both sliced our balls into a pasture of cows. We went to look for them, and while I was rooting around, noticed one of the cows had something white at its rear end. I walked over and lifted up the tail, and sure enough, there was a golf ball with my wife’s monogram on it– stuck right in the middle of the cow’s butt.” “That’s when I made my big mistake.” “What did you do?” asks the doctor.

“Well, I lifted the cow’s tail again and yelled to my wife, “Hey, this looks like yours!” “I don’t remember much after that!”

Speeding Ticket

A driver is pulled over by a policeman. The policeman approaches the driver’s door. “Is there a problem Officer?” The policeman says, “Sir, you were speeding. Can I see your license please?” The driver responds, “I’d give it to you but I don’t have one.” “You don’t have one?” the officer says in dismay. The driver responds, “I lost it four times for drink driving.”

The policeman is shocked. “I see. Can I see your vehicle registration papers please?” “I’m sorry, I can’t do that.” The policeman says, “Why not?” “I stole this car.” Responds the driver. The officer says, “Stole it?” The driver says, “Yes, and I killed the owner.” At this point, the officer is getting irate. “You what!?” “She’s in the trunk if you want to see,” replied the driver.

The Officer looks at the driver and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes, five police cars show up, surrounding the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasp his half-drawn gun.

The senior officer says, “Sir, could you step out of your vehicle please!” The driver steps out of his vehicle. “Is there a problem sir?” asked the man. “One of my officers told me that you have stolen this car and murdered the owner,” replied the officer. “Murdered the owner?” asked the man in disbelief.

The officer insists, “Yes, could you please open the trunk of your car?” The man opens the trunk, revealing nothing but empty space. The officer says, “Is this your car sir?” The man says “Yes,” and hands over the registration papers. The officer, understandably, is quite stunned. “One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license.”

The driver digs in his pocket revealing a wallet and hands it to the officer. The officer opens the wallet and examines the license. He looks quite puzzled. “Thank you sir, one of my officers told me you didn’t have a license, stole this car, and murdered the owner.”

The driver replies, “I bet you the lying SOB said I was speeding, too!”

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