



# Vettester

*The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware. October 2008*

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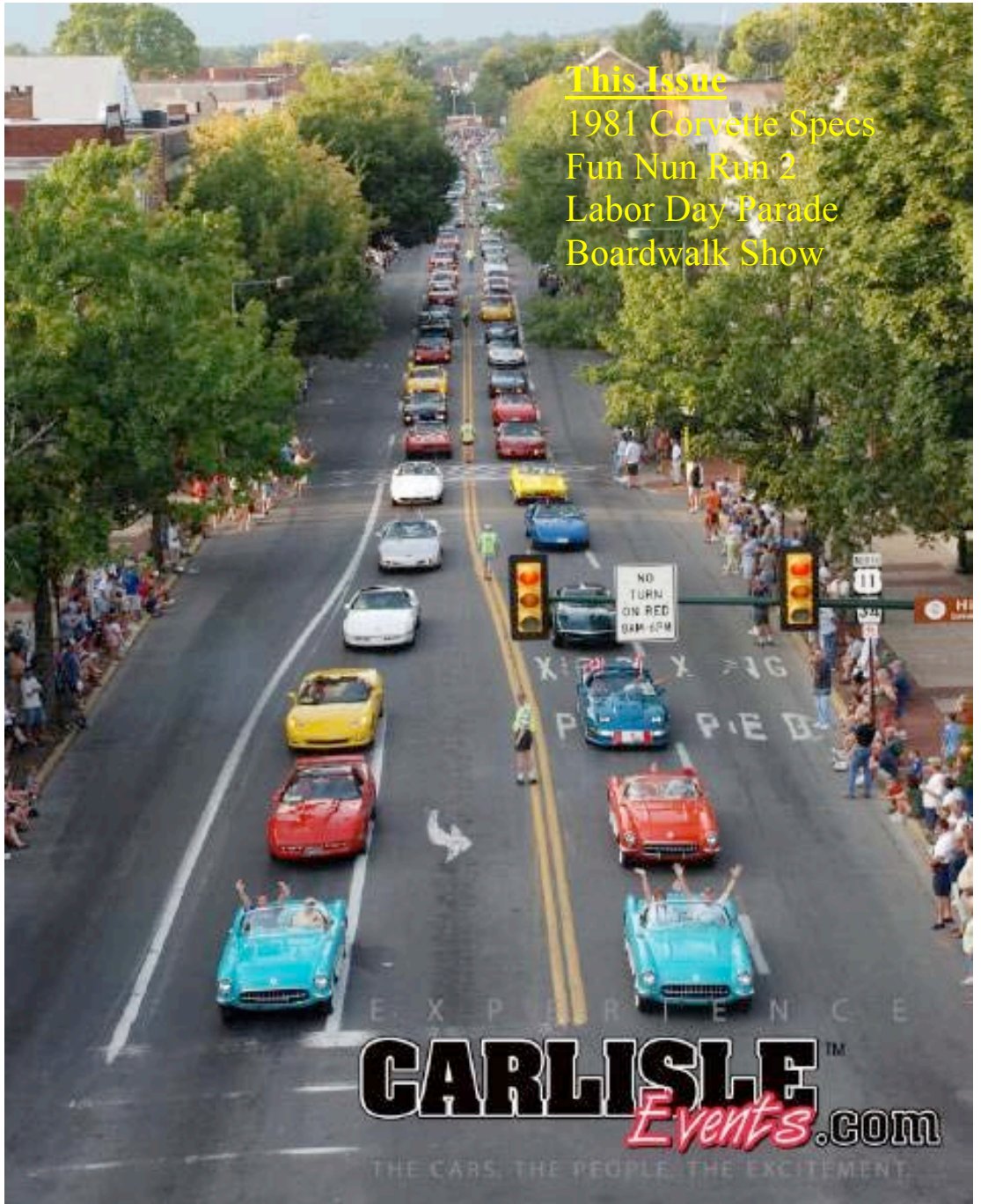
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**CCND celebrating  
35 years!**



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*Larry & Mary Lou Gilbert leading the 2008 Corvettes at Carlisle Parade*



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# On the Road

By Andy Rumford



What a month it has been for events around the area!! I wish to thank everyone who came out and supported the event at the Lone Star on September 13<sup>th</sup> and also those who caravanned over to the Veterans Hospital in support of their event on that same day. It was a great time at both shows. Thanks Bob Gerber for “leading the Caravan”. The Lone Star benefit raised about \$650.00 and we wish to thank Mike Liskowski for the work and time he put into this function. The Veterans Show, “Supporting the Troops” was a very nice event. Several CCND members were fortunate enough to take home a “Top 20” pick out of the 150 cars present, but the awards were really secondary. We had an opportunity to talk with Claude LaCombe who put on this function and CCND volunteered to assist Claude next year in this endeavor.

The Club Officers had an opportunity to meet for our end of year/show planning session earlier in the month and ironed out many things related to the October 5<sup>th</sup> show as well as to get a grasp on other items club related. These mini-sessions we have at the Hollywood Grill on Route 202 are always a good way to get us all on the “Same Page”, as well as to exchange ideas. Thanks to all of you for attending.

September 27<sup>th</sup> will find CCND Members at the Boeing show right off route 95. This event is on the clubs website and I had a chance to go their last year. A good number of CCND members were at this “all car” event with about 350 cars attending. The

next day on the 28<sup>th</sup>, on Silverside road at the Silverside Complex (next door to Chuckie Cheese’s) will be the Talleyville Fire Companies show for the Ronald McDonald house. This show last year had about 150 cars and was a nice one, very relaxing and well run.

The Ocean City Show on September 21<sup>st</sup> was a huge success with CCND bringing 13 cars to the event. Thanks to Barry and Linda for “leading” the way thru the dense fog! The Boardwalk show is a wonderful time each year and with 430+ cars, it’s becoming bigger and better. Congrats to Charlotte, Norm, and Adam for bringing home the “hardware”.

October 5<sup>th</sup> is a big day for CCND as we host the “Iron Hill” show. The show committee met at Michael and Marion Crank’s house on the 19<sup>th</sup> for a few hours to EAT, drink, eat some more, and discuss the show. Thanks to Michael and Marion for the food as well. We have a very good handle on the show at this point and we are looking for a great turnout. PLEASE come out and support your Club!!!! October 19<sup>th</sup> finds Shows at Smithville, NJ and also at Delaware County Community College. On the 25<sup>th</sup>, CCND will be having its annual Hayride at Carousel Park on Limestone road. Please sign up for this function online or at the next meeting. The wagon will leave at 6PM sharp. Dress warmly. Jim, we will miss our driver this year!

October 26<sup>th</sup> is CCND’s Fall Concord Mall show. “A tribute to the ladies of CCND”. The Deadline is October 1<sup>st</sup>

for sending me 3-5 pics of your car as well as a few paragraphs about your Vette. The “ladies” will be parked in the center of the Mall and will radiate outwards in all directions. Please send me your data in an email ASAP.

Also remember, October is your time to “nominate” Club Officers, so please come to the October meeting and let your voice be heard. All positions are up for nominations.

It’s been a wonderful season up to this point and with October in full swing so very soon, so take advantage of it. My garage is almost built, finally and my Vette will be stored for the first time ever this winter. Sure beats looking out my window and seeing my car with a foot of snow on it. Thanks to all of you who have lent your “Knowledge” to this project. Nothing quite like doing it yourself. As the leaves change color, grab your keys, and enjoy the changing of the seasons, as the time shortens for all of us so very soon to be ...

## On the Road

# ***Meeting Agenda***

***Upcoming Agenda for the next meeting on 10/7/08***

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## **Corvette Club of Northern Delaware** **Agenda 10.7.08**

### **Call to Order:**

### **Welcome:**

### **New Members:**

### **2008 Officers Reports:**

Vice President: Steve Blanchies  
Treasurer: Harvey Smith  
Member @ Large: Mike Metcalf  
CCND Governor: Fred Krumm  
Newsletter Editor: Barry Kimmelman  
Social Chairperson: Vacancy  
Show Chairman: Michael Crank  
\* Club Ambassador: Bob Gerber

### **Old Business:**

Club Show (Iron Hill) Recap  
Club Calendar - Update (Mike /Steve/ Jim)  
Lone Star Corvette Show 9.13.08 Recap  
Boardwalk Corvettes 9.21.08 Recap  
VA Hospital Show Recap  
Vettes in Glasstown Recap  
Bylaws - adding webmaster

### **New Business:**

2009 CCND "Club Officer" Nominations  
Changing Meeting Locations - (Iron Hill / Newark Country Club)  
CCND Concord Mall Show - A Tribute to the Ladies (10.26.08)  
CCND Hayride -10.25.08 (6PM wagon leaves)  
Adopt a Family - (Janet Update)  
CCND Holiday Part - (Janet Update)

### **Adjournment:**

### **50/50:**

**Next Meeting date is November 4, 2008**

# CCND SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

## Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Andy Rumford** on September 2, 2008. Andy brought a sheet cake for all members with September birthdays. Andy asked for each attendee to write down ideas/concerns for officers' meeting on 9/14/08.

**New Member:** **Jim Teoli - 1998 Silver Convertible**

**Vice President:** **Steve Blanchies** reported 77 paid memberships. Steve had 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary shirts available for members who ordered.

**Treasurer:** **Harvey Smith** not able to be present. Steve Blanchies presented the financial report.

**Member at Large:** **Mike Metcalf** reported no merchandise on order.

**CCND Governor:** **Fred Krumm** not able to be present.

**Newsletter Editor:** **Barry Kimmelman** reported that he needs "Member of the Month" articles. Anyone attending a show, take pics, write a few paragraphs, and send to Barry. **Andy** noted that Barry not only maintains our club website, he also created the website for the "Corvettes for Chip" show.

**Social Chairperson:** Vacancy

**Show Chairman:** **Michael Crank** reported that the trophies are awesome. There will be a volunteer meeting at Mike's house at 7 pm on 9/19. Sponsor money needs to be in by 9/10 with wording and spelling for show shirt.

Michael introduced **Bill Perkins**, the founder of **Friendship House** and this year's charity. He said that his ministry was founded 20 years ago and has a coalition of churches helping 300 people per day. He reported a 30% increase in homeless people. The Friendship House's mission "is a non-profit Christian Corporation committed to making a difference in the lives of homeless and impoverished people in Wilmington." He also stated that any money received would go a long way to help offer hospitality, education, and empowerment of the people he serves.

**\* Club Ambassador:** **Bob Gerber** reported that he has emailed our club brochure to the surrounding clubs.

**Old Business:**  
**Club Calendar** - Mike and Steve working on  
**VA Hospital Car Show** - 9/6/08 - rain date to be emailed - meeting at Park-n-Ride @ 10am  
**Club picnic** - thanks to **Marian & Mike Crank**, everyone had a wonderful time  
**Corvettes for Kids** - 200 cars - raised \$22K-\$25K  
**Labor Day Parade** - 10 cars strolled down King St  
**35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary t-shirts** - Steve has order ready

**New Business:**  
**Webmaster** - Motion was approved to make the webmaster a club officer position  
**Lone Star Corvette Show** - 9/13/08 (Sat) - 11-4 - show flyer will be emailed  
**Corvettes for Chip** - 11/2/08 - NCCC event - last show of year - wonderful event  
**Cruise for Christ** - 9/7/08 - Bear, DE - free registration - 12-4 - info on web site  
**Wheaton Village** - 9/7/08 - sign up sheet went around  
**Officer's Meeting** - 9/14/08  
**Boardwalk corvettes** - 9/21/08 - sign up sheet went around  
**CCND Concord Mall show** - 10/26/08 - a tribute to the ladies - if interested write up 3-4 paragraphs & pics and send to Andy by 10/1/08  
**CCND Hayride** - sometime in October - date to be determined

**50/50:** \$28 to Marian Crank

\* Not an Officer Position

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2008 (Club Officer Nominations)**

# CCND Events

## CLUB EVENTS FOR October 2008

- Oct 5, 2008**  
**Sunday**  
**CCND ANNUAL CORVETTE SHOW at Iron Hill Brewery**  
Our show will run from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm with a Rain Date of October 12. For more information and show flyer see the website: <http://www.vetteclub.org/shows/ccndshow1.html>
- Oct 7, 2008**  
**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.
- Oct 12, 2008**  
**Sunday**  
**PENNSYLVANIA RENAISSANCE FAIRE – 11:00 AM – 8:00 PM**  
A day at the faire is filled with fun for the whole family. Wenches, Knights, Jousting and Pirates make for an exciting afternoon. “Reign” or Shine. Gate admission prices: Adult \$26.95 & Children \$9.95. <http://www.parenfaire.com/>. Details and sign-up sheet on the website: <http://www.vetteclub.org/activities/activities.html>
- Oct 25, 2008**  
**Saturday**  
**CCND Hayride & Bonfire – 5:45pm – 9:00pm**  
Our Hayride at Carousel Park. Meet at the park by 5:45pm for the schedule 6:00pm hayride followed by a bonfire with hotdogs and drinks. Info and sign-up sheet on the website: <http://www.vetteclub.org/activities/activities.html>
- Oct 26, 2008**  
**Sunday**  
**CCND Annual Fall Concord Mall Show**  
Our annual Fall show at the concord Mall. This year we are highlighting “The Ladies of CCND”. More details and sign-up sheet on the website: <http://www.vetteclub.org/activities/activities.html>
- Nov 2, 2008**  
**Sunday**  
**CCND & KSCC Corvettes for Chip Show**  
Our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual show. Come out and support our clubs show and charity. Info, and registration on the show website: <http://corvettesforchip.com>
- Nov 4, 2008**  
**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.
- Nov 12, 2008**  
**Wednesday**  
**CCND Dinner / Pizza Night**  
Meet at 6:00pm at the restaurant – Giordano’s in Kennett Square, Pa <http://www.giordanoksq.com> Details and sign-up sheet on the website: <http://www.vetteclub.org/activities/activities.html>
- Nov 30, 2008**  
**Sunday**  
**Ronald McDonald House Breakfast**  
Meet at 8:00am at the Ronald McDonald House to help serve breakfast to the kids. Info and sign-up sheet on the website: <http://www.vetteclub.org/activities/activities.html>

## LOCAL EVENTS

- Oct 3 – 5, 2008**  
**Friday – Sunday**  
**DELAWARE AUTO SHOW @ THE CHASE CENTER ON THE RIVERFRONT**  
Full blown auto show with complete line of autos, sneak peek at '08 models, vintage, classics, tuners and line of aftermarket products and services.
- Oct 4, 2008**  
**Saturday**  
**O.G.S.C.C.'S HADDON HEIGHTS FALL FESTIVAL & CORVETTE SHOW**  
Hosted by the Original Garden State Corvette Club. Haddon Avenue @ Station Avenue in Haddon Heights, NJ. Show info here: [http://www.ogsc.com/pdf/Haddon\\_Heights\\_Oct2008.pdf](http://www.ogsc.com/pdf/Haddon_Heights_Oct2008.pdf)
- Oct 11, 2008**  
**Saturday**  
**“AUTUMN IN MOORSTOWN” ANTIQUE & CLASSIC CAR SHOW ON MAIN STREET**  
Arts & Crafts, Music, & Food will be available. Show info here: <http://www.lakescorvetteclub.com/events.html>
- Oct 11, 2008**  
**Saturday**  
**Kerbeck’s Toys for Tots Run**  
Details and registration on their website: [Kerbeck Toys for Tots](http://www.kerbecktoysfortots.com)

## October Birthdays



Nancy Skinner	October 3	T.J. Bubacz	October 16
Alan Chambers	October 8	Patty Avery	October 18
Ralph Woodrow	October 11	John Cooper	October 21
Edward Wolos	October 14	Paula Boulden	October 30
Gary McKenzie	October 15		



# ***CCND Fun Nun Run 2***

***Text & Photos by: Steve Blanchies***

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We had another rewarding evening on the Fun Nun Run. Frank Ventresca & I went to the door to get our guests and out came Gabriel, David and Rebecca. They were with us last year. First words out of Gabriel's mouth were "Where is Fred?" After taking some pictures the children chose the Corvette they wished to ride in and then the Sisters hopped into one of the remaining Vettes. We headed off for pizza and some one on one time with the children. Rebecca had asked where were Andy & his Corvette. After pizza we headed to Dairy Queen for ice cream before returning them home. The sisters had told us that they expected the 3 children to be returned to their mother some time this fall. This event is just one of those feel good experiences! Try it.





# ***Labor Day Parade***

***Text & Photos by Steve Blanchies***

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CCND had a great showing with 10 Corvettes at the Labor Day Parade. Some of us met at Arners Restaurant prior to caravanning to Wilmington. There were the usual politicians shaking hands and handing out name stickers. After traveling down King Street we headed to the Letter Carrier's union office for sandwiches and pizza. Branch 4015 thanks CCND for participating with them in the parade.





# ***Ocean City, NJ Boardwalk Show***

***Text & Photos by B. Kimmelman***

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September 21<sup>st</sup> was the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Ocean City, NJ Boardwalk Show hosted by Boardwalk Corvette Club. Once again the weather was perfect and turnout was exceptional, with over 430 cars registered. In fact this year they had to turn away some late arriving cars because of lack of space. Next year they will arrange to “rent” another block of the length of the boardwalk to handle more cars.

CCND members represented our club with 13 cars. We met at Mike’s Famous and departed at 7:30am and caravanned together to the Jersey Shore. It was an interesting drive first thing in the morning as the fog was VERY thick while traveling on Rt. 40 and as the lead car Linda and I could barely see even just a few feet past the nose of the car. It made for quite an interesting trip...

We managed to make it to the OC airport though without mishap where all the show cars were staged before hitting the ‘boards. Once all the cars were there and registered the best part of the show (for me anyway) took place; we traveled in groups to the boardwalk with people lined up along the street watching and waving, it was like being in a parade. Once at the entrance and driving onto the boardwalk itself there is a very large group cheering, waving, & taking pictures and videos, than we drove the length of the boardwalk to park. What fun!!!

Seeing over 400 corvettes of all years, from NCRS cars, to customs and modified, and even a few of the simply outrageous, in a beautiful venue of the Jersey shore makes this my favorite show of the year each year.

CCND members Charlotte Stigler, Normal Powell, & Adam Wahl even came home with trophies. Congratulations guys!!! If you couldn’t make the show this year you missed out on a great day and hopefully you will be able to join us next year.





# BOARDWALK CORVETTES

# 1981 CORVETTE

## Corvette specs by the year



- Corvettes with Turbo Hydra-Matic had a new fiberglass-reinforced monoleaf rear spring that weighed just eight pounds (33 pounds less than the multi-leaf steel spring it replaced). The new spring eliminated interleaf friction.
- Manual-shift models kept the old spring, as did those with optional Gymkhana suspension.
- Side door glass was made even thinner again, in a further attempt to cut overall car weight.
- A new L81 version of the 350-cid V-8 arrived this year rated at 190HP & included light-weight magnesium rocker arm covers.
- New stainless-steel free-flowing exhaust manifolds weighed 14 pounds less than the previous cast iron manifolds.
- A new thermostatically-controlled auxiliary electric fan boosted cooling and allowed use of a smaller main fan.
- The engine air cleaner had a new chromed cover.
- A new Computer Command Control system controlled fuel metering, as well as the torque converter lock-up clutch that operated in second and third gears.
- Manual transmission was available in all 50 states.
- It was the first time in several years that buyers of Corvettes sold in California could order a stick shift.
- A quartz crystal clock was now standard.
- The Corvette's standard anti-theft alarm added a starter-interrupt device.
- Joining the option list was a six-way power seat.
- Electronic-tuning radios could have built-in cassette or 8-track tape players or a CB transceiver.
- Corvette buyers had a choice of cloth-and-vinyl or leather-and-vinyl upholstery.
- Corvettes rode on P225/70R-15 steel-belted radial blackwall tires on 15 x 8 inch wheels.
- The optional Gymkhana suspension (price \$54) was also included with the trailer towing package.
- Body colors this year were
  - Mahogany Metallic, White, Silver Metallic, Black, Bright Blue Metallic, Dark Blue Metallic, Yellow, Beige, Red, Maroon Metallic, Charcoal Metallic
- Four two-tone combinations were available:
  - Silver and Dark Blue, Silver and Charcoal, Beige and Dark Bronze, Autumn Red and Dark Claret
- All two-tone cars were painted at the new plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky.
- Interiors came in Silver Gray; Charcoal; Dark Blue; Camel; Dark Red; and Medium Red.

### I.D. NUMBERS

- The serial number [VIN] was stamped on a plate on the inner vertical surface of the left windshield pillar visible through the windshield.
- The St. Louis Assembly Plant Serial numbers ranged from 1G1AY87\*4BS400001 to 1G1AY87\*4BS431611
- The Bowling Green Assembly Plant Serial numbers ranged from 1G1AY87\*4B5100001 to 1G1AY87\*4B5108995 Engine serial number began 0001001
- Engine serial number began 0001001
- Corvette engines have the last six digits of the VIN stamped on the block just ahead of the cylinder head on the right-hand side combined with a three-letter engine code suffix
- Also cast into the top rear of the block is a four-symbol code indicating when the engine was built
  - The first letter of the date code shows the month the block was cast
  - The one or two numbers shows the month
  - The last digit shows the year

### ENGINE & Transmission

- There was only one motor for 1981, a new one called the L81, which was a 350ci V8 motor, overhead valve with a 4.00" bore and 3.48" stroke. Compression of 8.2:1 with 5 main bearings, hydraulic lifters, and a Rochester four-barrel carb. Output was 190hp@4200rpm.
- A manual 4-speed wide ratio transmission was standard, an automatic 3-speed turbo-hydro-Matic tranny was optional.

### CHASSIS

Wheelbase:	98 inches	Overall length:	185.2 inches
Front tread:	58.7 inches	Rear tread:	59.5 inches
Wheels:	8" wide slotted steel 15"	Tires:	15"
Brakes:	4 wheel disc	Positraction:	Standard
Front suspension:	upper and lower A-arms; unequal-length control arms; coil springs; anti-roll bar; tubular shocks		
Rear suspension:	Independent, trailing link, transverse semi-elliptic leaf springs		

### OPTIONS

RPO AU3 Power door locks (\$145)  
RPO CC1 Removable glass roof panels (\$414)  
RPO DG7 Electric sport mirrors (\$117)  
RPO FE7 Gymkhana suspension (\$57)  
RPO G92 Performance axle ratio (\$20)  
RPO MM4 Four-speed manual transmission (n/c)  
RPO QGR P255/70R-15 radial tires (\$72)  
RPO UM4 AM-FM radio with 8-track tape system (\$386)  
RPO UMS AM-FM radio with 8-track tape & CB system (\$712)  
RPO UM6 AM-FM radio & cassette (\$423)  
RPO UN5 AM-FM radio with cassette and CB system (\$750)  
RPO YFS California emissions certification (\$46)

RPO A42 Power driver seat (\$183).  
RPO C49 Rear window defogger (\$119)  
RPO D84 Two-tone paint (\$399)  
RPO F51 Heavy-duty shock absorbers (\$37)  
RPO K35 Cruise control (\$155)  
RPO N90 Four aluminum wheels (\$428)  
RPO QXH P255/60R-15 radial tires (\$491.92)  
RPO U58 AM-FM stereo radio (\$95)  
RPO UL5 Radio delete (\$118 credit).  
RPO V54 Roof panel carrier (\$135)  
RPO ZN1 Trailing package (\$110)

### HISTORICAL NOTES

- Introduced: September 25, 1980. Model-year production: 40,606 (but Chevrolet first reported a total of 40,593 units).
- Calendar-year production: 27,990.
- Model-year sales by U.S. dealers: 33,414.
- Of the total output this model year, 8,995 Corvettes came out of the new plant at Bowling Green, Kentucky, which began production in June 1981.
- Despite some weak years in the industry, Corvette sales remained strong through this period.



# ***A Day at the NASCAR Races***

***Text & Photos by Andy Rumford***

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While over 430 Corvettes were enjoying the “Day at the Beach”, Corvette Style many months previously on my birthday, my wife Donna gave me 4 tickets on September 21<sup>st</sup> to the Nascar race at Dover. I had never been to Dover, but thanks to Michael Crank, had gone to Charlotte, NC with him in May to the Lowes motor Speedway to see the Coca-Cola 600. I have always been a Nascar fan from way back, but had never been to a race. Well, after the first turn at Lowes on that beautiful May night, I was HOOKED AGAIN for life. Nothing quite like the tremendous, earth shaking roar as 43 cars just explode past you. The race at Dover on the 21<sup>st</sup> was awesome, 110,000 people for this 400-lap race. The smile returned to my face once again for hours on end as those “rocket ships” blew past us. We had wonderful seats right on turn 4, halfway up, right on the railing. The lead changed hands many times throughout the day and in the end, taking the checkered flag was Greg Biffle, his 2<sup>nd</sup> win in a row. I am tempted, quite tempted, to go to Dover next year and take a “Hot lap” with one of these drivers. They offer them for \$99.00 on the Monday following the race. Four laps with a Nascar driver, how cool would that be? Just to hit 170 MPH and get the feel of the track firsthand. Thanks to Michael and Marion for going with us. It’s always great to share things with good friends and this was one Birthday, I will never forget!



# Humorous Diversions

Add a smile to your day.....



You are in the middle of some kind of project around the house mowing the lawn, putting a new fence in, painting the living room, or whatever. You are hot and sweaty, covered in dirt or paint. You have your old work clothes on. You know the outfit - shorts with the hole in crotch, old T-shirt with a stain from who knows what, and an old pair of tennis shoes. Right in the middle of this great home improvement project you realize you need to run to Wal-Mart to get something to help complete the job.

Depending on your age you might do the following:

In your 20's:

Stop what you are doing. Shave, take a shower, blow dry your hair, brush your teeth, floss, and put on clean clothes. Check yourself in the mirror and flex. Add a dab of your favorite cologne because you never know, you just might meet some hot chick while standing in the checkout lane. You went to school with the pretty girl running the register.

In your 30's:

Stop what you are doing, put on clean shorts and shirt. Change shoes. You married the hot chick so no need for much else. Wash your hands and comb your hair. Check yourself in the mirror. Still got it. Add a shot of your favorite cologne to cover the smell. The cute girl running the register is the kid sister to someone you went to school with.

In your 40's:

Stop what you are doing. Put a sweatshirt that is long enough to cover the hole in the crotch of your shorts. Put on different shoes and a hat. Wash your hands. Your bottle of Brut Cologne is almost empty so you don't want to waste any of it on a trip to Wal-Mart. Check yourself in the mirror and do more sucking in than flexing. The spicy young thing running the register is your daughter's age and you feel weird thinking she is spicy.

In your 50's:

Stop what you are doing. Put a hat on, wipe the dirt off your hands onto your shirt. Change shoes because you don't want to get dirt in your new sports car. Check yourself in the mirror and you swear not to wear that shirt anymore because it makes you look fat. The cutie running the register smiles when she sees you coming and you think you still have it. Then you remember the hat you have on is from Buddy's Bait & Beer Bar and it says, 'I Got Worms.'

In your 60's:

Stop what you are doing. No need for a hat anymore. Hose the dog shit off your shoes. The mirror was shattered when you were in your 50's. You hope you have underwear on so nothing hangs out the hole in you pants. The girl running the register may be cute, but you don't have your glasses on so you are not sure.

In your 70's:

Stop what you are doing. Wait to go to Wal-Mart until they have your prescriptions ready, too. Don't even notice the dog shit on your shoes. The young thing at the register smiles at you because you remind her of her grandfather.

In your 80's:

Stop what you are doing. Start again. Then stop again. Now you remember you needed to go to Wal-Mart. Go to Wal-Mart and wander around trying to think what it is you are looking for. Fart out loud and you think someone called out your name. You went to school with the old lady who greeted you at the front door.

I was having trouble with my computer. So I called Richard, the 11 year old next door whose bedroom looks like Mission Control, and asked him to come over. Richard clicked a couple of buttons and solved the problem.

As he was walking away, I called after him, "So, what was wrong? He replied, "It was an ID ten T error."

I didn't want to appear stupid, but nonetheless inquired, "An, ID ten T error? What's that? In case I need to fix it again."

Richard grinned... "Haven't you ever heard of an ID ten T error before?"

"No," I replied. "Write it down," he said, "and I think you'll figure it out."

So I wrote down: **ID10T** ..... I used to like the little sh!t!!!

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