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On the Road

By Andy Rumford



Well, the season has “officially” begun with the first show of the year, that being Strictly Corvette in Atlantic City at the Convention Center. The indoor show turned out to be a very nice event. A total of 230 Corvettes and a sizeable number of Corvette Only Vendors filled the available space. A total of 6,500 individuals (excluding those exhibiting their cars) passed thru the gates. The dates are set for next year’s event as well with April 24th and 25th, 2010 being the dates to mark your calendar. Hope to see you their.

Mark your calendars for May 9th. On this date CCND’s own Kevin Frazier will be hosting a car show at Kimothy’s Lounge in Townsend, Delaware. The show benefits Breast Cancer Awareness and is sponsored by the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows. The times are noon to five. Please help support this worthy cause. If you are interested in going, we will be caravanning together, so please call me at 302.388.8865 ASAP.

The monthly food drives to the Delaware Food Bank and quarterly clothing drives to the Friendship House have been working wonderfully. I want to thank everyone so very much for helping others who are less fortunate and truly, who are in need. Your contributions have made a difference in someone’s life.

Please stay tuned as well for the Clubs “Christmas in July” toy run and cruise. We are gathering information and will be sharing it shortly. Last year’s event was a HUGE success. A special thanks to Mike Metcalf for once again taking the Lead on this. Thanks Mike!!

At our April meeting, Jeff Bedekovich from Dover Speedway was our Guest Speaker. Jeff has provided us with details and costs on an upcoming Nascar Race. Based upon the huge show of interest we had at the meeting, details will be formulated and presented at the May or June meeting. Stay tuned. There will be a sign up sheet with all associated costs due at the time we sign up.

It’s never too early to think about Corvettes at Carlisle. The dates this year are August 28th-30th. Take a look at their revised website as well at <http://www.corvettesatcarlisle.com>. This year depicts a Race Car theme. Should be a great time indeed.

Don’t forget the Clubs annual Concord Mall Show on Fathers Day to benefit adopt-a-family. A sign up sheet went around at the April meeting and again will be circulated at the May meeting. This is a rain or shine event and a day in the Mall is always a fun time. Please come out and support our “Club”.

There’s no better time of the year for Corvette owners than right now to dust off the vettes and hit the roads. Hope to see all of you at the next meeting on May 12th or

On the Road

Corvette Club of Northern Delaware Agenda 5.12.09

Call to Order:

Welcome:

New Members:

2009 Officers Reports:

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Old Business:

2009 Corvette Caravan...(Steve / Michael)...Updates?
Strictly Corvette Recap.. April 24-25th, 2010 date set
Fathers Day Show...Concord Mall, June 21st...sign up sheet
May 16th...Liberty Region Corvette Club Show..sign up sheet
May 17th...Historical Car Club of Pennsylvania , Linvilla Orchards Show
May 24th...Promenade at Sagemore Show

New Business:

June 20th...Cavalcade of Corvettes by CCDV
June 13th..Vintage Thunder.....Cecil County Drag Strip
Corvettes for Chip Update.....Sponsor Letters

Adjournment:

50/50:

Next Meeting date is June 9, 2009

** Not an Officer Position

Race Day at NJ Motorsports Park

Story & Photos by Steve Blanchies

Lynn took some pictures too!

With several days of rain preceding our tour of the New Jersey Motorsports Park, I was wondering if it was going to happen. As it turned out April 4, 2009 was a sunny but windy day. CCND met several members of First State & Keystone State Corvettes Clubs at Mike's Harley-Davidsons.



We also picked up members of Corvettes Unlimited at several places on our caravan to Millville.

With our arrival there were 48 Corvettes along with a mid-engine Audi and a BMW to share the day with us. While enjoying our continental breakfast we were given some history of the Millville Military Base and told about the 16 years it took to get the park opened. The tracks were named Thunderbolt & Lightning to honor the history of the air base.



Then we headed out to the Lightning Track for some laps. What fun that was to be out on the track.



We came back to the Officer's Club to watch some laps by the SCCA. Then it was hot laps by Corvette Designer and renowned race driver, John Heinricy. Several of us climbed the tower to get a view of the whole track. Hold on to your hat! It was very windy up there.



Now it was time to run the Thunderbolt track. Several of us mentioned that the pace on this track seemed to be a lot faster than the other track. It was fun to try and run the line of the track. Even at the speeds we were going it was very exciting.

We had a great buffet lunch and then enjoyed a presentation by John Heinrich. He told us about his history with GM and the Corvette. He was responsible for some of the performance increases in the Corvette.

To finish the day we headed to the Kart Track. Sign the waiver and suited up - fire suit, full head sock, helmet and neck brace. The 9 HP karts are capable of about 55 MPH. There were so many of us that we had to run in 3 groups.



Upon jumping in the kart, I'm looking for the seat belt but there was none. We finally get the green flag after a pace lap by a kart employee. Off we go! That was a lot of fun too. The karts were really fast!



After a full day at the track we headed home. It was a blast and I want to do it again! They have several programs for beginners and I plan on trying it out. Any one else want to go?

(More pictures available on the CCND Web Site - www.vetteclub.org)

The Cruizin' for a Cure Relay for Life Team (Story and Photos by J. Ebner)

The second annual Cruizin' for a Cure Car Show was held in Dover Delaware on Saturday April 18th. The show attracted over 130 cars from New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Delaware. The shows proceeds benefited the American Cancer Society with Street Rods, Vintage Classics, Pickups, and a few Corvettes all in attendance.

The show conflicted date wise with the Strictly Corvettes show in Atlantic City however, rising money for such a worthy cause can never be bested. The following pictures as just some of the cars that attended.

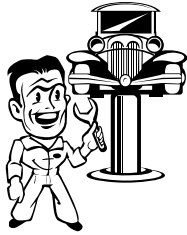


The show organizers presented 25 various trophies, with a Chinese Auction, 50-50 Raffle and a DJ to provide the music. In all the event raised over \$1,000 to help support the fight against cancer.

If you would like more information on the Relay For Life and how you can help please visit:
<http://www.relayforlife.org/relay/about>







The "Owners Garage"



The May 12th CCND Meeting will be at the

Newark Country Club
300 West Main Street
Newark, Delaware 19711-3218

- <http://www.newarkcc.com/>

For directions to NCC please try - <http://www.newarkcc.com/directions.htm>

Upcoming Events

Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series Racing - Sunday, May 3, 2009 - NJ Motorsports Park ([map](#))
Signup on the website Activities page or contact Steve Blanchies 50thaecorvette@comcast.net

Car Show for Breast Cancer – Saturday May 9, 2009 – Kimothy’s Lounge, 4035 South DuPont Highway, Townsend, DE 19734 – Contact Kevin Frazier 1-856-275-5393 for more info

Liberty Region Corvette Club Show – May 16, 2009
<http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/liberty/ShowApp.html>

Historical Car Club of Pennsylvania , Linvilla Orchards Show – May 17, 2009

Promenade at Sagemore Show – May 24, 2009

CCND Concord Mall Show - Fathers Day Show - Sunday, June 21 - 10:00 am to 6:00 pm - Concord Mall

CCND has a New On-Line Store

The new CCND online store is on the CCND website <http://www.vetteclub.org/clubstore/clubstore.html>
One store is from CafePress and offers PRINTED items (like silk-screening) on a large variety of items.
The second store is our "Specialty items" store, which features embroidered apparel and accessories from Mary Lou Gilbert and Photo throw-blankets & pillows from LB Keepsakes (Linda and Barry Kimmelman).

May Birthdays

Alice Smith	May 2	Jay Branter	May 4
Margee Michaels	May 5	Horace Whal Jr.	May 5
Jody Mortarulo	May 7	Mellisa Sterner	May 13
Bob Avery	May 15	Steven Michaels	May 22
	Linda Woodrow	May 28	



Happy Birthday Everyone!!!!!!





1987 CORVETTE

Corvette specs by the year

The 1987 Corvette coupe and convertible saw several noteworthy changes. Chevy's continuing quest for reduced engine friction in the interest of both performance and economy resulted in rollers being added to the hydraulic lifters, along with rocker-arm covers with raised rails to forestall oil leaks. Thanks chiefly to the former, horsepower went up by 10, to 240 in all, and torque improved by 15 lbs/ft, for a total of 345. A six-way power passenger's-seat option was now offered (matching the standard driver's item), and major body and mechanical components were given special identification marks to further foil thieves.



The convertible's base price rose about \$1,100 in 1987 to \$33,172. Ragtop sales improved for the model year to 10,625, but coupe orders fell to 20,007.

What's more, a second suspension option was made available only on manual-transmission-equipped coupes; designated Z52 and priced at \$470, this was essentially a softer version of the Z51 package, with the wider (9.5-inch) wheels, plus a solid and thicker front anti-roll bar, the new gas-charged shocks, quick-ratio steering, and all but one of the chassis stiffeners developed for the convertible. A thicker-core radiator and a second electric cooling fan were also included. Spring rates and bushings were carried over from the base chassis.

The racing-oriented Z51 suspension, listing at \$795 for 1987, had all the Z52 hardware but much stiffer springs and front lower-control-arm bushings, plus a solid (instead of link-type) rear stabilizer. Enthusiast magazines praised the new suspension for the improved ride quality with only the most minor differences in handling characteristics.

On the acceleration side of things, *Motor Trend* timed a manual-shift 240-bhp roadster at 6.3 seconds 0-60 mph and clocked the standing quarter-mile at 15.11 seconds and 93.8 mph. With prices now starting at \$27,999 for the coupe and \$33,172 for the ragtop, critics felt the Corvette was becoming too pricey for its own good, though it was still perceived as being a better value than the European exotics of the time.

Though not a factory option, speed-hungry buyers could order a car with a new Callaway Twin-Turbo Engine package through participating dealers. Designated as RPO B2K, and priced at a budget-busting \$19,995, the twin-turbo was rated at 345 bhp and 465 lbs/ft of torque and could reach a top speed more than three times the legal limit -- all the way to 177.9 mph with .60 overdrive gearing. These were specially modified Corvette engines (except for the first four off the line, which used GM truck shortblocks); cars would be shipped from Bowling Green to Callaway Engineering in Old Lyme, Connecticut, for modification.

Corvette sales continued their downward trend on the 1987 model year, sliding to 30,632; of that figure, convertibles accounted for 10,625 units, which was 3,400 above the 1986 Corvette total. Exactly 184 well-heeled buyers opted for the Callaway twin-turbo version.

The year 1987 brought more horsepower to the Corvette, and with it came increased torque. For those looking for a little less speed, Chevy offered the Z52 package, which was essentially a softer version of the Z51.



Horsepower was up to 240 for 1987 via a revised exhaust system and low-friction roller-type valve lifters for the aluminum-head L98 V-8, new for the 1986 Corvette. Automatic transmission remained C4 standard, with an innovative "4+3" manual gearbox optional.

Vehicle Production and Base Prices

Car Type	Production	Price
2-door coupe	20,007	\$27,999.00
2-door convertible	10,625	33,172.00

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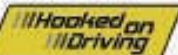
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