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On the Road

By Andy Rumford



With November fast approaching, I have to sit back and "wonder" where the season went. It seemed only yesterday we all were so very excited about the Strictly Corvette show in Atlantic City. The months just flew by.

The CCND Holiday party will be here before we know it. That event is scheduled for Sunday December 6th at the Greenville Country Club. More information about the event is located on www.vetteclub.org. Please come and join us for a wonderful evening! At the November meeting, please see Michael Crank or Andy, as the ticket money will be due.

The Corvettes for Chip show as you know has been postponed until November 8th. So far, we have 29 CCND members signed up for this fundraiser against Amyloidosis. See you all at Brandywine Picnic Park on the 8th. More information can be found at www.corvettesforchip.com or you contact me at 302.388.3858.

Have you ever been to the Thomas Massey house? The historic car club of Pennsylvania otherwise known as HCCP, has what is known as the Frostbite run. This takes place on Thanksgiving morning for a few hours, ending by noon. It is held in Springfield, Pa., only 10 minutes past the Granite Run Mall. It is simply a gathering of all cars at the Thomas Massey house. More information can be found on HCCP's website, www.historicalcarclub.org.

The Christmas Toy drive at County Corvette in West Chester, Pa. is taking place on Saturday, December 5th from 10-1 this year. More information is available at www.countycorvette.com at the bottom of the homepage. Several CCND members each year can be seen at this event. Hope to see you there.

I want to thank everyone who participated in CCND's Club display inside the Concord Mall. The Mall was thrilled with the number of Corvettes we had attend. It was so very nice to see so many "first timers" in the Mall. Thanks so very much!!!!

Our November meeting is a time for all of us to nominate "Club Officers". All positions are open. It is quite an honor to be a Club Officer of CCND, and all of us who are surely realize this.

Well, with the season now winding down, time to start my "Off season" list of items to do on my 1979. This will be my first season with the 2001 as my daily driver. Wonder how a Vette runs on the snow. I'm sure I will find out soon enough!! Looking forward to being.....

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Corvette Club of Northern Delaware Agenda 11.10.09

Call to Order:

Welcome:

***** New Members:*****

****** Monthly Meeting and all Activity SIGN UP SHEETS Will now be located by the dessert Table ******

****** Name Tags will be located in the back of the room next to the dessert Table.**

2009 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

NCCC Governor: Vacant

Christine Carlantonio Secretary

**** Club Ambassador: Bob Gerber**

Old Business:

Corvettes for Chip ...show recap

Ronald McDonald House Breakfast

Holiday Party...December 6th (Greenville Country Club..update)

CCND Tech seminars... (sign up sheet up table)

Concord Mall show Recap

Adopt-a-Family...Amount contributed this year..

Dover Mall Update

New Business:

2010 Club Officer Nominations

County Corvette ...Toys for Tots Cruise...12.5.09 (Times 11-2)

Frostbite Run.. 11.26.09 "The Massey House on Lawrence Rd Between RT 3 & 320 in Broomall, Pa"

Adjournment:

50/50:

Next Meeting date is December 8, 2009

**** Not an Officer Position**

CCND OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Andy Rumford** on October 13, 2009. Marion Crank made a cake for all members celebrating an October birthday.

Jim Ebner presented a slide show of the caravan to Bowling Green.

Vice President: **Steve Blanchies** reported 80 paid memberships.
Treasurer: **Harvey Smith** presented the financial report.
Webmaster: **Barry Kimmelman** not able to be present.
Member at Large: **Elouise Wolos** reported no new orders.
Newsletter Editor: **Jim Ebner** asked for Member of the Month articles (look at archived member's stories for examples), will be taking orders for 2010 calendars – cost to be less than \$10.
Social Chairperson: **Marian Crank** reported on the following activities:

10/27 - Dinner at Chesapeake Yacht Club
11/15 - Marylou Gilbert early Thanksgiving Dinner – 4:00 pm - \$5/person – bring dish
12/06 - Holiday Party at Greenville Country Club – 6:30 pm – Surf & Turf - \$42pp
01/01 - Breakfast at Ronald McDonald House – 8:30 am – 11:00 am

Co-Show Chairman: **Michael Crank** – nothing to report

CCND Governor: Vacant

* **Club Ambassador:** **Bob Gerber** not able to be present

Old Business: **Corvettes for Chip Update** – Chinese Auction items needed – 62 sponsors – need volunteer to video show
Dover Speedway – a Blast!!
PA Renaissance Fair – 10/14/09 – sign up sheet at meeting
CND Tech Seminars – hands on approach for your car – sign up sheet at meeting
Adopt A Highway – sign up sheet at meeting

New Business: **2010 Club Officer Nominations coming in November**
Concord Mall Show – 10/25/09 – sign up sheet at meeting
Ocean City Maryland – 10/16 & 17 – hosted by Free State Corvette Club
DE County Community College Show/Flea Market – 10/18/09 – go to www.spokenwheel.com for info

- Not an Officer Position

50/50: \$68 – **Karby O'Conner**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2009

MEMBER OF THE MONTH –

Jim DeFord

November, 2009

I am a proud father of 3. I have a 2 teens (son and daughter) and a son that is 33 in Florida. All really great children. I have been fortunate to have been surrounded by sports cars my entire life.

When I first started school, my mom drove me to school in her brand new black 60 MGA convertible. That is likely why I have loved convertibles my entire life since. My first Corvette was a 1975 and I in turn drove my first son long ago to kindergarten in it. Therefore, he knows the great feeling.

I got away from 2 seats for a while but among others had a 1964 SS Impala 4-speed Convertible, and a 1969 Camaro SS 4-speed coupe. I especially enjoyed restoring both with my older son. He loves convertibles as well and bought a 2002 Viper RT/10.

I wish I had a crystal ball sometimes but the present is really good. My younger children now have licenses and I was long overdue for another Vette. I set my sights on a C5 and found a very low mileage LS1- 98 C5 Convertible. One test drive and I bought it on the spot.



The level of refinement, handling, power and performance is a real joy. The best part is driving it on back winding roads and it is a blast to drive. On long trips, you want to drive even further.



I have really enjoyed being a proud member of the Corvette club and especially doing charitable causes helping others. I have met many nice people and feel privileged to be a member. That is icing on the cake. I also play golf, travel a lot, and rarely use my boat anymore, as I love driving my car more!

20 Questions:

Name: Mike Metcalf Sr

What is your age? 60

What is your occupation? Director-AT&T Network Operations

Where do you live? Newark (Salem Woods)

What is your marital status? Married

Do you have children? 2- Mike Jr & Melissa

Do you have pets? Not at this time

What is your Favorite Food? Blacken Grouper

What is your Favorite Music? Rock N Roll

What made you want to join CCND? Purchased a corvette and friend told me about club.

How long have you been a CCND Club member? 9 years

How long have you been interested in Corvettes? Saw a white 63 rip down the road in 1963

Are you a Driver or Passenger? Driver

When did you get your first Corvette? 2000

What year was your first Corvette? 1971

What is your favorite over-all Corvette? 67 Big Block

What is your current model year Corvette? 2000

Do you prefer coupes or convertibles? Either

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 minor work, depending on what car it is.

Besides CCND and Corvette related activities, what non-Corvette interests do you have? Enjoy my time-shares in Cayman, Daytona and Key West, Golf, my family, especially my grandkids.

20 Questions:

Name: Kevin Frazier

What is your age? 50

What is your occupation Retired

Where do you live Newcastle Delaware

What is your marital status Single

Do you have children 3

Do you have pets two poodles

What is your Favorite Food

What is your Favorite Music jazz

What made you want to join CCND wanted to join a club that helped other that were less fortunate

How long have you been a CCND Club member 2 years

How long have you been interested in Corvettes long time

Are you a Driver or Passenger yes

When did you get your first Corvette five year ago

What year was your first Corvette 1999

What is your favorite over-all Corvette z06

What is your current model year Corvette FRC hard top coupe

Do you prefer coupes or convertibles coupe

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 do my own

Besides CCND and Corvette related activities, what non-Corvette interests do you have home improvements working with the elder people and the young , football basketball drag racing but most of all helping keep young people in school

20 Questions:

Name:

Craig Schwartz

What is your age?

Soon to be 44 in early part of 2009

What is your occupation?

Real Estate-Residential Sales; I actually cover Southern PA, New Castle County and have assisted in Kent County plus Sussex County. I belong to New Castle County Board of Realtors (NCCBOR) and also Sussex County Board of Realtors.

Where do you live?

Pike Creek region but it is still part of Wilmington, DE

What is your marital status?

Married... Perhaps I should give more than a one word answer here and add "Happily Married" for just over 7 years.

Do you have children?

We opted not to have kids. I now figured out if we did I probably would not have a corvette in the garage.

Do you have pets?

No, my wife has allergies. But I had both dogs and cats when I was a kid.

What is your Favorite Food?

Easy-Stone Crab Claws from Florida

What is your Favorite Music?

I would not know where to begin because I have such a broad spectrum of taste. Classic rock may be my base. Pink Floyd-love it, give me Bruce-great, Chuck Prophet-just recently discovered, Led Zeppelin sounds great in the vette, ZZ Top... sorry but no country or rap.

What made you want to join CCND?

I noticed not only the attraction for the corvette within the group but also the commitment to assist local charities or groups with fundraising. This aspect made it seem worth wild and fun.

How long have you been a CCND Club member?

Just under two years or about a few weeks after I had the corvette.

How long have you been interested in Corvettes?

The fascination hit me when I was in my early teens. Power, speed and the beautiful lines of the early C 3's always caught my eye. I thought perhaps my first one owned would be from the early 70's.

Are you a Driver or Passenger?

Is this really a question? Driver is the answer... I have never made a good passenger. Perhaps I like to be in control and enjoy the experience behind the wheel. The passenger is too passive of a position.

When did you get your first Corvette?

May of 2007 and I was scared to drive this car home. Not only have I not driven a manual in oh 18 years but my last car had a 4 cylinder engine. I had to trade in my Harley Davidson at the same time. My wife was not comfortable with me riding a Harley.

What year was your first Corvette?

2007

What is your favorite over-all Corvette?

This may be tough because I am sure each one has its advantage. But my true experience is the one I currently have so I am going to go with the C6 especially in the Atomic Orange color.

What is your current model year Corvette?

2007 C6 Z51 Coupe

Do you prefer coupes or convertibles?

I love both but the coupe offers me more trunk space for my briefcase and other items. Plus I love the look of the back window from the rear or side profile. Don't forget I can throw my top in the trunk and still get some fresh air. Almost best of both worlds!

Do you prefer Automatic or Manual Transmissions?

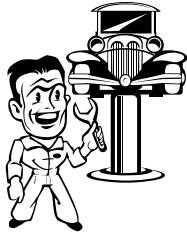
No doubt-manual transmissions especially for this car. O.k. stuck in traffic may be the only pain but hey with the top off who cares!

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

This may be one of my biggest mistakes but I did not take shop in school. So I take the car to the mechanic.

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

Wine is one of my biggest passions. Love to travel, scuba dive, big on bicycling (I can get my bike in the vette by taking off the front wheel), photography and beach-water activities.



The "Owners Garage"



The November 10th CCND Meeting will be at the **Newark Country Club** - <http://www.newarkcc.com/>
300 West Main Street
Newark, Delaware 19711-3218

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

Upcoming Events

Corvettes for Chip - November 8 2009 - [Brandywine Picnic Park](#) (RAIN DATE)
690 S. Creek Road
West Chester, Pa 19382

For additional local car show listings in the NJ, DE, and Southeastern PA area see here:
<http://www.cruisinnews.us>

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 and Photo throw-blankets & pillows.

November Birthdays



J. Greg Wood	November 2	Veda Chambers	November 3
Barbara Scott-Cooper	November 3	Jim DeFord	November 6
Yvonne Connor	November 8	Sylvia Crouse	November 12
Brenda Boling	November 14	Linda Kimmelman	November 15
Lesley Frost	November 20	Ashley Polis	November 21
Jim Ebner	November 24	Kathy O'Connor	November 26
Michelle Falla	November 28		



Happy Birthday Everyone!!!!!!



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