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On the Road

By Andy Rumford



With the beauty of fall quickly approaching, there is not a better time to get into your Vette and cruise the back roads or highways.

October brings many functions for CCND including our clubs Fall Concord Mall Show. Please signup today on www.vetteclub.org for this event, taking place on 10.25.09. If you have already signed up, theirs no need to do so again. We need 25 CCND members to fill the Mall and to date, 13 have signed up, so please, if you are interested in this function signup as soon as you can online. There will be a signup sheet at the October meeting as well. Its always a fun day inside the mall, so come and join us.

November brings the Corvettes for Chip show to our area. With 240 Corvettes attending in 2008, expectations are running high this year for an even larger turnout. I wish to thank the many individuals who are securing sponsorships for this event. To date, we have 45 sponsors onboard. such as East Coast Supercharging, Mecum Auctions, Auto Buffs, County Corvette, Pro Team Corvette just to name but a few. With all of our hard work and dedication, this event should continue for many years honoring the memory of Chip Miller.

Fall Carlisle is just around the corner from 9.30.09 until 10.4.09. This will be the last chance of the year to roam the Carlisle fairgrounds before 2010 in search of that elusive part. Hope to see you there.

Have you marked October 24th on your calendar? That is the date we head to the PA Renaissance Faire, which is located at the Mount Hope Winery. Take a peek at www.parenfaire.com . In 2008, CCND had 6 members travel to the faire and I can surely say all of us had a wonderful time. Hope you can make it this year. There will be a signup sheet at the club meeting for this function.

Again, this month we will have signups sheets near the dessert table for the "tech" seminars as well as the "Adopt-a-Highway" program. Please take a second and sign up for these 2 very good programs.

With November right around the corner, please keep in mind as well, that our Clubs "officer" nominations will be taking place that month. All Officer Positions are open for nomination.

Another wonderful "season" for many of us is coming to a close soon, so please take every opportunity to drive your Corvette and enjoy the smile it brings to all of us. Hope to see you out there

On the Road

Corvette Club of Northern Delaware Agenda 10.13.09

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:

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Christine Carlantonio Secretary

**** Club Ambassador: Bob Gerber**

Old Business:

Caravan 09 Slide Presentation – Jim Ebner

Corvettes for Chip Update - Chinese Auction Items needed / Sponsors

2010 Club Calendar - pictures to Jim Ebner

Ronald McDonald House Breakfast Date - ????

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

Dover Speedway Recap

Seminar - Hands on (sign up sheet on table)

PA. Ren Faire - 10.24.09 (sign up sheet on back table)

CCND Tech seminars - (sign up sheet on back table)

Adopt-a Highway - If interested sign up sheet on back table

Corvettes for Kids.....by Andy Rumford

Sunday August 9th proved to be a rather wet and rainy day for this years Corvettes for Kids. Despite the rain, this event had 110+ Corvettes.



CCND was represented with Mike Metcalf, Jim Ebner and Andy Rumford in attendance.



The Show this year rose close to \$42,000.00, which is quite sizeable with the number of Corvettes in attendance this year. The silent auction in the school gym was full of wonderful items to bid on with so many individuals contributing to this wonderful cause. The Corvettes for Kids Event is such a great way to spend the day and the show for 2010 proves to be even bigger and better.

Cruizers for Christ

Pictures by Emily Ebner and Mike Metcalf



Waiting for Registration to start – Over 100 cars attend the event



Some of the ladies of CCND who attended enjoying the moon bounce.





Congratulations to Andy Rumford and Dave Whitman winning top trophies –
Andy Top 25 and Dave for Ladies Choice

Days prior to the event the rain had been more than anyone really needed. It was as if it was June all over again, that was until Sunday's event. (Maybe someone was looking out for us) The weather was perfect and the cars in attendance made for an outstanding early fall event. Over 20 members' form CCND had attended and our hosts for the show, Mary Lou and Larry Gilbert did a wonderful job with everything.

Second Times a Charm.....

By: Jim Ebner

Having gotten my first Corvette in 2007, I would never have thought I would be getting a second one in less than 2 years. The cars are just simply an amazing work of craftsmanship, and a pure pleasure to drive.

For some strange reason as the spring of 2009 slowly arrived, I started looking at the late model C5's convertibles that were on the market. I had always wanted a convertible and the 2004 LeMans Commemorative Edition seemed to be a unique auto, which would be a great one to own. My Internet search led me to a dealership in Dayton Beach Florida. I have an uncle who lives 12 miles from Daytona and asked him to take a ride over and look at it for me. He called me from the Dealership's Lot going over the car inch by inch. It sounded like it was the one I was going to buy, however on his way back from Daytona Beach to Port Orange he passed by another dealership with the same model car in it's lot. I started the research all over again and this time this car was going to be mine. Oddly enough I had planned a family vacation to Orlando months earlier and it just seemed right to get the car while I was down there. Once again I asked my uncle to visit the second dealership and go over the car again, which he gladly did. I guess some retired guys have nothing to do and all day to do it. Yep the car was in great shape with a few more factory options than the other and for less money.

When I finally got to the price I wanted from the dealership, I first worked it out that I would finalize the deal while on vacation and have it shipped or driven home. However, if I had accepted delivery in Florida I would have to pay the Florida Sales Tax on it. Therefore, sight un-seen by me I bought the car and had it shipped to Delaware

Arrival Memorial Day 2009



The car arrived Memorial Day, 2009, and three days later, I was leaving for vacation for two weeks. I could not help it I just had to drive it a little. Therefore, with no official insurance or tags I went for a short drive.

Well driving it just made it worse knowing the car was going to be home sitting and it would be at least two weeks before I could drive it again. That was the longest vacation I had ever taken. Seems the secret to making the vacation seem longer is get a new car delivered, that you always wanted, right before you leave. Should have just paid the Florida Sales Tax and driven it home.

After a few months now, I could not be more pleased with how it has all worked out. I have added a few extras to personalize it but my license plate still and always will read DADSVET. (See April 2008 Member of the Month as to why)



Having recently participated in Caravan 09 to the National Corvette Museum and taking the car on the trip is something I will never forget. The friendships made, the events attended, the miles driven and the memories of the days make me just want to do it again. It's too bad we all have to wait 5 years to do it again.

One of the best parts of the trip was the tour of the Corvette Factory itself. It really is very impressive and I had my reservations about even going. The three hours we spent in the factory really was not enough. Seeing the process from start to finish was not only very interesting but also impressive as to the attention to detail the workers had shown throughout the manufacturing process. I can only hope that GM will continue the heritage of America's Sports Car and during the next Caravan, and we get to see the new line of Corvettes being manufactured at Bowling Green 5 years from now.



During the time, I have been involved with CCND and the short time I have owned a Corvette I could only wish my father was alive to have shared this all with me. I know he would have just been as ecstatic as I am to be part of something so proud and rich in tradition. The members of CCND are like an extended family. Being part of a club like ours is why Corvette Owners are some of the best people that anyone could ever hope to be a part of.

Thank you Dad for instilling on me the passion of owning and driving a Corvette. You will never be forgotten and will always be my passenger.

Jim Ebner
2004 Commemorative Edition Convertible

20 Questions:

Name: Melissa Sterner

What is your age? 30

What is your occupation? Human Resources

Where do you live? New Castle, DE

What is your marital status? Single

Do you have children? No

Do you have pets? Yes, 3 dogs

What is your Favorite Food? Italian

What is your Favorite Music? Country

What made you want to join CCND? I have loved Corvettes since before I got my driver's license and just purchased my own two years ago.

How long have you been a CCND Club member? 1 month

How long have you been interested in Corvettes? 15+ years

Are you a Driver or Passenger? Driver

When did you get your first Corvette? 2 years ago

What year was your first Corvette? 2001

What is your favorite over-all Corvette? The new convertibles

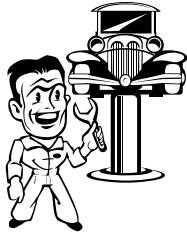
What is your current model year Corvette? 2001

Do you prefer coupes or convertibles? Convertibles

Do you prefer Automatic or Manual Transmissions? Automatic

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

Besides CCND and Corvette related activities, what non-Corvette interests do you have? I love the beach and spending time with my family, friends and my three dogs.



The "Owners Garage"



The October 13th 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>

For those who like GM cars, you'll love this! Punta Gorda, Florida is 50 miles north of Naples and a guy there has a GM collection that is just amazing. www.tinyurl.com/bits-001

Upcoming Events

Corvettes for Chip - November 1, 2009 - [Brandywine Picnic Park](#)
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 from Mary Lou Gilbert and Photo throw-blankets & pillows from LB Keepsakes (Linda and Barry Kimmelman).

October Birthdays

Bill Skinner	October 3	Gail Bowersox III	October 6
Elizabeth Pepeta	October 6	Alan Chambers	October 8
Jerry York	October 9	Ralph Woodrow	October 11
David Graham Sr.	October 12	Ed Wolos	October 14
Gary McKenzie	October 15	Patty Avery	October 18
John Cooper	October 21	Joan Doyle	October 30



Happy Birthday Everyone!!!!!!



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