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CCND MEETING MINUTES,12/13/11

Minutes taken by Rocco Crisconi

Meeting called to order 7:15pm

New members Introduced: 2 New members

Membership Report –Mike Metcalf– not present - 129 members, 70 paid memberships

Financial Report – HarveySmith\$8,224.70

Member at Large – Mary Lou – Shirts Pins and Hats for sale

Newsletter Editor - Andy Rumford – not present

Secretary – Christine Carlantonio – not present

Social Chairman – Don Nayden – Thank You to everyone for helping him.

Adopt a Family Donation was made to the YWCA

Sign up sheet provided for Ronald McDonald House to make breakfast New Years morning.

Co-Show Chair – Kevin Frazier – not present

Co-Show Chair – Jack Bianchino – not present

NCCC Governor – Bob Avery – gave report

Business Mgr. – Fred Krumm – shortest report “Your Welcome”

Club Historian – Bob Cook – gave nostalgic Report

Old Business – 3rdConcord Mall Show – April 22 or 29?

New Business

Election of 2012 Officers: Officers elected by Acclamation

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Club Historian: Bob Cook agreed to continue in position

Harvey motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:27pm

50/50 won by Fred Krumm\$44.00

*** Next meeting January 10, 2012, 7:00pm



Meeting Agenda for January 10, 2012

Call to Order

Welcome

New Members

2012 CCND Officer Reports

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Old Business

New Business

Adjournment

50/50 Mary Lou Gilbert

Next Meeting date is February 14, 2012

CCND Window Stickers	\$5.00 ea. Mount inside or outside
CCND Coffee Cups	\$6.00 ea.
CCND Calendars	\$10.00 ea.

Please be generous to your server.

During the meeting can all members please put your Cell Phones on VIBRATE...thanks

CCND... January, 2012 "Events"

CCND ACTIVITIES

- January 1st Ronald McDonald House Breakfast. See activities page on www.vetteclub.org for details.
- January 10th CCND club meeting @ 7pm at the Lone Star Restaurant on Route 13

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- January 20th AutoMania Annual Show, Allentown, Pa. , Details by calling 717.215.0700
- January 26th Motor Trend Auto Show, Pa. Farm Show Complex, more details at www.motortrendautoshow.com
- January 29th Philadelphia Auto Show, www.phillyautoshow.com for details

January Birthdays



Nick Cervelli.....	January 5
Nancy Stewart.....	January 6
Sandra Simkins.....	January 7
Greg Cue.....	January 8
Brenda McKenzie...	January 9
Jamie Duncan.....	January 10
Lisa Ciritella.....	January 12
Jim McGoldrick.....	January 14
Diane Picho.....	January 16
Larry Gilbert.....	January 18
Elaine Raign.....	January 21
Mike Mortarulo.....	January 22



Happy Birthday to Everyone!!

Getting to know CCND Members

Member / Photo: Bob Avery

Name: **Bob Avery**

Your Current Occupation: **Happily Retired**

Where do you Live? **Newark**

Are you married and do you have children? **Married / one son / 2 grand children**

Do you have Pets? **Poodle, named Sophie**

What's your favorite Vacation spot? **Key West**

What's your favorite food and Restaurant? **12's West Grove**

What's your favorite music and entertainer? **James Taylor**

How long have you been a CCND Member? **1993**

What year did you purchase your 1st Corvette? **From a customer of mine in North Jersey (1961 Roadster)**

What Generation Corvette are you driving now? **C2**

What non-corvette related interests do you have? **Photography**

Which do you prefer, Cruise Nights, Shows, Autocross etc. **Cruise Nights**

What is your most memorable Corvette moment? **Being part of the crew who delivered Christmas presents to the YWCA, Family shelter in Wilmington.**

How did you hear about CCND? **CCND cruise night Lantana Sq. October 9, 1993**

Anything you would like to add would be appreciated _____

Sure would appreciate as well a picture of you and your Corvette. Please send your completed forms to me at andyrumford@yahoo.com thanks so much!!!



Bob Avery

Getting to know CCND Members

Member / Photo: Larry Gilbert

Name: Larry Gilbert

Your Current Occupation: Publisher

Where do you live? Elkton, MD

Are you married and do you have children? Married, 3 children

Do you have Pets? Too many

What's your favorite Vacation spot?

What's your favorite food and Restaurant? Shrimp. Red Lobster.

What's your favorite music and entertainer? Classic rock, Gospel

How long have you been a CCND Member? 06

What year did you purchase your 1st Corvette? 1966 a'60

What Generation Corvette are you driving now? C-1, 1957

What non-corvette related interests do you have? Ministry

Which do you prefer, Cruise Nights, Shows, Autocross etc? Cruise Nights, Shows

What is your most memorable Corvette moment?

How did you hear about CCND? Car show

Anything you would like to add would be appreciated _____

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Larry Gilbert

CCND 2011, Annual Holiday Party

Story by Mike Metcalf, Photos by Bob Avery

Greenville Country Club-It was a brisk evening, not a cloud in the sky when 50 plus good folks from the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware ascended on the country club. We were greeted by the beautifully decorated club, along with many little Christmas creatures that wiggled, and walked and even talked and sang a few Holiday tunes. Marion once again added a bit of additional cheer to a nice evening. Could not help but notice Bob Avery snapping photos of couples next to the tree and ongoing festivities that will provide great memories. The food was delicious and the cake was great. The exchanging of gifts provided a lot of laughs...with the hunt for those special gifts, Fred Krumm will never recover!

A good evening, good friends and good times!

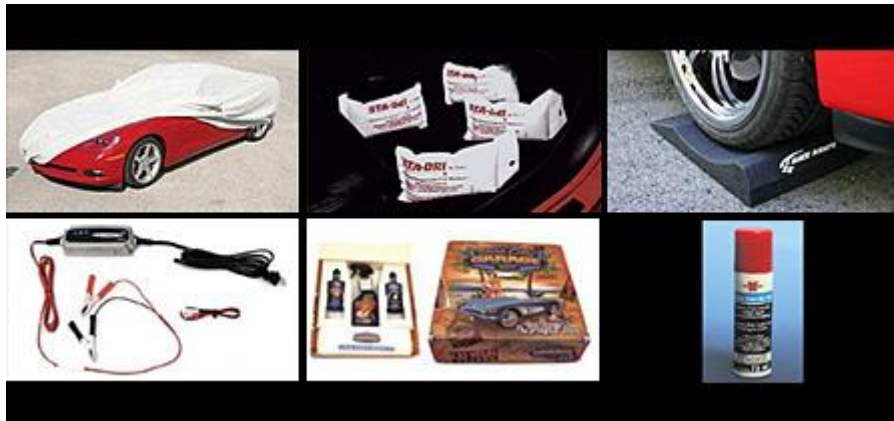
Note: **Many more pictures of the Holiday Party can be viewed at www.flickr.com . AR**





Six Cool Products for Winterizing your Corvette

** Article from Corvette Blogger with their written permission, <http://www.CorvetteBlogger.com>



When I saw the snow that fell in Las Vegas, I realized winter was officially here and that many [Corvette](#) owners have parked their rides until Spring. The wicked weather also gave me the idea to call my friends at [Ecklers Corvette Parts](#) to find out what the six most popular parts and accessories for winterizing [Corvettes](#) are. If you are planning on storing your Corvette for any amount of time, this list is for you!



[Aqua-Shed C6 Corvette Car Cover](#)

No Corvette owner should be without a quality Corvette Cover. The Aqua-Shed Plush car cover features a 4-layer polypropylene construction for maximum protection in all weather conditions and it absorbs impacts better than any other car cover fabric to help protect the finish from nicks, dents and scratches.



[Sta-Dri Moisture Protection Kit](#)

Place the bags inside your Corvette and protect the interior by eliminating the undesirable effects of humidity, mold and mildew. Also protects against rusting and corrosion. Bags work at all temperatures and are ideal for protection during storage. Bags are non-corrosive, non-toxic and produce no dust.

[Corvette Tire Storage Flat Stoppers](#)



Cars that sit for months on end in one place flat spot tires, it's a fact. You can prevent tire flat spotting with Flat Stoppers. Flat Stoppers go underneath your tires to insulate them from temperature extremes and the special lightweight polystyrene construction eliminates uneven pressure points regardless of how long [your car](#) sits. Use Flat Stoppers to put an end to ruining expensive tires.

[CTEK 800 Battery Charger](#)



You turn the key and nothing happens. Uh-oh, it's a dead battery. If your Corvette is reserved for "pleasure driving" it may not be ready to go when you are. Here's a safe and simple way to keep that from happening. Hook up a CTEK 800 Battery Charger available from Eckler's to ensure your Corvette provides you with pleasure not disappointment.

[Surf City Garage Wash, Wax & Detail Kit](#)



All of the Surf City Garage products are specifically designed for use on fine classics and Performance Corvettes. This line of top-quality car care products was developed by a car guy just like you and me, and they are exactly what you would develop for your Corvette if you were able to custom design them for your own Corvette. Includes 8 Oz. Bottle Pacific Blue Wash & Wax, 8 Oz. Bottle Barrier Reef Carnabua Wax, 24 Oz. Spray Bottle Speed Demon Wax Detailer & Two Nano-Detailer Microfiber Polishing Cloths.

[Wurth Rubber Care Gel Stick](#)



Keeps rubber seals on doors, trunk and [hood](#) in good condition. The resilience of all rubber parts is maintained, increasing service life and preventing cracking. Freezing and drying in winter are effectively prevented. Eliminates squealing, creaking and other noises caused by dry rubber. Easy to use gel stick applicator restores rubber parts and revitalizes bumper & body side moldings. END

2011 CCND's Adopt-a-Family

Story by: Marion Crank

CCND's adopt a family went well this year, we were given 2 families -Talisha and daughter Alice 2yrs old, and Griesha and her daughter Falina 11 yrs old, we provided their Thanksgiving dinner for 15 families and Christmas dinner with 16 turkeys, and all the trimmings and deserts, they needed cleaning supplies, we gave them a truck full of bleach laundry soap lysol, ajax, dish soap mops and buckets, room deodorizers, shampoos, deodorants, toothpaste and tooth brushes, bars of bath soaps...ect, then we got socks and gloves and hats and scarves, toddler clothing, they got boots coats jeans sweaters, dolls, and much more, they sent a thank you letter that I will read at the Jan meeting, they said we CCND make a PROFOUND difference for them to get through the times of need.

County Corvette 7th Annual Christmas Toy Drive , 12/3/11

Story by: Jim McGoldrick , Pictures at: www.countycorvette.com

The 7th Annual County Corvette Toy Drive 2011 for the kids at Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia was a huge success!

A sunny day , mild temperatures and the generosity of the car enthusiast community made it the perfect day to view great cars, make and renew old friendships and best of all, bring a smile to the patients that make use of the Ronald McDonald house. This year's event raised \$13,500, bringing the seven year total to \$54,000. Sixty two large contractor bags were filled with toys, not to mention 20 bikes for the kids to enjoy this Christmas and throughout the year.

An estimated 250-cars were in attendance, showcasing Corvettes, hot rods, street rods, vintage cars and drag race cars. Congratulations to Denny Parisan and the fine folks at County Corvette, who once again opened their facility and hosted this event. In a year of economic stress, the heartfelt support of this gathering, and generosity of the participants, was truly awesome. I have personally been on the team that delivers the truckload of presents to RMcD House and can testify to the gratitude they express for the kindness of the car hobbyist community.



C5 HEADLIGHT BULB REPLACEMENT

Story and Pictures by: Tom Benford, www.allaboutvettes.com



You can get stock replacement C5 headlight bulbs from the local NAPA store for under \$10, or you can upgrade to these Philips Crystal Vision bulbs for a few dollars more and get a lot more light output.).

Sooner or later one of the headlight bulbs in your C5 is going to give up the ghost and will have to be replaced. You'll only need some basic tools and under an hour of time. You can purchase a replacement bulb at the local NAPA store (for under \$10.00 - about half of what a genuine AC replacement would cost at the dealership) or – better yet – upgrade to a higher-output bulb like the Philips Crystal Vision bulbs for a couple of bucks more and then spend some quality time in the driveway with your tools and C5. Regardless of whether you have to replace a low-beam or a high-beam bulb on either side of the car, the procedures shown and described here are identical. It's not rocket science and you don't have to be an ace wrench to replace the bulb – it just takes a little time and a desire to save some money. That being said, here's how to do it.



Here's all you'll need to do the job. Optional (but very useful if you have one) is a telescoping magnetic wand (the thing with the red handle) – handy for picking up dropped screws, sockets, etc. (hey, it happens!). Not shown, but also useful is a pair of disposable nitrile gloves (they'll keep the hands clean and prevent finger oil from getting on the new halogen bulb which you don't want).

The first step is to determine which bulb is out; the outer bulb on either side of the car is the low-beam, while the inner bulb is the high-beam. As you can see here, the low-beam bulb on the drivers side was kaput.





With the hood open, but with the headlights still in the down position, use the Torx driver to remove the two Torx screws that hold the rear of the headlight cover in place. When these are out, you can open the headlights so that they are in the up position.



The headlight surround trim is the next item that has to be removed. It is held in place with three Phillips screws: one on the inside of the headlight and two on the outside. A stubby #2 Phillips driver comes in handy for chores like removing the inner screw, shown here



The outer two Phillips screws that retain the surround trim are removed next



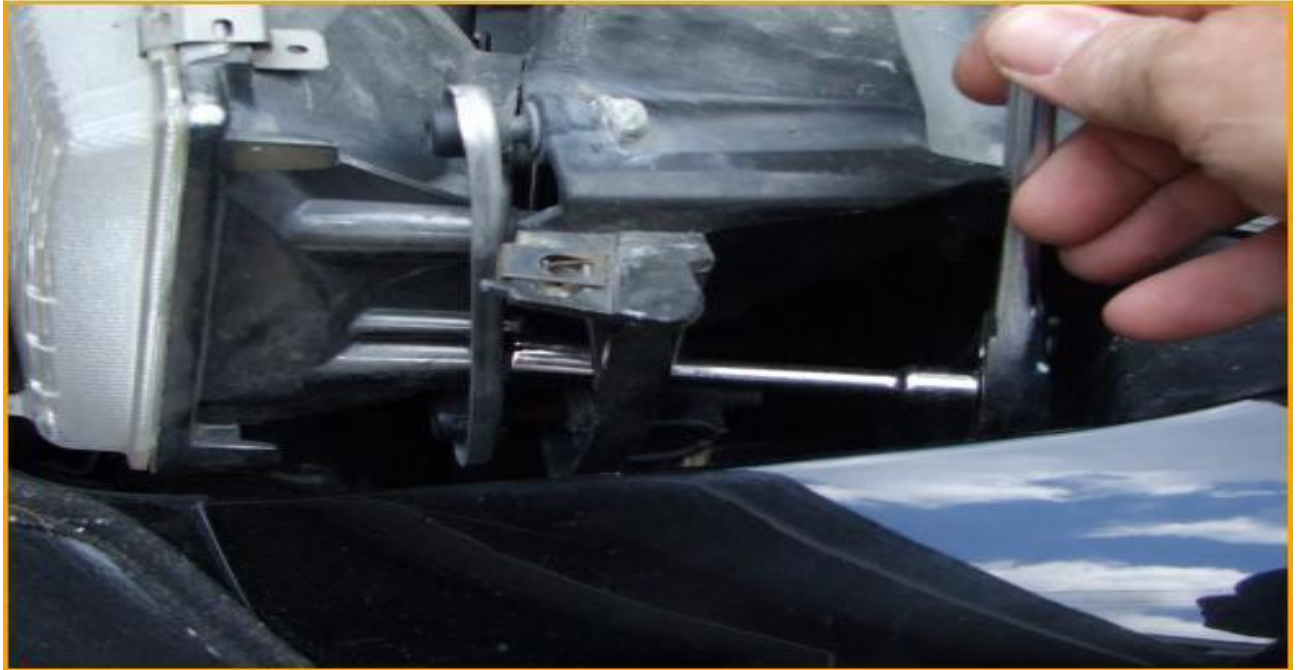
When all three of the screws are out, the surround trim can be removed by pulling up and outward on it at the same time.



The two remaining Torx screws that are still holding the headlight cover in place, one each on the inside and outside of the headlight assembly, are removed next. The headlight cover can then be lifted off.



Four Torx screws are used to retain the upper headlight frame assembly, and these are removed next. When they are out, you can lift off the upper frame. Be careful not to drop any of the washers that may be used as spacers.



With the upper frame out of the way, accessing the three 10mm bolts that hold the headlight in place is considerably easier. Two of these bolts are on the outside, and one is on the inner side. A ¼" drive socket with extension does the trick nicely. Be careful not to drop the bolts as you're removing them, otherwise you'll need a magnetic wand for their retrieval.



With the three retaining bolts removed, you can pull the headlight free. Here you see it out of its housing with the upper frame piece removed



Removing the old headlight bulb is simply a twist-and-pull operation. Be careful not to touch the glass element of the new bulb, since the oils on your fingers can shorten its life considerably. The bulb, with its plug, simply unsnaps from the harness.



Snap the new bulb into the harness and turn the headlights on just to make sure the replacement bulb lights up as it should. If there's a problem, now's the time to find out about it rather than after you get everything buttoned back up.



Wearing nitrile gloves is a good idea to eliminate the chance of touching the new bulb's element. Push the new bulb into the headlight assembly and twist it until it snaps in place. It will only fit one way, so you can't get it wrong

That concludes the installation. Now it's just a matter of putting everything back together. Secure the headlight assembly with the three bolts removed earlier and put the upper frame, cover and trim surround back in place, securing them in the reverse order of their removal. That's all there is to it.

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CCND Membership Application

Come be a part of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware. Simply complete the form and mail to the address below with your \$35.00/yearly payment. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. You can also complete this membership application online at www.vetteclub.org!

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Email _____
Birthdate _____ Corvette Year _____
Signature _____

Significant Other Name _____ Birthdate: _____

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The following Items are available by contacting the person indicated. Should you wish to order an item please contact them directly. What a great addition these would be.

Steve Blanchies: Club Calendars, Mugs and Window Stickers

Mary Lou Gilbert: Club Garments

Mugs: \$6.00



Window Stickers: \$5.00 for a set of (2)



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