



Vettester

*The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware
November 2015*

Happy Thanksgiving!



In this Issue of "The Vettester":

- *Corvette Racing's 2015 Season – and what's to come for 2016*
- *Fall activities galore...*

CCND OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



The October meeting was called to order by President **Steve Blanchies** at 7:00 PM with a good turn-out of members, but no guests this month.

- Vice President:** **Mike Metcalf** reported that the number of paid members is unchanged from last month. Dues for next year are due in November. Dues may be paid by giving a check to Mike or paying with PayPal from the club website, which is www.vetteclub.org.
- Treasurer:** The treasurer's report was given by Pres. Steve in **Harvey Smith's** absence.
- Secretary:** **Christine Carlantonio** was not able to attend; Jim Henderson took minutes.
- Show Chair:** The Show Chair's report was given by Pres. Steve in **Bob Avery's** absence. Bob has twenty-four club members signed up for our next Concord Mall show. He would like to have a few more.
- Social Chairperson:** **Lynn Adelman** reported on a number of events she is planning:
- The next dinner cruise will be to the Hibachi Grill on Kirkwood Highway on October 28. There is a Doodle poll. Please sign up if you are planning to go.
 - The holiday party will be at the Mendenhall Inn on December 12 from 6:00-10:00 PM. The cost will be \$47 per person. Please pay Lynn directly.
- Newsletter Editor:** **Fred Krumm** thanked everyone who has submitted articles. Keep them coming.
- Member at Large:** **Rocky Crisconi** reported no activity for the month.
- Webmaster:** **Jane Murray** mentioned that the club website sometimes goes down due to problems with the hosting server. If anyone notices this happening, please call Jane and she will get it fixed.
- Business Manager:** **Jim Davis** reported no activity for the month.
- NCCC Governor:** **Governor Jim Henderson** reported that elections for national office are on-going. The only position being contested is that of secretary and one of the nominees is from the Eastern region. The club ballot was cast for this person.
- Club Historian:** **Bob Cook** reported no activity for the month.
- Old Business:**
- **Jane Murray** reported that fifty-five people attended the club picnic at Harvey and Alice Smith's house in Odessa. Many thanks to Harvey and Alice for hosting at their beautiful home and thanks also to the picnic committee for doing such a great job organizing.
 - There will be no car show at Porter Chevrolet this year.
 - Five cars from our club went to the recent Boardwalk Corvette Show in OCNJ.
- New Business:**
- The First State Corvette Club has invited our club to join them doing pace laps at Dover Speedway on Sunday, October 18.
 - The Mustang Club has invited our club to join them at the Bellanca Airfield Car Show on Saturday, October 17.
 - "Corvettes for Chip" has been rescheduled for May 1, 2016.
- 50/50:** **Al Wentz** won the 50/50 and received \$46!

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Henderson, for **Christine Carlantonio**, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, November 10, 2015



PO Box 10132, Wilmington DE 19850-0132

Meeting Agenda for November 10, 2015:

Call to Order

Welcome

New Members

CCND Officer Reports

President: Steve Blanchies

Vice President: Mike Metcalf

Treasurer: Harvey Smith

Secretary: Christine Carlantonio

Show Chair: Bob Avery

Social Chairperson: Lynn Adelman

Newsletter Editor: Fred Krumm

Member @ Large: Rocky Crisconi

Webmaster: Jane Murray

Business Manager: Jim Davis

NCCC Governor: Jim Henderson

Club Historian: Bob Cook

Committee Reports: Adopt-a-Family, Picnic & Christmas Party

Communications

Old Business

- Concord Mall ~ November 1st Recap
- Dover International Speedway Recap
- Christmas Party

New Business

- Name Tags

Adjournment

50/50 Rocky

CCND Window Stickers -- \$ 5 each. Mount inside or outside

CCND Window Stickers -- \$ 5 each. Mount inside - clear background

CCND Coffee Cups -- \$ 6 each

CCND License Plates -- \$28 each. See Jim DeFord →→→→→→→→



Next Meeting: **December 8, 2015**

Please be **generous** to your server.

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

ROAD ATLANTA: Corvette's Successful 2015 Tudor Series Finishes on Challenging Day

(source – Corvette Racing website)

Action Express Racing wins Prototype race and titles; Gavin/Milner third in GTLM

- Barbosa, Fittipaldi take second straight Prototype Driver's Championship and Tequila Patrón Endurance Cup; win Prototype race with Sebastien Bourdais
- Garcia, Magnussen claim Tequila Patrón North American Endurance Cup in GT Le Mans
- Gavin, Milner bookend season with GTLM podium finishes in No. 4 Corvette C7.R

BRASELTON, Ga. - A damp Petit Le Mans ended Saturday, October 3 with Corvette Racing, and the Corvette Daytona Prototype program, claiming titles in the TUDOR United SportsCar Championship.

Prototypes -- Action Express Racing's Joao Barbosa, Christian Fittipaldi and Sebastien Bourdais won the Prototype class of the rain-shortened race - it ran just shy of eight hours of its 10-hour duration. Driving the No. 5 Mustang Sampling Corvette DP, Barbosa and Fittipaldi also captured their second straight Prototype Driver's Championship, as well as their second straight title in the Tequila Patrón North American Endurance Cup.



The Prototype race was a back-and-forth affair with all four Corvette DPs battling for the lead throughout. Action Express Racing ended with two cars on the Prototype podium - the No. 5 Mustang Sampling Corvette DP in first and the No. 31 Whelen Engineering/Team Fox Corvette Daytona Prototype of Dane Cameron, Eric Curran and Max Papis placing third.

The VisitFlorida.com Racing No. 90 Corvette DP and pole-winner Westbrook led early and were out front for most of the first two hours. Unfortunately for them, however, the treacherous track conditions induced a pair of spins which took them out of contention. Not surprisingly, the element of rain also added extra drama for the other three Corvette DPs. And so the Prototype race turned into mostly three-way battle between the two Action Express Corvette DPs and defending race winners Ricky Taylor, Jordan Taylor and Max Angelelli in the Wayne Taylor Racing No. 10 Konica Minolta Corvette DP, who eventually placed fifth in class.

In addition to the second drivers' title for Barbosa and Fittipaldi, VisitFlorida.com Racing's Richard Westbrook and Michael Valiante unofficially placed second in the Driver's Championship with their No. 90 Corvette DP. Cameron and Curran, in their first season together in Prototypes, placed third in Driver's points.

GT LeMans -- Corvette Racing's Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner placed third in GT Le Mans after leading the race overall on multiple occasions. The No. 4 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R started the season with a podium at the Rolex 24 At Daytona -- and ended it in like fashion.



Gavin began from pole position in class and ran among the leaders for most of his double-stint. He recovered from a minor off in his second stint before handing off to Milner. He drove a storming double-stint to move into the class lead nearly the halfway mark and then the overall lead a couple laps later before handing back over to Gavin.

Not long after that pit stop, race officials threw a red flag to halt the race due to the deteriorating conditions. The stoppage lasted about 30 minutes before the race resumed under full-course yellow conditions. Two more yellows came out over the final hour before the race was called.

Antonio Garcia and Jan Magnussen in the No. 3 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R challenged for the class and overall lead at different points, as well. Magnussen led for two laps after the No. 4 Corvette pitted near the 4:15 mark. However, a pair of unscheduled pit stops - one early and one with an hour to go -- hampered their chances

Garcia and Magnussen also ended their season in championship style by winning the Tequila Patrón North American Endurance Cup in GT Le Mans. This competition consists of the TUDOR Championship's four endurance races: Rolex 24 At Daytona, Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, the Sahlen's Six Hours at The Glen, and Petit Le Mans. Garcia and Magnussen won at Daytona and Sebring (with Ryan Briscoe) to put themselves in a commanding position.

FAMILIAR FOUR: CORVETTE RACING RE-SIGNS FULL-SEASON DRIVERS FOR 2016

Garcia, Magnussen, Gavin, Milner to form core group of Corvette Racing driving roster

- Quartet has been together full-time at Corvette Racing since 2012
- Team captured endurance racing's Triple Crown in 2015
- Each driver a past GT class Driver Champion



BRASELTON, Ga. – As the 2015 racing season came to an end at Road Atlanta, Corvette Racing was already casting an eye toward the future. The team and Chevrolet announced today that its group of full-season drivers - Antonio Garcia, Jan

Magnussen, Oliver Gavin and Tommy Milner - will return to drive two Chevrolet Corvette C7.Rs in 2016.

The Corvette Racing program for next season is expected to include the full WeatherTech SportsCar Championship (*ed. note – WeatherTech is replacing Tudor as series sponsor for 2016*) plus a return to the 24 Hours of Le Mans - a race Corvette Racing has won eight times including a stirring victory this year.

The 2016 season will see Corvette Racing campaign an evolution of the Corvette C7.R based on new GTE regulations that govern Le Mans-style GT racing around the world. It will make its racing debut for the 54th Rolex 24 At Daytona on Jan. 30-31.

The core four Corvette Racing drivers will contest their fifth season together, a testament to the importance of continuity within the team and Chevrolet. In that span, each member of the quartet has claimed GT-class Driver's championships. Gavin and Milner won the American Le Mans Series GT title in 2012 with Garcia and Magnussen taking honors the following year.

Since the start of the 2012 season, the group has combined to win 16 races in the ALMS, TUDOR United SportsCar Championship and Le Mans.

The team's recent highlights include victories at this year's 24 Hours of Le Mans and Rolex 24, the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring in 2013 and 2015, and the 2014 Sahlen's Six Hours of The Glen.

Oh – and look what the Corvette Boys will be competing against in 2016! Obviously the Porsches, BMWs and Ferraris were a great challenge for our beloved Vettes, but here comes the new Ford GT – and it is stunning. Should make for some great racing starting right out at Daytona! (Ed.)



CCND Fall 2015:

Bellanca Airfield

Pix by Jim deFord

The First State Mustang and Ford Club invited CCND to join them at their October cruise-in at the BELLANCA AIR MUSEUM (Rt. 273 just south of Hares Corner). Saturday, October 17 was unseasonably chilly and blustery, but a sturdy contingent of CCND'ers made the trek and were rewarded by a fascinating little-known piece of Delaware history, and some great cars. The legendary Bellanca Aviation Company existed on the site from 1927 into the 1950's. Mr Bellanca was a natural design and engineering genius, and we all got a sense of the contribution he made to aviation (private and even military) in America. Somewhat incongruously, there was also a large scale model train display for visitors to enjoy.





Concord Mall, November 1
Pix by Bob Avery

← “The cars have a different look when the sun goes down and the lights come on...”

We had a nice turnout for this Fall’s Concord Mall show. There were 23 Vettes; all but one entered by proud CCND owners. Nearly \$800 was raised for charity! The “**President’s Cup**” was awarded to **Matt Guthan** and his feisty 2009 Callaway. **Mall Management** selected **Ken and Joanne Woodcock’s** awesome red 2015 Z06. The “**Kid’s Pick**” went to **Al and Sandra Simkins’** gorgeous 2014 coupe (which also won first prize in the “**People’s Choice**” category). Second place in “**People’s Choice**” went’s to **Bob and Patty Avery’s** classic 1966 Sting Ray roadster, with third place going to **Paul and Diane Van Valkenburg’s** clean 1994 coupe.



“Beers & Gears” -- Delaware Park, October 25

Pix by Jim deFord



Lapping The Monster Mile

by Steve Blanchies

The First State Corvette Club invited CCND to join them doing pace laps on the Dover International Speedway on Sunday, October 18. A good time was had by all...



Lynn's Corner – CCND activities



Hibachi Grill & Supreme Sushi Buffet

We had 28 people show up on October 28 (a rainy Wednesday night) to enjoy a fantastic buffet. There were many food choices and no one went home hungry. We ate so much that I'm sure most of us gained a couple of pounds! (Bob and I did). This was a fun evening and can't wait to get together again at The Four Dogs Tavern – speaking of which...

Four Dogs Tavern – Sunday, November 22

Take a break from your Thanksgiving prep and join us for lunch at The Four Dogs Tavern. We will leave Lantana Square in Hockessin @ 10:45 AM and cruise to the restaurant. Our reservation is for 11:30 AM for those who want to meet at the restaurant.

Please reply to the doodle if you plan on attending and indicate how many are in your party. Please do not reply using a smart phone as the reply may default to not attending.

Hope to see you for lunch!

CCND HOLIDAY PARTY – Mendenhall Inn

-- December 12, 2015; Time: 6-10 PM

SEE THE INVITE FOLLOWING...

Breakfast Schedule:

- November 19 -- Chesdel, 9:00 AM
- December 3 -- Route 40 Diner, 9:00 AM
- December 17 -- Chesdel, 9:00 AM

Please email me @ lynnadelman@gmail.com with your favorite restaurants or suggestions for future events. Thanks and hope to see you soon!

~ Lynn

Major Upcoming 2016 Shows and Events:

- **Multi Club Boat Cruise** ~ out of Baltimore ~ March 20, 2016
- **Corvettes for Chip** ~ Sunday, May 1, 2016



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HOLIDAY PARTY



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2015
6-10 PM

\$37 PP FOR CCND MEMBERS AND SIGNIFICANT OTHER
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CASH BAR

ONE HOUR COCTAIL HOUR (CASH BAR) WITH HOT HORS D'OERVRES

BUFFET DINNER

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CRAB CAKES
CHICKEN MARSALA
SHAVED ROAST PRIME RIB OF BEEF
ROASTED RED BLISS POTATOES
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NEW MEMBERS!!!!

Walt & Lori Hurtt – Blue 1998 automatic coupe

Mark & Wanda Pace – Red 2008 automatic convertible

Jim & Susan Teoli – Black 2005 automatic convertible

November Birthdays:

November 1 Joe Sobrio

November 6 Jim de Ford

November 15 Linda Kimmelman

November 22 Wanda Pace

November 26 Kathy O'Connor

November 29 Bruce Marston

November 2 J. Greg Wood

November 14 Brenda Boling

November 20 Joe Biden

November 25 Ken Woodcock

November 27 Margie Nesler



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



CCND Membership Application-Fee \$ 35.00

www.vetteclub.org

Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State/ZIP: _____

Birthday: month/day _____ Spouse or S/O: month/day _____

Phone: Home: _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____

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