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Owner: Fred Krumm



My Two Cents



by Jack Layton

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have begun the dog days of summer. With August traditionally being the hottest month of the year, what better way to enjoy a hot summer night, but at the Blue Rocks. Then to cap it off with some fireworks, well that's just icing on the cake. Again the date is August 8th, which is a Monday night. Cost is \$21.00 per person, and is open to family and friends. I believe we have enough cars signed up to drive around the field, but contact Mike Metcalf in case he still needs cars.

Just a reminder that on Sunday, August 14th, Corvettes for Kids is having their 20th Anniversary show. This function is more of a huge display of Vettes than an actual show. There were over 300 cars last year. The show features a silent and live auction, with all the proceeds going to the foundation's beneficiary of choice. The cost is \$20.00, and if you did not pre register by July 31st, then you will not be able to receive a T-shirt. I plan on attending this event, and would like to see a few of you attend also. This show is a rain or shine event. We would leave from the Hooter's Restaurant at Routes 202 & 1 at 7 AM and cruise up as a group and stop for breakfast along the way. If you are interested in going, please contact me.

The First State Corvette Club will be holding a "Show and Shine" Corvette Show at Boscov's in the Dover Mall. The mall is located in Dover, Delaware. The show is scheduled for September 10, 2005 with a rain date of September 11. The show hours are 9AM to 3PM with rags down at noon. All years and styles of Corvette's are welcome with awards to the Top 25.

THERE WILL BE CASH AWARDS FOR THE TOP 3 CARS. First place is \$500, Second place is \$300 and Third Place is \$100. Registration fee is \$15 per car. First 100 registered will receive dash plaques. For more information, contact Ed Denkenberger (302) 335-4410 or Todd Hannah (302) 242-8457 (also day of show number).

On September 11th, "Vettes in Glasstown" presented by Corvettes Unlimited in Millville NJ. Anyone interested in attending, please contact me. Meet at Mikes Famous Harley Davidson and **depart** at 7:30 AM.

Also, on September 25th, "A Day at the Beach, Corvette Style. Again, we will be leaving from Mikes Famous at 8 AM.

I hope everyone has started to touch base with friends and business they know and frequent, and are asking for a donation or door prizes for our fall show at Kahunaville on October 2nd. I would like to see us be able to raise another \$5,000.00 for this year's charity- The Delaware Humane Association.

One final note- On various activities, please make sure that if you have a question about a particular activity, that you contact the correct person who is heading up that event. Be sure to read the newsletter. I get countless emails and phone calls, asking about this activity or that activity. If my name is not associated with the event, then you need to contact the person or persons who are. In most cases, I don't have anymore information other than what is in the newsletter.

Have a safe summer, and as always... thanks for letting me put in "*My Two Cents*".

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Brickels Racing...All Corvette Show

Story by: Andy Rumford & Photos by: Alex Rumford

Leesport, PA. is the home of Brickels racing collectibles and also was our destination on July 23rd for this all Corvette show. A GREAT day, as the weather was in the mid 80's and sunny. A wonderful day for cruising, as other folks must have thought the same as their were 100+ cars at the show. The ride to Leesport was about 1 hour 20 minutes up route 100N..A nice scenic ride. The owner of this business, Tim Brickel has 9 Corvettes, with 6 being TOP FLIGHT, NCRS cars. They were gorgeous as all were out on display. The show benefited the Autism Society of Berks County...Some very nice door prizes, Music, giveaways and the 50/50 was \$150.00. Several places close by to grab a bite to eat were very convenient. The show ended at 3PM. This show was very well organized...One I would travel to again!!!



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CCND Member of the Month By Fred Krumm

So I'm sitting at the June 2005 CCND meeting, having owned my "new" (and first ever) Vette for all of one month. Next thing I know, I'm being asked to write a "Member of the Month" article for "Vettester." Well, I think, "why not?" The car has been so much fun already that I figure the article will write itself. Here goes.....



One might ask, why a Vette after all these years? (You can see from the picture below that I'm about four times as old as my '93.) Now, those of you who are long-time Vette

owners would have no problem answering that question, but for me it was a bit more complicated. After all, until 2 months previously, I HAD NEVER EVEN DRIVEN ONE! But, all my life I've owned fun cars. My favorites included a 1978 Scirocco, 1981 Fiat X1/9, 1983 Porsche 944, 1988 RX-7 Turbo 2, 1993 Eagle Talon TSi AWD, and my most recent, a 1988 RX-7 Convertible. These daily drivers were all bought used, which enabled me to indulge my weakness for driving a "new" car every few years without putting my family in the poorhouse. Anyway, this past March I once again got the itch. It seemed to be time to get back into a Porsche, most likely a 944 S2 or maybe even a 968.



As I began poking around the internet, however, I could not help but notice some very nice early ('92-'93) LT1's available in the same price range. Curiosity began to become an obsession – but Vettes couldn't be daily drivers, could they? I did some research, and everything I read suggested that C4's make fine daily drivers. The obsession grew. After all, the looks and performance would be a big step up from what I was used to. But, of course there was this minor detail: I still had not driven one. So I told my wife, Connie: "I gotta test drive a Corvette, if for no other reason than to get it out of my system." Her

response was something like: "Really? I just don't see you in one of those." Turns out that for one of the first times since we met she was wrong. Big time.....

Several weeks later, late on a Saturday afternoon, I found myself in Perkasio, PA for my “rookie” Corvette test drive. Little did I suspect I was about to have a very special experience. Never in my life had I showed up to test drive a 13-year-old car, with 84K miles on the odometer, to find the owner in his spotless garage, removing a car cover from a pristine vehicle which rested on a carpet. What a first impression! A thoroughly enjoyable test drive, accompanied by a proud owner who encouraged me to drive enthusiastically (VERY enthusiastically) made it clear to me I’d soon own an LT1 C4 – probably the one I was driving at the time. The awesome power and handling were as expected. What surprised and pleased me was the firm but not harsh ride, friendly clutch and shifter, extremely comfortable seats, very good ergonomics, and great stereo.



Almost as enjoyable as the test drive was getting to know the owner. He was knowledgeable and very enthusiastic. I spent at least an hour hearing fascinating stories of his 43 years of Corvette ownership and the experiences and friends he made along the way. One point he emphasized was that if I did buy a Vette I should join a local club to really enjoy the experience of Corvette ownership. I had to ask him why he was selling the Vette he clearly loved so much. He just smiled and said he was soon to travel to Bowling Green to take delivery of his new C6. Black, of course.....

I checked out a few other vehicles, but I knew the black beauty you see here was the car for me and we completed the deal a week later.

Owning the “ONYX C4” has been even more enjoyable than I expected. I still get a thrill when I head to the garage, even if I’m just going out to buy milk at the Wawa. Wherever I park, I always take one last glance to check out its distinctive lines. I enjoy the “wave,” the friendly acknowledgement from other Vette owners I see on the road. I have already learned a few things, and saved a few bucks, on corvetteforum.com. Last but not least, I joined the CCND and found myself at that June meeting.....



So I was correct – the article did write itself. But, my wife took the pictures; I guess she sees me in the Corvette after all.

Next Months CCND Member of the Month – David Ferry!

CCND FATHER'S DAY SHOW CONCORD MALL





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"Downtown" Merchantville

By Terry Shannon

On Saturday July 9th I attended the Merchantville car show in New Jersey. First of all, Merchantville is a slice of nostalgia. It is just a real nice little town. As a venue for a car show it is hard to beat. There's lots of shady, tree lined streets and they virtually shut the town down for the show. There were vendors galore; nobody had any excuse for being hungry or thirsty. There were adequate "facilities" as well. The show drew 750 cars! The cost was \$12, day of show. It didn't seem to matter if you arrived early or late. I'm sure the early birds got the center stage parking spots but there really weren't any bad spots. Nobody ended up way at the end as the show radiated out from a central area in several directions from the main street which reminded me of Bancroft Parkway in Wilmington. We arrived around 12:15 PM and trophies were presented at 8:00 PM. This show will definitely be on my list of "musts" for next year.



"Downtown" Merchantville



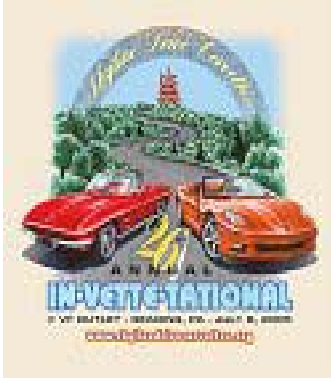
I've never seen a BLOWN Astro Van before!



Is that Barry's car behind that Shark?



Skyline Drive Corvette Club's In-Vette Tational...July, 9th



This large Corvette show was held in the parking lot next door to the Vanity Fair outlet in Reading, PA. Attending from the club were Jack and Janet as well as Andy and Donna Rumford. There were an estimated 250 Vettes in attendance. Besides Carlisle, I had never seen so many C3's at the same location before...at least 60 +...The same held true for the C4 class....We counted 10 C6's , several with great vanity tags. The trophy for the best vanity tag went to a Vette known as "PIAZZ". The day was a Hot one with any bit of shade quickly gobbled up by folks looking for relief from the Sun. There were several vendors selling Corvette apparel, food vendors and TGI Fridays was right next door for those of us looking for any semblance of Air Conditioning we could find. Congrats again to Jack for taking 3rd

place in the C4 class...A nice show only a little over an hour away from home...One to put on the calendar for next year!Andy Rumford

Riverview Inn...July 13th



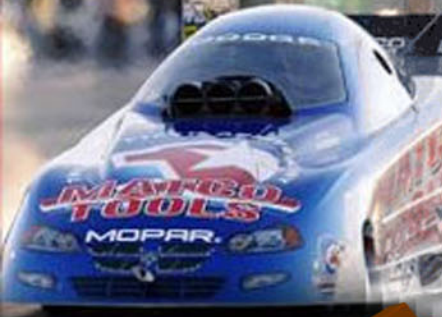
CCND had 24 members attend the Seafood Buffet at the Riverview Inn in Pennsville, NJ on Wednesday July 13th. We were shown to our table and after a short wait we took it upon ourselves to dig in at the buffet. The food was great and the company was even better. There were quite a few of us who had seconds and thirds. Don had the big dessert plate of the night and he enjoyed every bit of it!Steve Blanchies



Maple Grove

RACEWAY

by Terry Shannon



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CCND JULY MEETING MINUTES



Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jack Layton on July 5, 2005.

New Member: Dave Ferry (Green '72 Stingray)

Vice President's Report: Joe DeSanta reported 75 paid members. Need "Member of the Month" articles.

Treasurer's Report: Harvey Smith presented the Treasurer's Report. Motion was made and seconded to approve the report as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Member at Large: Mike Metcalf reported that the Blue Rock's picnic and game to be rescheduled for Mon. 8/8 – if at all possible he would like the \$21/person by the next meeting.

Mike ordered some shirts and was very happy with them – had an assortment of hats on display.

NCCC Governor: Dave Morales recuperating from surgery.

Newsletter Editor: Steve Blanchies away on vacation.

Social Chairperson: Lynn Blanchies away on vacation. Janet Taylor reported on upcoming activities:

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| Wed. 7/13 | Seafood Buffet at Riverview Inn |
| Sun. 7/24 | Cruising the Chesapeake Bay |
| Mon. 8/08 | Blue Rocks picnic and game |
| Sun. 9/18 | Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire |

Show Chairman: Bob Gerber away on vacation.

Jack Layton: Matt Guthan's boss is considering picking up cost for "Vettes for Pets" trophies. Working on getting an idea of cost.

Jack reported on upcoming activities:

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| Sat. 7/09 | Skyline Drive Corvettes show |
| Sun. 8/14 | Corvettes for Kids - \$20 registration – would like about 10 cars to show club support |

Old Business: Fred Krumm presented a slide show of "America LeMans" at Lime Rock

New Business: None

50/50 Spray & Shine: Andy Rumford & Jim Haggerty
\$35.00: Dave Steele

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Christine Carlantonio*

NEXT MEETING DATE – TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005

Upcoming Events

Aug 2 **CCND Meeting Kahunaville @7:00pm**



Aug 8 **Blue Rocks** – this is the picnic and game we missed out on because of weather in June. Still time to sign up with Mike Metcalf.

Aug 14 **Corvettes for Kids – Great Show and Silent Auction**



Aug 21 **Ice Cream Run** – We've had many ideas for places to go, so meet at Prices Corners Park n Ride @ 1:00pm and find out where.

Aug 26-28 **Corvettes @ Carlisle**



Sept 10 **First State Corvette Car Show at Dover Boscov's**

Sept 11 **Glasstown Corvettes**

Sep 18 **Penna. Renaissance Faire** join us for a day at the faire. Bring the whole family for this fun experience. This time we will do lunch on our own, turkey legs for everyone. Please call or sign up now with payment please. Need to have a count on how many are going. www.parenaissancefaire.com Cost is \$19.95 Adult - \$8.00 Child

July Newsletter Correction

City Vineland, NJ article written and contributed by CCND member Terry Shannon

August Birthdays

CiCi Taylor	8/2	Steve Blanchies	8/17
Pat Tronto	8/5	Lisa Merkel	8/25
Bruce Taylor	8/6	Linda Cook	8/27
Don Steinhauser	8/11	Mike Metcalf	8/29

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