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# My Two Cents



by Jack Layton

Well, now that everyone has gotten through the Thanksgiving holiday, it is now time to turn our attention to the Christmas Holiday.

Myself, along with some of my friends in low places attended Chesterbrooks annual "Toys for Tots" Cruise on November 6<sup>th</sup>. The weather was great and attendance was very good- I'm guessing 300 cars. The day before, Janet and I participated in the annual "ABATE" toy run November 5<sup>th</sup>. There were over 700 bikes for this run from Banning Park to the Fraim Center in Elsmere. Once again great weather prevailed for the weekend.

Our annual hayride this year at Carousel Park in Pike Creek turned out very well. We had 35 people show up. Jim Haggerty did the driving, and afterwards we sat around the campfire, toasted some hotdogs and marshmallows and enjoyed the evening. Why, we even beat the rain. What could be better?

On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving I dropped off all the "goodies and fixin's" that make up the traditional Thanksgiving dinner for our Adopt-A-Family. A wish list is forthcoming I was told that will enable us to buy presents for the family for Christmas. Contact Janet for more details.

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Janet has reserved the Riverview Inn for our Holiday Party. The date is January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006 from 6 to 10pm. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Also, each person attending needs to bring a gift for the Chinese Auction during the evening should they wish to participate. You may spend as much as you wish,

although we are suggesting not more than \$20.00. If it is gender specific, please mark it on the gift.

On December 3<sup>rd</sup>, County Corvette is having a "Toys for Tots" open house from 10am to 1pm. Bring an unwrapped gift. There will be refreshments to enjoy, and bring the kids, as Santa will be on hand as well. This is a rain or shine event, and they want the "Vettes" there if the weather cooperates.

It is now time to renew your membership dues. The cost is \$35.00 per household. Members whose dues are not paid by December 31<sup>st</sup> will not receive a newsletter.

And, so it goes that we have come to a close on yet another season of fun. Man, where does the time go? But I'm sure most of you have some sort of plans for the car this winter in some form or another to keep your mind occupied. So get started, because the first day of spring is only 116 days- (a mere 4 months, how depressing-shish) away as of this writing.

With winter approaching, it appears as if the fat lady is standing and about ready to sing, because the weather is getting colder. So, until next month, I bid you all farewell, have a Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year and as always, thanks for letting me put in

*"My Two Cents"*

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## “What I Did on My Summer Vacation”

By Fred Krumm

After raking the leaves and sitting back for a relaxing drink on a brisk November Sunday, I thought back on my first summer as a Vette owner. There were many high points with CCND -- Ocean City, NJ, the Ice Cream run, Vettes for Pets and the Concord Mall shows -- just to name a few.

But, perhaps my fondest memory was the July 4 weekend I spent with my son Kurt at the New England Grand Prix in Lime Rock, CT.



I got the call just before Father’s Day. Kurt, a sports car racing fan who autocrosses his RX-8, said “You gotta come see the American LeMans race at Lime Rock next month.” I hemmed and hawed a bit, but was convinced when he added, “My treat – it’s your Father’s Day present.”

So, I set aside the weekend and went on-line to see what I was in for. Well, besides Monday’s ALMS race, which featured many cars that raced at the 24 hours of LeMans, I learned there were a number of other races – a total of 5 including SCCA Speed GT, which many of us have probably watched on the Speed Channel.

In addition, there was a surprise treat: a weekend-long Corvette Corral presented by Chevy and co-hosted by NCCC and the NCM. So, we made sure to sign up for that!

Kurt’s buddy Mike joined us for the weekend. We arrived at the track Saturday morning to the “heavy metal” sounds of world-class race cars taking high speed practice laps. These included the all-powerful LeMans-winning Audi A8 prototypes and the awesome Corvette racing C6-R’s that had swept 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the GT1 class.

We wasted little time getting situated in the Corvette Corral. It was not long before we were immersed in the sights and sounds of Lime Rock Park -- a beautiful racing venue. During breaks in the action, there were numerous events that had been planned by Chevy and the NCM. Rather than listing them all, I suggest you check out this link if you are interested (yeah it’s a ridiculously long address – but wait ‘til you see all the activities!)



<http://www.imsaracing.net/imsaNS.cfm?h=/2005/cc/limerock/corvettecorralheader.htm&p=/2005/cc/limerock/corvettecorralschedule.htm>



We ran into Rick and Ed from the First State Corvette Club and chatted with many other Vette lovers from all over the Northeast

Saturday's Speed GT race was very exciting. A really cool-looking C-6 driven by Lou Gigliotti started from the pole, but was quickly passed by the Caddy CTS-V's, which never looked back. There was some fierce racing between Gigliotti and the Dodge Viper of Tommy Archer. They had a few "incidents" and wound up dragging each other down to 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> place – I spoke later with Gigliotti's crew and apparently it was not the first time!



There was no racing on Sunday. The town of Lime Rock only permitted the track to be built under the condition that Sundays would be "quiet" days! So, we enjoyed not only the Corral activities, but also a nice little Vette show right on the main straight, followed by an opportunity to lap the track a few times (not too fast, of course, but still cool). Here's the Onyx C4 (that's Kurt riding shotgun) on the track:



And, a few of my favorites from the show:



Monday was the big day. After the preliminary club races, we joined 50 other Vettes for two parade laps to kick off the countdown to the green flag – pretty neat to glance up and see thousands of race fans saluting an “American Icon!”

We then enjoyed nearly 3 hours of intense ALMS racing. Lime Rock is a small track, which enabled us to wander the infield and pause every now and then to watch the battle from all the best vantage points. My favorites were the Esses, and turns 1 and 2 -- a large sweeper off the main straight followed by a tight left-hander. Here’s the #4 C6-R of Olivier Beretta and Oliver Gavin leading several other GT1 entrants out of turn 2:



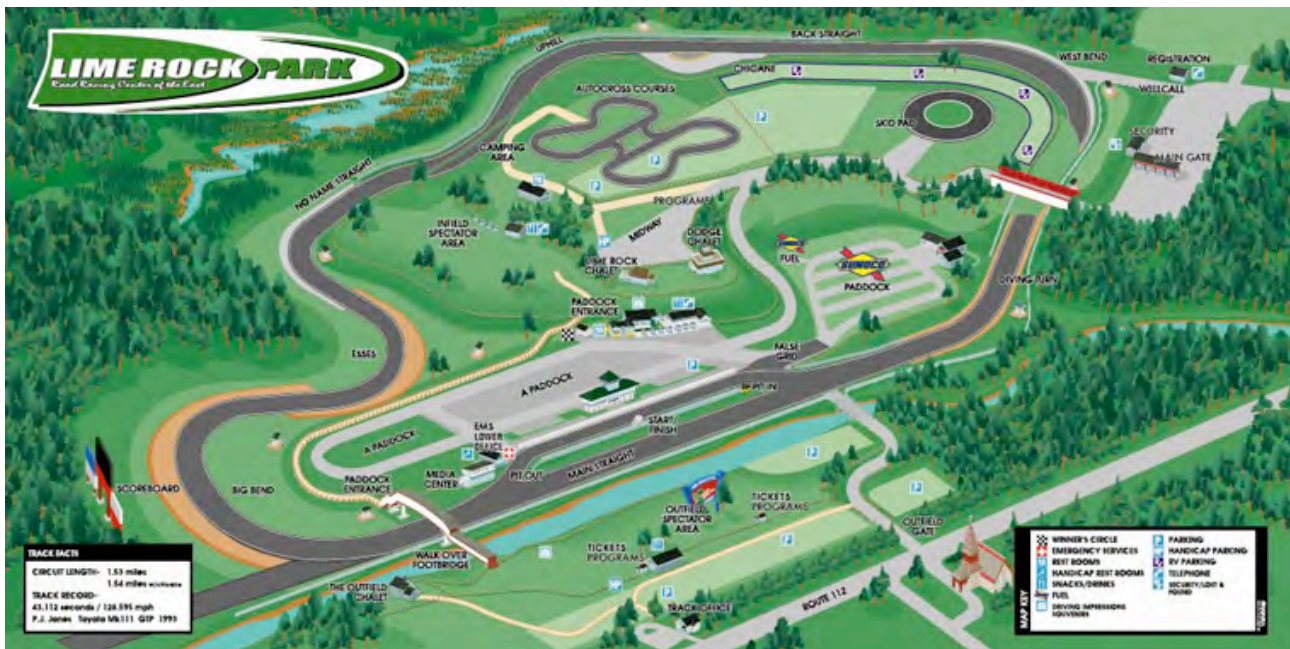
We spent most of the race in this area, settling in for sun, racing and liquid refreshments. Kurt and Mike made themselves particularly comfortable!



In the end, the mighty Audis were too much for the field, finishing 1-2 in the Prototype class. The C6-R Vettes paced the GT1 class and claimed a very strong 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> overall. Berreta and Gavin finished 2 laps ahead of teammates Ron Fellows and Johnny O’Connell, who fought off a hard challenge from the 5<sup>th</sup> place Saleen S7R.

What a weekend! I think I must have had sensory overload from all the racing, fun activities and camaraderie. Even sitting here in November the events of the New England Grand Prix are as fresh in my mind as if they happened last weekend.

I’m already looking forward to next year!



# *National Corvette Restorers Society*

*By Bob Cook*

Most of you have heard of the National Corvette Restorers Society (NCRS), but you may not know much about the organization. Here are a few words from the NCRS web site ([www.NCRS.org](http://www.NCRS.org)):

“Formed in 1974, the National Corvette Restorers Society is a non-profit hobby group of 15,000+ families dedicated to the restoration, preservation, history and enjoyment of Corvettes made from the model years 1953 through 1991.

If you are looking for a 1953 - 91 Corvette: The seller is telling you "the numbers match". Do you know what they mean? Are they truthful? Join the NCRS and learn from all of the information we have gathered in the last 30 years to make a wise decision when you purchase your Corvette.

If you already own a 1953 - 91 Corvette: No matter what you are up to, NCRS members have been there before. Benefit from all of the information we have gathered in the last 30 years to make better and smarter decisions as you restore and maintain your valuable Corvette.”

As a member of the national NCRS organization, you receive two publications – (1) *The Corvette Restorer* every three months which is a glossy 50-page magazine including articles on finding cars, restoration topics, organization news, etc. (with no advertising) and (2) *The NCRS Driveline* every two months which is a 120 plus-page magazine including for sale parts and cars, event info and fliers, organization updates, and advertising. NCRS has a number of local chapters around the world. Judging events are put on each year by each chapter with seven or eight regional events and a national convention each year.

The local chapter is the Delaware Valley Chapter (the first chapter formed within NCRS) which meets every other month at the William Bolton American Legion in Fort Washington, PA. Meetings are generally held the third Wednesday of the month starting with the first meeting in February. (The December meeting is a Holiday Party.)



Discussing the cars before a Chapter meeting



Annual judged show at Bryner Chevrolet



Famous Corvette racer Dick Gulstrand remembers his experiences at Daytona during the National Convention



The Delaware Valley Chapter puts on the NCRS Gallery at Corvettes @ Carlisle



Chairman Skinner judging a car at the National Convention

The Chapter also sends out a newsletter every other month and sponsors a number of activities including:

- Five membership meetings per year (with swap and sell) and programs following the meetings (free drinks at the meetings and subsidized buffets at the summer meetings)
- Subsidized Holiday Party
- Tech seminars
- Judging seminars
- Other activities as planned by year (road tours, facility tours, etc.)
- The NCRS Gallery at Corvettes at Carlisle
- The largest Chapter Judged Show in the Country

And, perhaps the biggest reason to join is to get to know people who are experts in your car and can answer all of those originality and operability questions.



The 2005 National Convention was held at Park City, Utah



An NCRS Paint Seminar

Several CCND members are already Chapter members and attend the meetings regularly. The current Chapter Chairman is our own Bill Skinner and I (Bob Cook) am Vice Chairman and Membership Chairman. So, if you are interested in joining the Delaware Valley Chapter, please send me an e-mail ([CookRLK@aol.com](mailto:CookRLK@aol.com)) and I will send you a membership form or call (610-274-1447) and I will mail you one. Remember, you must join the national organization first before joining the chapter. You can get a national membership form from the web site ([www.ncrs.org](http://www.ncrs.org)) or by calling Gary Mortimer at (513)385-8526. National dues are \$30.00 per year and Chapter dues are \$20.00 per year.

# Fall Run to the Beach

By Steve Blanchies

The weather has cooperated very well for our events lately. It was another great Sunday and a great day to take the Vettes and Harleys out for our Fall Run to the Beach.

We met at the Tybouts Corner park-n-ride where we were finally able to get a look at David & Ginny Steele's new wheels and tires. Bob and Charlotte Gerber met us in Lewes with Bob's new-to-him 1978 Pace Car.

There were 9 Corvettes and 2 Harley Davidsons for a total of 21 of us for brunch at the Rusty Rudder in Dewey Beach. As always, it is great to get together for an event.



# Hayride at Carousel Park

By Steve Blanchies

There was a great turn out for the CCND annual hayride. We went to Carousel Park, which was a new location for us. The day was warm and the evening ended up being comfortable too. Our double wagon driver, CCND's own Jim Hagerty was able to arrange for our evening ride. This was my first time around Carousel Park and it would have been nice to see the park in the day light but it was fun. After returning to our starting point, our campfire was blazing and ready for our dogs and marshmallows.





## Concord Mall Show

By: Steve Blanchies

Lynn and I arrived at Concord Mall at 7:30 A.M. to find a line of Corvettes that stretched from the mall entrance doors all the way across the parking lot to Route 202. There was a good mix of C2's through C5's with a total of 24 Vettes for the mall show. What a great start for the day. Some Vettes were even decorated for Halloween.

Members of CCND were in abundance throughout the day, many who had not brought their cars, even some of the members that had not been seen for awhile showed up to support the club and say hello. Member Michael Crank made it a family affair by bringing his entire family to the show. The mall merchant choice trophy was given by 2 employees that were dressed for the occasion and played the part.

After getting the all clear to leave and after exiting the building, several cars did the traditional burnout in the parking lot. Then several of us went to Bennigan's for dinner before heading home.





## Upcoming Events



- 12/6                    **CCND Meeting Kahunaville @7:00pm**
- 12/11                    **"A Longwood Gardens Christmas" Kennett Sq. Pa. Meet in the Lobby at 3:00pm. Cost of admission \$15 children under 6 free. See thousands of poinsettias, trees and wreaths. Outdoor colorful fountains will also be on display. Let me know if you plan to attend [LBlanchies@hotmail.com](mailto:LBlanchies@hotmail.com) or 322-6649**
- 1/03                    **CCND Meeting Kahunaville @ 7:00pm**
- JAN 21                    **CCND HOLIDAY PARTY RIVERVIEW INN Cost \$30ea. Cost includes buffet dinner in private room. Dancing downstairs afterwards if you are so inclined. Please sign up and pre-pay with Janet for our annual party. Please bring an approx \$20 Pollyanna gift for exchange and mark it whether for male or female. This was enjoyed by all last year.**

## December Birthdays

<b>Harvey Smith</b>	<b>12/1</b>	<b>Brenda Brittingham</b>	<b>12/17</b>
<b>Brian Falla</b>	<b>12/8</b>	<b>Jim Hagerty</b>	<b>12/17</b>
<b>Alane Whitmore</b>	<b>12/9</b>	<b>Fred Schatz</b>	<b>12/21</b>
<b>Margaret Spayd</b>	<b>12/12</b>	<b>Leah Gray</b>	<b>12/24</b>
<b>Michael Ciabattoni</b>	<b>12/14</b>	<b>Rose Marie Steinhauser</b>	<b>12/28</b>
<b>Leslie Konizer</b>	<b>12/14</b>	<b>Mary Anna Hagerty</b>	<b>12/31</b>



## CCND NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Jack Layton on November 1, 2005. Forty-four members, including the Board were present. Two guests were also in attendance.

- Vice President's Report:** Joe DeSanta not able to attend. Jack reported 82 paid members.
- 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 has no club apparel order.
- NCCC Governor:** Dave Morales reported that NCCC dues will be due 11/15 (\$35/year new member; renewal \$25/person; \$10/spouse).
- Newsletter Editor:** Steve Blanchies reported that newsletter had not gone out yet. Will be sending link for newsletter soon. Need "Member of the Month" articles.
- Social Chairperson:** Lynn not able to attend. Steve reported on upcoming activities:
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|-------------|---|-------------------------|
| Sun. 11/06  | - | Hayride, Carousel Farms |
| Sat. 11/12  | - | Toys for Tots cruise    |
| Sun. 11/13  | - | Annual Run to the Beach |
| Thurs.11/24 | - | Frost Bite Run          |
- Show Chairperson:** Bob Gerber out of town on business. Jack thanked Matt Guthan's boss for donating money for the trophies. Will be giving Delaware Humane Association a check for \$4500. Article will be in the News Journal.
- Jack also asked club members to think about a charitable organization for next year. Get literature and club will vote.
- Janet Taylor:** Janet reserved the Riverview Inn for 1/21/06 for holiday party - \$30 per person - need count by January 5 - need money up front - buffet 6-10 p.m. - Chinese auction - bring a \$25 gift (mark if gender specific)
- Adopt-A-Family will be a family of 4 adults and 5 grandchildren. 3 of the adults are mentally challenged. Members have signed up to shop, wrap, etc.
- Jack Layton:** Jack reported on Concord Mall show - 24 cars - weather great - lot of foot traffic - raised \$216 for Adopt-A-Family.
- Hayride - Jim Haggerty got 2 wagons at no charge (\$200 value). Club to supply hot dogs, rolls, marshmallows, and sodas.
- Renewal forms due by 12/30/05 or no newsletter.
- Nominations:
- |                    |   |                       |
|--------------------|---|-----------------------|
| President          | - | Jack Layton           |
| Vice President     | - | Steve Blanchies       |
| Treasurer          | - | Harvey Smith          |
| Secretary          | - | Christine Carlantonio |
| NCCC Governor      | - | Dave Morales          |
| Show Chairman      | - | Bob Gerber            |
| Social Chairperson | - | OPEN                  |
| Member at Large    | - | Mike Metcalf          |
| Newsletter Editor  | - | Barry Kimmelman       |
- Elections will be at the December meeting
- Old Business:** None
- New Business:** None
- 50/50:** Degreaser - Don Carbaugh; Glass Cleaner - Jim McCarnan; \$36 - Frank Ventresca
- Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted, **Christine Carlantonio**

**NEXT MEETING DATE - TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2005**

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