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CCND Member of the Month

By Andy Rumford

Being the owner of a 1976 Stingray and loving every minute of driving the car, I wasn't really looking to purchase a second Vette, it just "happened"....The car was right, the timing was right and the price was right. I knew that if I didn't act on my gut feeling then this opportunity might pass me by...So, in October, 2004 my wife Donna and I purchased a 1979 Greenwood .. A little background on the purchase...



Well, it all started at Carlisle. Not really, but the Carlisle displays of Greenwoods last year really started the ball rolling for me. As you may recall, the Chips Choice display at Carlisle, 2004 was a collection of original Greenwoods....GT's, Daytona's, Sebrings, Can AM's, Sport wagons and various Greenwood built and designed race cars from the 60's and 70's.

As coincidence would have it, I saw my first Greenwood Daytona in the parking lot at Kahunaville years ago at one of the Sunday cruises. It was a real beauty. Not an original, as only 43 Greenwood designed cars were ever produced and only 4 Daytona's were ever built.



Well, getting back to Carlisle....I had no idea what the Chips Choice display was for the year until we entered the building...When I saw the Greenwoods I kept telling my son Alex, "Take Pictures"...The same thought kept running through my mind....that being "Maybe, just maybe...someday..if all goes right I'll look into purchasing one". I had no idea that just months later, one would be parked in our driveway...

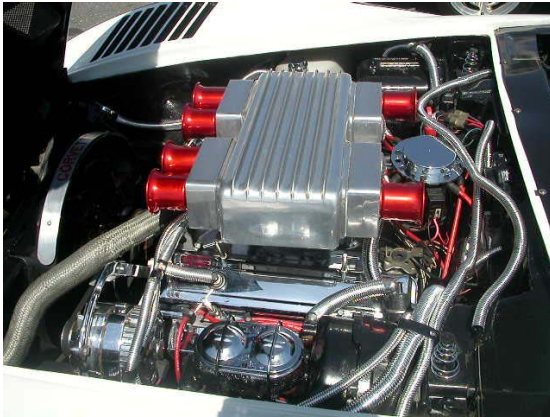
As we spent the day walking around Carlisle, my son Alex kept bringing up the subject, "Dad, lets buy a Greenwood". The more he said it, the more it made sense. So over the next few weeks I scoured articles, websites and magazines looking for any "Greenwood" for sale. I came upon, quite by chance the website that would change it all....greenwoodcorvettes.com...I Clicked on the "For Sale" button and at the bottom of the page was the car we would eventually buy...I knew instantly, this was THE ONE!!

The Daytona was located in South Bend, Indiana and had only been driven 50 miles in the last year...The owner was in need of cash, quickly...We spoke on the phone daily for about a month until we arrived on a mutually agreeable price. The deal was struck. It took another month to iron out

transportation issues with Passport Transport, the company that would take the Greenwood from South Bend to our home in Kennett Square, PA.

This Daytona is not one of the 4 original one's designed by the Greenwood brothers, but is an excellent example of race cars produced and built during that period by this very talented team.

As with most of us, I spent the winter months putting my touches on the car, changing a few things and making sure that mechanically she was in top form.



Every inch of a Greenwood Daytona, from the huge "Whales Tail" to the vents behind the front and rear fenders as well as the functional turbo hood scoops and side skirts were designed to either aid in cooling the brakes or to produce aerodynamic effects, pushing the car closer to the track to achieve maximum speed and performance.

John Greenwood's 1974 Corvette aluminum big block still to this day holds the title of the "Worlds fastest Corvette" at 240 mph!

This car has a modified small block, stainless steel brake sleeves, a custom air unit, backup warning signals, rear window and taillight louvers, crager rims on Eagle tires, Custom pearl striped paint, Edelbrock carburetor, quick kill engine switch, upgraded suspension with adjustable tie rods and improved rear leafs, graphic equalizer and amplifier, Monza dual-tip mufflers etc... and the glove box is signed by Indy 500 race car driver, Lyn St. James. That's a good story for another day. She is arguably the top female race car driver in history.



Well, we have already been discussing our next winter project, that being to re-install the twin heads on our "Daytona". Another fun way to spend the off-season.!!



Next Months CCND Member of the Month – Chris and Tami Kadow!

Buffalo Wild Wings

Great night to take the Vette out for Dinner. Fifteen CCND members met at Buffalo Wild Wings, which is a new restaurant on Rt. 40. It was our first time there and everyone seemed to enjoy their food. Afterwards we went to Cold Stone Creamery for ice cream.



Cruise at Portsmouth, VA

Lynn and I took the Vette and went on a weekend get away to Portsmouth, VA. Friday a northeaster came through. It rained so we went to the movies and saw "The Interpreter". Good Movie! Saturday it warmed up and there just happened to be a Artisans Fair just one block from our water front hotel. We bought a couple of things and decided to go for a drive to check out the area. While driving we came across a Cruise and stopped to check out the cars. Later it was down to the main street to visit the numerous antique shops. It's always great to get away especially if you're driving a Vette.....Steve Blanchies



ROLLING THUNDER

Bike Week Daytona 2005 officially began on March 4, 2005.

By the time we, that is, RoseMarie and Don Steinhauser, Chris & Christine Carlantonio arrived on March 6th, the whole town of Daytona Beach was taken over by 300,000+ bikes.

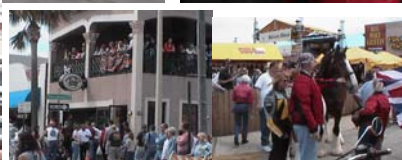
To get the lay of the land, we did a two mile loop that instantly gave one an appreciation of the beauty of the sunshine state.

But the real action was on Beach & Main Streets. Bikes lined the streets so tight there was only room to cross at intersections. Some sat on their bikes to look and take pictures. Most others, including us, inched our way down the crowded streets.

Along the way, we saw bikini clad girls selling bike washes and venues selling everything you could imagine from bikes, to wheels, to leathers, to shirts, to custom seats, to custom fairings, to special lighting, to.....burnout pits.

You name it and it was there. Most bikers did not test the ocean waters, but they sure did hit the water holes!!!

We had our first taste of bike week and we're hooked!!!



Spring into Summer Car Show by Terry Shannon

Andy Rumford and I represented our club at the "Spring into Summer Car Show" in Marlton NJ on Sunday, May 29. The event was hosted by the Classic Corvette Club of South Jersey. There were 28 classes for stock, modified, customs, Corvettes and trucks. Andy took first place with his '79 Greenwood in the Custom Class and I took second place in the C-1 Class with my '60. All of the judging was done by CCCNJ folks so it wasn't a popularity contest. The Vette judges were NCRS judges. There were at least 225 cars there. This was a great show, about 45 minutes from the Delaware Memorial Bridge. I'd highly recommend this show for next year.

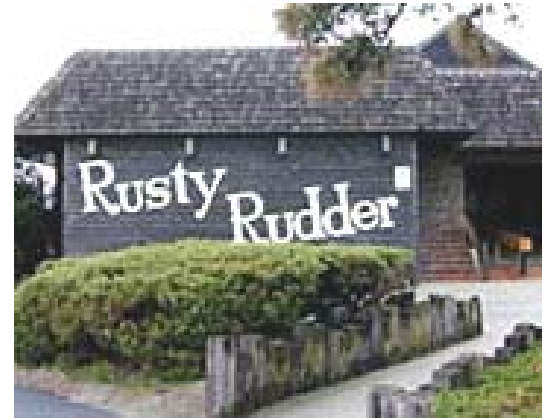


Spring into Summer Car Show continued



Run to the Beach

Brunch at the Rusty Rudder



Thankfully the weather cleared for a beautiful Run to the Beach. Some of us staged at Prices Corner Park and Ride, some at my house and two cars were picked up along the way. All total we had 11 Corvettes in the caravan to the beach and total of 22 at brunch. We picked up Bob and Charlotte at the Nassau Bridge in their Camaro.



On our way down we had two incidents. Incident 1. As we were passing Dover Air Force base we exited Route 1 because someone, not to mention any names, who was a passenger in a black C6 Corvette Coupe had to make an emergency potty stop. She was offer a chance to stop along the highway but as caravans go, everyone else would have stopped with them.

Incident 2. If you recall in the last newsletter there was a story about Lucky #13. Well Lucky #13's Borla exhaust system was hanging low on one side. So he and his bride pulled off the road to check it out. To get a better look under the car, Dave, there goes a name again, decided to back up a curb to be able to see under the car. As he is backing up the curb, he is answering his cell phone as he is receiving directions from Ginny. As you may recall, Ginny was giving the directions to Dave in the last

article. Well it was nothing serious, the weld broke on the exhaust pipe flange and they caught up with us at the Rust Rudder.

After our brunch we all departed in groups going in separate directions. Two Vettes were off to check out a beach rental for the summer, three Vettes were off to Ocean City, MD to check out the Hot Rod Show, 4 Vettes headed into Rehoboth to walk the length of the Boardwalk and one Vette was off to the outlets for some serious shopping to increase their points on their GM credit card.

All in all it was a great day for everyone.
Steve Blanchies



VETTES WITH VETS *by Charlotte Stigler*

On Saturday, May 7, seven cars and one motorcycle (courtesy of Don Steinhauser) left the Park-N-Ride for the 5-minute ride to the Veteran's Affairs Medical Center in Elsmere to be put on display at their Annual Patient Carnival. Despite the poor weather reports, it turned out to be a beautiful day. A bit windy, but that's okay, because the sun was shining.

The carnival was set up with booths handing out supplies for the patients, as well as hotdogs and sodas. There was a guy playing music and singing. Also in attendance was a group of motorcycles. We were parked in a row behind the booths. Although many people stopped to look at our cars, some of us were a little disappointed that most of the patients in wheelchairs were not taken around to see the cars.

Unbeknownst to us, they were having a judging contest, so the patients picked out their favorite 'Vettes and ribbons were given out. The winners: 1st Place – Norm Powell; 2nd Place – Rosemarie Steinhauser; 3rd Place – Charlotte Stigler. The Club was given a Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Our contact, Ruth, was very appreciative we were able to attend.

The carnival ended at 2:00, and some CCND members decided to take that opportunity to check out the GM show at the Boxwood Road plant. So, for the first time this year, the Club and an event with no rain!





CCND MAY MEETING MINUTES



Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jack Layton on May 3, 2005. Thirty-eight members, including the board were present.

Vice President's Report: Joe DeSanta reported 72 paid members. Need Member of the Month articles.

Treasurer's Report: Harvey Smith not able to attend.

Member at Large: Mike Metcalf reported on Blue Rocks. Fri., 6/3, fireworks night, \$21/person. Trying to get okay for 10 cars to ride around inside track. Cars for the track need to be there by 5:30 pm.

Club apparel – would like some orders to check out quality

NCCC Governor: Dave Morales not able to attend.

Newsletter Editor: Steve Blanchies reported that newsletter went out but link to website not sent yet. Thanked members for articles submitted.

Social Chairperson: Lynn Blanchies reported on up coming activities:

- Thurs., 5/12 Run to Buffalo Wings Restaurant
- Sun., 5/22 Rusty Rudder Brunch
- Fri., 6/03 Blue Rocks
- Sun., 6/05 Concord Mall Muscle Car/Bike Show
- Sun, 6/19 Concord Mall Father's Day Show

Show Chairman: Bob Gerber handed out the "Vettes for Pets" flyer along with the sponsorship and door prize letters for the October 2, 2005 car show.

Janet Taylor: Janet had registration forms for "Corvettes for Kids" and OC, New Jersey shows available for anyone interested.

Jack Layton: Jack reported that cars coming to the Father's Day Concord Mall show need to be in mall between 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.

He passed around the Certificate of Authenticity for the Flint brick at the Museum purchased by the club.

New Business: None

50/50: \$10 True Value gift certificate – Lynn Blanchies
\$28 – John McCarnan

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Christine Carlantonio, Secretary*

NEXT MEETING DATE – TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2005

Upcoming Events by Lynn Blanchies



- June 3 **CCND Night at the Blue Rocks.** Drive your Corvette on the field. We are reserved at the 'all you can eat' picnic area. Fireworks. \$21.00 per person.
Call Mike Metcalf @ 731-7852.
Bring the whole family
- June 5 **Concord Mall - American Muscle Cars & Custom Bike Show.**
Please come out and show your support.
- June 7 **CCND Meeting Kahunaville @ 7:00pm**
- June 12 **Corvettes for a Cure 10-4** Phoenixville Pa.
- June 14 **Dinner night @ Woody's Seafood Restaurant** in North East MD
Meet at Goodyear's near Peoples Plaza- Glasgow. Leaving at 6:45pm
Since parking is very difficult, bringing the Vettes is not recommended.
Please let me know @302-322-6649 or boatwidow@comcast.net
- June 19 **CCND Fathers Day Corvette Show at Concord Mall**
This annual event is also a great turnout. Please let Jack know if you are bringing your car. Please show your support.
- July 5 **CCND Meeting Kahunaville @7:00pm**
- July 24 **Cruising the Chesapeake Bay**
Join us for a relaxing day long boat trip on the Chesapeake Bay.
Main course and drinks are provided for lunch, please bring a side dish.
Please sign up as we can only accept 20 people.

June Birthdays

Raymond Casalena	6/2	Lynn Blanchies	6/25
Laura Lehman	6/7	John Twaddell	6/26
Ginny Steele	6/9	John McCarnan	6/28
Charlotte Gerber	6/24	Bobbie McGhee	6/28

Liberty Region Corvette Show...Saturday , May 21st



The 55 mile drive from our home in Kennett Square to Langhorne was a breeze up I-95 to this show. We made the trip in about an hour. The sponsor and location for the show this year was at Reedman/Toll Auto World. Close to 80 Vettes arrived for the show by 10AM...oldest was a 1957 NCRS up to several C6's...Reedman also had numerous cars on display. Their was a 50/50 raffle, a Chinese auction, music (which was EXCELLENT) and food galore. I had never been to Reedman before..., what a treat...You could walk inside the dealership showrooms as they attached to each other by hallways...seemed like we walked for miles inside...C1 and C2's were almost nowhere to be found this day, only 1 of each generation present.. Most were C4's.....a huge class. I did manage to strike up a long conversation with the owner of a 1963 split who informed me he bought his car at Spring Carlisle a few years ago for only \$22,000.00!! I'll be looking for that deal come August at Carlisle!! Liberty put on a well planned out event. Their was a huge amount of parking space available, so each car had ample room. The trophies at the end of the day for those select few were bronze statues of American Eagles, unique and eye catching. This show is well worth the ride...*Andy Rumford (Photos by Alex Rumford)*



Sundance Saloon Custom Car and Motorcycle Show.....Sunday, May 22nd



Our first year at this show located in Aston, PA. About 50+ cars of all makes and models in attendance and at least the same number of motorcycles. Norman Powell and Andy Rumford represented CCND well at the event. Have you seen Norman's car lately?? If not, you're in for a real treat...check out his new chrome sidepipes!!



The turnout in the early AM was spotty, but as the day wore on, by noon, attendance rapidly starting picking up. For next year, the owners indicated that their would be revised classes for the Custom Bikes in attendance. though to choose just one Motorcycle for Best of Show. A nice show which will only grow in the coming years. One to put on your calendar...*Andy Rumford (Photos by Alex Rumford)*



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CCND wants to know "What are you doing with your Vette?"

Matt Guthan...Here was my project, my rear bumper was in bad shape, and so instead of replacing it with the "stock" bumper, I installed the C-5 kit. It was a lot of work, but well worth it!



Barry Kimmelman...The car just rolled out of the paint booth on Thursday and it will be another 2-3 weeks until she is done and home. I'll have the rest of the article ready for next month's newsletter.

Terry Shannon...Finally a few nice days in a row. What have you been doing or planning to do with your Corvette? Send a few sentences and pictures that way we can share it on the newsletter. I've had both the '60 and '66 instrument clusters refurbished by Corvette Specialties of Maryland. The '60 is back on the road, the '66 awaits reinstallation.



I had no trouble getting the cluster out without removing the steering column.



Note that the previous owner added a few extra holes in the lower cluster.

The finished project from Corvette Specialties of Maryland. I bought an lower cluster housing for \$125 and CSM changed it out prior to painting. I sold the one with the holes in it for \$75.



Here you can see the seam that separates the upper and lower housings. I'm glad I was dressed when I took this shot!

Here's a tip I got out of Corvette Enthusiast Magazine. 4" bolts with the heads cut off in place of the mounting screws easier if you pull the steering column first. allowed me to slide the cluster forward a bit while I worked on disconnecting everything from behind and underneath. On the '66 it's much



Brain Salad Surgery! Darn it! No build sheet was found stuffed up in there.

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