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# *Vettester*

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# My Two Cents



by Jack Layton

Well, November is here, and the holidays are approaching. And speaking of the holidays, I have contacted St. Catherine's of Siena church to see what family is in need of help this season. We have a family of 4 adults, and 5 grandchildren. 3 of the adults are mentally challenged. The grandmother is taking care of everyone. A list is forthcoming of their needs. Contact Janet if you can help.

Janet has contacted the Riverview Inn to schedule the date and time for our Holiday Party. The date is January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Also, each person attending is needs to bring a gift for the Chinese Auction during the evening.

A preliminary report looks as if we will be able to give about \$4000.00 to the Delaware Humane Association. We will also be sending in a check to the Red Cross in the amount of \$154.00, which came from the 50/50 drawing from the show. Again, thanks to all who helped make the show a success.

The Concord Mall show turned out great. We had 24 cars inside the mall, the weather was nice and there was a lot of foot traffic throughout the mall.

At the end of the day, the club had raised \$216.00 from the "Peoples Choice" Award balloting. This money will go towards our Adopt-A-Family fund for the upcoming holidays.

Our annual hayride this year will be at Carousel Park in Pike Creek. The date is November 6<sup>th</sup>, and the time is 6pm. We

have 2 wagons reserved that will hold 25 people each. As of this writing, 40 people have signed up. Thanks to Jim Haggerty, who used his pull to get both wagons at no cost to the club. Contact me if you are interested in attending.

In December, we will be holding the elections for officers for the 2006 campaign. If you are interested in being an officer, please let one of the board members know, as there will be a vacancy or two.

It is now time to renew your membership dues. The cost is \$35.00 per household. Members whose dues are not paid by the end of the year will not be receiving a newsletter.

As we close out yet another season, remember that just because winter is coming, does not mean the end of the club activities. As mentioned above, the club will continue to put on some form of activity throughout the winter season. Just because the cars may be tucked away for a long winters nap, doesn't mean we will. Enjoy the good weather while we have it.

Until next month, I bid you all farewell, and as always, thanks for letting me put in "*My Two Cents*".

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# CCND Vetts for Pets 2005 Winners



## Weekend with Freestate Corvettes in Ocean City, MD



The Post Office gave me off at the last minute so Lynn and I were able to get away to Ocean City for the weekend. We stayed at a 2 bedroom bay front condo next to the Convention Center. We thought that this would be great. We could just walk to the Corvette Show. This was not the case; the show was moved to parking lot at the boardwalk. This new location does make sense as not to tie up traffic getting to the boardwalk for the cruise.



Saturday we met some members from other area clubs for lunch at Secrets. Then it was off to Brass Balls to get seats overlooking the boardwalk. We sat with Rick Berry and others for a couple of hours before the cruise started. While sitting there we noticed something was being set up on the beach about a block from where we were sitting. As they progress we discovered that there was going to be a wedding on the beach. As wedding participants walked by,



Rick knew the parents of groom, the groom and several other attendees. The wedding happened during the boardwalk cruise.

Since the Vettes were at the parking lot, the direction of the cruise was reversed from previous years. It took an hour and forty five minutes to complete the cruise but there were many large gaps in the cruise. Afterwards we stayed at Brass Balls for several more hours talking to some of the people who went on the Royal Caribbean cruise in the beginning of the year.

It is always nice to get away and relax for a weekend.  
...Steve Blanchies





Weekend with Freestate Corvettes in Ocean City, MD...continued



# Smithville, Vette Review...2005

Story by: Andy Rumford

Photos by: Alex Rumford and Terry Shannon

October 16<sup>th</sup> ..7:30AM.....6 cars departed from Mikes famous for the 1 hour 45 minute run to Smithville, NJ.....which is located above 10 miles north of Atlantic City. Several members from keystone State Corvette Club joined us on the cruise. This all corvette show took place in a small village setting similar to Peddlers Village.

From best estimates, there were 225 vettes at the show, a sizable number of cars we had never seen before.

The wind on this day played havoc with all of us...gusts up to 30MPH kept the leaves flying everywhere...Thankfully the judges didn't look for leaves in the cars or engines!!

This was our first time at Smithville and surely won't be our last. A beautiful setting with lakes, paddle boats, many places to eat and all types of quaint little shops, as well as a gaggle of geese that were herded right through the village. That was quite a site...

Awards went to Terry Shannon for 2<sup>nd</sup> in his class, Jack Layton for 3<sup>rd</sup> in his class and Andy Rumford for 3<sup>rd</sup> in Customs...Alex Rumford as well was fortunate enough to win the 50/50 for the day...\$185.00...way to go Alex!!!



Nice also to see some familiar friends and faces as well as their gorgeous cars!!

# Smithville, Vette Review...2005 ...continued



## July 6, 2005 Anniversary Edition Corvette Registry... Steve & Lynn Blanchies



Lynn and I woke up this morning to discover to our surprise that it was 9 AM. Quickly getting dressed we headed to last buffet breakfast that was included in our latest adventure. Since it was so late we did not expect to see anyone in our group but there were still several of the 53 couples finishing their breakfast who attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Gear trip of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition Corvette Registry.

Checking out of the Chateau Élan in Atlanta, GA and with a full tank of fuel, we are now heading north on Route 85 towards home. We have seven hundred and eleven miles - eleven and one half hours to drive home which we have decided to do in two days. With Lynn at the wheel, this seemed like a perfect opportunity to reflect on our wonderful trip with the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition Corvette Registry. This excursion has been second only to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Corvette which was held by GM in Nashville, TN in June of 2003.



Before I get started into the past few days' events, let me give you a little history on how the 3<sup>rd</sup> Gear trip came to be. The 50<sup>th</sup> Registry wanted to have a get together. The first year there were 8 AE Corvettes that went to Registry member "Dewey's" home in Atlanta, GA for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July Bar B Que. The second year it was called the Bar B Quey Twoey which was held at the same location. The event took over the Dewey's neighborhood with 51 AE's attending. This brings us to the third year event so named 3<sup>rd</sup> Gear. There were 53 AE's in attendance for this event from all over the US with a few who caravanned in from California and Texas. One owner trailered his Vette from NJ so his whole family could attend.

Prior to the trip, Lynn had been keeping an eye on the weather forecasts for each of the areas that we would be visiting. The outlook was not looking too good; it was supposed to rain and/or thunder storms for each day of the trip. Luckily what rain we did encounter, other than one heavy down pour on the drive down was light, short in duration and did not affect any of the scheduled events.



On the first leg of our trip, we caravanned with CCND member Tom Polis to the beautiful lake front home of the Polis' family at Smith Mountain Lake, VA. We were treated to a boat tour of the lake which has 500 miles of shore line. Tom's mother Carolyn joined us for the rest of the adventure. This was a great place to stop and break up the long drive to meet everyone.

Friday afternoon we arrived at the hotel in Asheville, NC to a line of AE's waiting to check in. This was the first of many times to see the AE's lined up. The hotel had roped off a special parking lot just for us and provided a washing area for our pride and joys. After checking in it was off to the parking area where it was another breath taking sight to see all the AE's that had already arrived. As the afternoon continued more and more AE's arrived to filling the upper lot causing the late arrivers to park in the next lower lot. All in all there were 53 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition Corvettes in attendance. The hotel provided a surprise welcome reception for us with hors d'oeuvres and drinks. This gave us an opportunity to meet and greet the other 50<sup>th</sup> Registry members in attendance.



Saturday morning we were off to the Tail of the Dragon which is an eleven mile road with 318 turns. (<http://www.tailofthedragon.com/index.html>) We arrived at the Tapoco Lodge for lunch after a three hour drive from our hotel. It was quite a trick to get all the Vettes in the parking lot. Then a few more miles down the road it was the start of the "Dragon"

It was amazing to see everyone staring as 53 AEs drove by. This was a common occurrence everywhere we went during our entire event, people stopping and staring, horns blowing and giving thumbs up. We drove past the motorcycle campgrounds, which is at the base of the Tail of the Dragon. Then it was the start of the turns. Eleven miles and 318 turns later we had gone from North Carolina into Tennessee. Then we turned around and did it all over again for total of 636 turns. That does not count all the turns on the road heading to the Dragon.



Saturday night we went to the Grove Park Inn (<http://www.groveparkinn.com>) where we parked on a floor of the parking garage that they had blocked off just for us. We had a wonderful seafood and prime rib buffet dinner. This has to be the best buffet dinner anywhere. After dinner we went exploring the Grove Park's grounds and shops. We also went to the great room where the fire places on each end of the room were so large that we were able to stand in them and were wide enough to hold at least an eight foot long log.

Everyone was up very early on Sunday morning to prepare their AEs for the big photo op at the Biltmore Estate. With the Vettes shined it off for the short ride but it took an hour to line all the cars for the perfect picture. After the photos we toured the house and went on the roof top tour.



The Biltmore Estate (<http://www.biltmore.com>) is the largest privately owned home in the US. It was built in the 1890's and was very technologically advanced for the time. This was Lynn and my second visit to the Biltmore. Lynn and I had been there 7 years ago on our 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It is a great vacation destination. This link is a good source for further information. <http://www.cnn.com/2005/TRAVEL/DESTINATIONS/07/19/biltmore.anniversary.ap/index.html>

Monday the 4<sup>th</sup> was a free day so we the four of us were off to do some shopping at the Biltmore Village. This is where I had seen a 385 HP American sports car that I had never heard of, a Panoz. <http://www.panozauto.com/FAQList.htm> That night we were able to sit in the hotel parking lot with the AEs, look down in the valley at Asheville and watch the fireworks.



Tuesday we departed Asheville and headed to the Braselton, GA, near Atlanta, to the Château Élan (<http://www.chateauelanatlanat.com>) and Winery. This hotel compared to opulence the Opryland Hotel in Nashville. We toured the winery, grounds and Spa. Apparently during our self guided exploration of the spa we had entered an area that we were not supposed to be in. One of the attendants not only took all 4 of us to the elevator but then escorted us to the exit doors of the building as well. Tour over.



That evening we went to Road Atlanta (<http://www.roadatlanta.com/index.lasso>). Before eating dinner track side, we had an event called the Exhaust Wars. We lined up all the AEs with after market exhausts to check the sound with a decibel meter and to vote for our favorite. The AE with extensive modification was the loudest and picked as favorite performance sound.

Before being lead around the track by a red C6 pace car, we were given the usual no passing on the track talk. Then we lined up in the pit area and off we went. Top speed was only about 60 MPH on the back straight away but it was still a thrill to be doing laps on a road race course.



As I have said before, we have met so many great Corvette people, traveled to great Corvette events and have done so many fun things since acquiring our AE. Anyone for a road trip to the Black Hills Corvette Classic of South Dakota in July 2006

<http://www.blackhillscorvetteclassic.com/>



## Upcoming Events



11/01 CCND Meeting Kahunaville @7:00pm



Hayride Carousel Park 6:00pm Sign ups at Meeting or call Jack - Please sign up to ensure your space. This year we have 2 wagons Enjoy hotdogs and marshmallows on the fire.

11/06 Turners - Galena MD 10am - 4pm  
Car cruise and Christmas Shop  
Meet beforehand for breakfast - call Steve 322-6649

11/12 Atlantic City Toys for Tots - Meeting 12Noon Farley Plaza rest stop on Atlantic City Expressway then police escort to Kerbecks  
Must bring a new unwrapped toy



11/13 End of Season 'Run to the Beach' Join us for Sunday brunch at 'Rusty Rudder' in Dewey Beach. 2 meeting places - leave 8:45am at park n ride Prices Corner and 9:00am park n ride Tybouts Corner across from Blue Diamond Park Rt 13.  
Please reserve with Lynn 322-6649 or [LBlanchies@hotmail.com](mailto:LBlanchies@hotmail.com)

11/24 Thanksgiving



11/24 Frost Bite Run 8am-11am Thomas Massey House Broomall PA  
[www.spokenwheel.com](http://www.spokenwheel.com)

12/6 CCND Meeting Kahunaville @7:00pm

JAN 21 CCND HOLIDAY PARTY RIVERVIEW INN Cost \$30ea.



### November Birthdays

Veda Chambers	11/3	Joe Tronto	11/15
Mike Whitmore	11/11	Linda Kimmelman	11/15
Sylvia Crouse	11/12	Michelle Falla	11/28
Tami Kadow	11/12	John Merkel	11/30



## CCND OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES



Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jack Layton on October 4, 2005. Forty-two members, including the Board were present.

**New Members:** **Michael & Pam Rini** - **red '76 coupe**  
**Valarie Thawley** - **white '75 sting ray**  
**Edward & Elouise Wolos** - **black '64 convertible**

**Vice President's Report:** Joe DeSanta putting newsletter together. Jack reported 82 paid members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Harvey Smith away on vacation

**Member at Large:** Mike Metcalf has no club apparel order. He needs to get order together in October for Christmas. Has catalogs available.

**NCCC Governor:** Dave Morales thanked club for birthday card and plant. Reminder: NCCC dues will be due 11/15 (\$35/year new member; renewal \$25/person; \$10/spouse. Dave also thanked Jack for a visit during his recuperation.

**Newsletter Editor:** Steve Blanchies reported that newsletter had not gone out yet. Will be sending link for newsletter soon. More show t-shirts on order for anyone interested in buying.

**Social Chairperson:** Lynn reported on upcoming activities:

Sat. & Sun. 10/15 & 16	-	Smithville show
Tues. 10/18	-	Dinner @ 5 Guys, Concordville
Sun. 10/30	-	Concord Mall show
Sun. 11/06	-	Hayride, Carousel Farms
Sun. 11/13	-	Annual Run to the Beach

**Show Chairperson:** Bob Gerber reported on a great show – great turnout – 72 cars including club cars. Will be putting together a package for next year's show chairman.

Jack reported that we will try to re-use the 12 trophies left over from the show.

Jack also reported on Concord Mall show. 14 cars have signed up so far – would like to get another 10, since the mall pays the club \$750 for the car show. Friends with vettes are welcome.

Hayride – 45 minute ride – bonfire – hot dogs, marshmallows – club to supply refreshments.

**Janet Taylor:** Members agreed to return to Riverview Inn for holiday party – Janet will make reservations. Working on a choice for the adopt-a-family.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Nominations next month – election in December. Joe DeSanta may be stepping down as VP.

50/50 - \$154 proceeds from show will go to Red Cross for Katrina victims and \$150 from baskets will go to Delaware Humane Society.

Membership dues of \$35 will be due no later than 12/31/05. Newsletter will not be issued to any person not paying dues.

**50/50:** Tire Shine – Bob Twadell; Glosser – Lynn Blanchies; \$32 – Jim McCarnan

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, **Christine Carlantonio**

**NEXT MEETING DATE – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005**



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## Dinner Out at 5 Guys

We met at Prices Corner for a leisurely ride on the back roads to route 202 for the rest of our trip to 5 Guys. There were 11 members in attendance and it was great to have new CCND members join us. Food was good and we sat and talked for a while before heading home.

Steve Blanchies



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