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The Magazine of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware



1972 Corvette
Original Owner: David Ferry

My Two Cents



by Jack Layton

In case you did not notice, we have begun the unofficial start of the fall season. Labor day has come and gone, and with it, the onset of cooler temperatures. Fall is my favorite time of the year, if only because the hot weather is just about done. And since I have to work out in the hot stuff, I anticipate the cooler weather, like a breath of fresh air.

But also, it's the start of all the shows in the area. Some of them are mentioned in this column. Check the activities page to see what else is on the agenda.

It's now down to less than a month before our show. Donations and door prizes are slowly coming in, but we need more. If you have not contacted people or businesses, time is running out. If you can help out in any way with the show, contact Bob Gerber.

The First State Corvette Club will be holding a "Show and Shine" Corvette Show at Boscov's in the Dover Mall. The show is September 10th, 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. 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. As of this writing, we have 9 cars signed up. We will 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 7:30 AM. Currently we have 6 cars signed up.

Keystone State Corvette Club's 11th Annual "Belly Buster" cruise to Shady Maple is Tuesday, September 20th. Leaving Prices Corner Park-N-Ride at 5:30. For more info, contact me.

I know that the current gas situation has some people thinking twice about going to some of the shows, or doing some of the activities this fall. If you have signed up to do any of these, and have decided not to attend, please let the respective people who are heading up the activities know.

Enjoy all that fall has to offer. From the bright sunny days to the crisp cool nights. But most of all, just have fun, and as always... thanks for letting me put in "*My Two Cents*."

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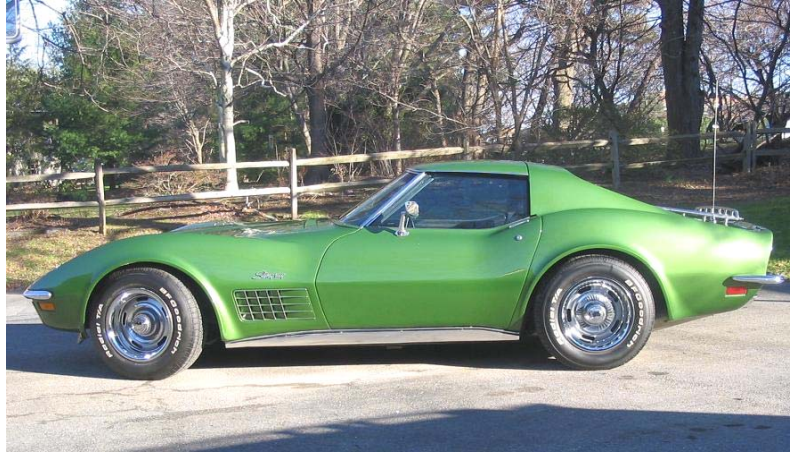
CCND Member of the Month By David Ferry

I bought this 1972 coupe as a very young kid over 30 years ago. This Vette has always been garage kept and it is completely original with 119,000 on the odometer.

The engine and trans were rebuilt about 10 years ago and it was repainted 2 years ago. Now looks like it did when it was new.

It sat hardly used for about 6 or 7 years until it was repainted. Now I get out more frequently to shows, special occasions, trips to the beach and nice day drives.

Over the years many people offered to buy it but I was wise enough to say no. My 3 sons would never let me part with it now. I hope to be still driving it another 30 years from now.



24th Annual Corvettes at Carlisle 2005 by Steve Blanchies



Well, here we sit under one of only 2 trees on the Carlisle Fairgrounds waiting for the long line of Corvettes and trucks with Corvettes on trailers to clear out so we can start our journey home from our latest Corvette Adventure. This is the first time that we stayed to the end and watched them draw the winner for the free Corvette.

The weather was great this weekend in spite of some rain late Saturday afternoon and all night Sunday but stopping after breakfast. The temperature was cool for August with Sunday being the warmest day and sunniest of the weekend. Sure did beat the heat we have experienced the last couple of years at Carlisle.



Here are a few facts about the show that I received via email from Carlisle.

- **“This year’s Corvettes at Carlisle extravaganza brought a record 2,586 Corvettes to the Carlisle (Pa.) Fairgrounds over Aug. 26-28. The 24th annual show saw 54,932 guests attend, and there were 1,305 vendors selling all sorts of Corvette-related items.**
- **The Chip Miller Charitable Foundation raised an astounding \$58,000 at Corvettes at Carlisle**
- **Mecum Auction sold more than 100 Corvettes during the event, including a white 1967 convertible for \$102,500 and a silver and blue 1958 convertible for \$71,500.**
- **Visitors were invited to meet GM executives including Dave Hill, Corvette chief engineer; Wil Cooksey, Corvette plant manager; Karen Rafferty, marketing manager; Harlan Charles, product manager; and Dave McLellan, retired engineer, and learn about all GM has to offer, including the new Z06.**
- **Lance Miller displayed his Carlisle Callaway Corvette which now has 477 rear-wheel horsepower; up from the stock 347 hp it started with last year. It also won best in class at the Autocross, showing that it’s handling and braking work just as well as its power.**
- **Donna Miller of New Freedom, Pa., a member of York County Corvette Club, won the giveaway car, low-mileage 1991 ZR-1, on Sunday.”**

I got my first in person look at the C6 Z06, Hot looking Corvette. I saw it in Silver, Red, Yellow, Black and Daytona Sunset Orange. Kerbeck had one, there was one in the

GM tent and a few others around the GM tent that were driven by GM executives like Dave Hill and Will Cooksey.

Dave Hill gave an hour talk on Saturday afternoon in the GM tent and most of the talk was about the Z06. The 2006 coupe & convertible are going to have a 6 speed auto transmission with a paddle shifter option.

Sorry, no paddle shifter for the Z06, it will remain a standard transmission. Someone asked Dave Hill during the questions part about the "Blue Devil". He said that it was just a Z06 and there is no "Blue Devil" coming out.

We saw many of CCND's members throughout the weekend and some of us met for dinner on Friday night. I'm looking forward to attending next year especially with so many of us being in the same hotel. Hope to see you there too!



Corvettes at Carlisle, 2005

Story by Andy Rumford and Photos by Alex Rumford

In May, 2005 I received a letter from Lance Miller from Corvettes at Carlisle asking if our family would be interested in being in the “Chips Choice” display in August at this event. We were happy to be part of this special feature of the 3 day show. The Chips Choice display for this year was centered on parent-child relationships and how your Corvette has affected your family. Lance liked our story enough to include us for this year’s event.



My son Alex and I made the trip to Carlisle. We had the opportunity to meet the owners of several cars we have studied and watched on-line for the last year. The experience was one that we will **never** forget. One of the highlights of our trip was getting to meet Joe Greenwood, the son of John Greenwood who designed and built the widebody Greenwood Daytona that we currently drive. Joe, as well as Lance Miller signed the glove compartment in our car...a bit of nostalgia every time I sit behind the wheel.



Thanks for all the encouragement and support while at this event. It was as they say, ”a show of a lifetime”.



Baby Gets a Makeover by Barry & Linda Kimmelman

Part 3 – Priming, Painting & Reassembly

When we left off last, our 1965 coupe had just completed all the bodywork required to get her back in as good of a condition as possible to prepare her for the new paint. All areas of the car had been gone over and any repairs that were needed on the body were completed.

The last step that we reviewed was that the car just had the sealer sprayed over the entire body (see pic#14) and it was time to prime and to start painting, or so we had hoped, but typical for us we encountered an unexpected delay.



After carefully sanding the sealer smooth the primer was sprayed over the car and also sanded smooth (see pic#15). With the primer on the car and sanded, Joe went over every inch of the car again looking for any possible flaws in the body or in the primer coat. With the even and uniform color of the primer it makes it much easier to pick out any areas that may have been previously missed and needs more work and also to find any pinholes in the primer coat that would need to get filled. Well, being the perfectionist that he is, Joe managed to find a number of areas that he wasn't happy with so out came the sanding blocks and sandpaper again.



Finally, Joe seemed happy with the car and went to the next step which was cutting in the doorjambes with paint. To do this, he first had to remove the doors from the car and re-spray the doorjambes on the car and the insides of the doors with a fresh coat of sealer over the primer. Unlike the first coat of sealer that was gray like primer, this coat was tinted red. The tinted sealer helps so that when spraying the Milano Maroon base color it does not have to go on as thick just to try and cover up a gray color underneath(see pic#16). This allows him to spray the base color in lighter coats and still get full coverage, otherwise it needs to get sprayed on thicker and you greatly increase the risk of paint runs or the paint collecting too thick in valleys such as the channels and on edges. After doing the doorjambes and interior sides of the doors it was finally time to cut in those areas with the actual base color!



Well, that excitement of reaching that step and hoping to finally see new color on the car were very quickly dashed. Simply put, we made a bit of a mistake. We knew we had a pint of the proper color and while not nearly enough to do the entire car it was enough to get us started on the jambes and door interiors but when we Joe grabbed the paint we realized that we forgot that the pint we had was what I had picked up last summer when we were planning on just retouching up the existing paint and before we decided on a new full repaint job. That meant that the pint of proper color we had was lacquer paint, not the base coat paint we decided to go with. Oh well, time to order the new proper base coat paint.

It wasn't that simple though..... While it was not very difficult to get the new lacquer paint in a correct match to the original color, because we were using base coat paint it's very different and the old formulas don't work when mixing it up. We ended up having to wait 7 weeks until the paint supplier and the paint manufacturer (PPG) could come up with the proper color match of Milano

Maroon in the 2-stage paint rather than lacquer. During those 7 weeks we were getting sample mixes from them once or twice a week to look at and they were always off – either too brown, or too red, or too much metallic, etc.

Finally the day came that we got the correct color match on the paint and about a gallon of this correct formula mix was ordered and came in a few days later. Unfortunately, those additional 7 weeks really threw off the whole schedule of the car plus we were now getting into the beginning of the nice weather of springtime. During the winter when the car would have sat in storage anyway it was easy to have patience while the car was in the shop, but now that the weather was turning nice I was getting a bit antsy to get the car back already. Waiting around almost 2 months while it just sat there waiting for paint from PPG was not an easy time to say the least. During this time Joe had other cars to work on. When our correct paint finally came in I still had to wait an extra week or so as Joe now had another car in the paint booth he needed to get done.

Once the other car was finished Joe was able to get back to work on Baby. The doorjamb and door interiors were re-sanded one last time and the first coats of base color were finally on the car – at least on small portions of the car (see pic's#17, 18).



After the jambs and doors were done he was able to reinstall the new door weatherstripping (see pic#19) and then the doors were reinstalled back on the car.



With the jambs done and the doors back on the car I thought it was time to roll the car in the paint booth to spray the entire car – but I was wrong, it would take almost another month. This time the delay was solely because Joe is a true artist and perfectionist.



With the entire car primed, sanded, and doors reinstalled Joe started studying the car again, and started to nitpick every tiny area he could and out came the sanding blocks again. I would watch him work on areas that I could not see anything wrong with myself but he would just keep working on them for a while, than stand back and study what he just did, than go back to work on it some more. It was more than a bit frustrating to look at the car myself and in my eyes it looked fine but than see him just keep working at it more and more rather than sending it in the paint booth. Days and weeks were passing by, the weather was getting nicer and nicer and he was still sanding, studying, sanding, filling in, sanding, etc.....

Than one day I showed up as was normal (I usually stopped by the shop once or twice a week to check on progress) and I was finally able to see the point of all Joes work! All of the areas that Joe worked on and all of the time he spent with the extra sanding and nitpicking finally showed the results to me. It's as if all of a sudden everything just clicked and came together. All of the bodylines and feature lines of the car just flowed correctly and really stood out as they were supposed to. Instead of seeing each area of the car as a separate area in good condition, now the car flowed as one. Every fender, every curve just looked better. The peaks on the fender tops, the bodyline creases, the curves from one area went smoothly into the next curve. It was as if it was a completely different car the difference was that dramatic. Each area that Joe had worked on that I was not able to see flaws in was done with the entire car's lines in his mind and when he was finished his vision of how the car was supposed to look all came together.

Finally, the day came that it was time to roll the car into the paint booth. Under the paint booth lighting Joe studied the car one last time and guess what..... Yep, more nitpicking. Out came the sanding blocks again! Under the different lighting he found a few areas he still wasn't perfectly happy about. It took yet another week of sanding in the booth until he was finally satisfied. All of these extra weeks of delays were very frustrating but I knew that the more he nitpicked the car before painting the better the end result would be.



After a week of last minute nitpicking Joe sprayed a new coat of primer over the car since most of the previous primer had been block sanded away by now. The primer was then wet-sanded until the car was as smooth as a baby's butt (see pic#20) and tinted sealer was sprayed on the entire car.

Once the sealer was also wet-sanded, three coats of base color were applied and the entire car wet-sanded once again then the final coats of base color were sprayed. Following the final coats of base color two coats of clear coat were sprayed. The actual base color coats and clear coats were all sprayed in the course of one day and were completed on Thurs 5/ 26/05 – almost 9 ½ months after initially dropping the car off at the shop (see pic#21).



Because of the long Memorial Day weekend, Joe let the car sit from that Thursday and thru the long weekend for the paint to set up and cure before the last steps.

After 4 days, of sitting the car received the final wet-sanding of the clear coats and buffing of the paint. Man, I thought she looked good and shiny after it rolled out of the paint booth but after the final wet-sanding and buffing she looks spectacular and with the new paint on her it's very easy to see all the improvements made by Joes work on the body. As mentioned previously, the bodylines and feature lines of the car really stand out now and the difference in the car is significant!



After all this time in the shop, it was finally time to start reassembling the car. All the bumpers, emblems, and interior parts had to get reinstalled and the windshield and rear window had to get put back in plus the trim moldings.

After reassembly was completed it was finally that time that Linda and I waited so long for – we got to bring Baby back home again on July 22nd (see pic#22)!

The car needed a lot of detailing work to get her fully cleaned up again from sitting in a bodyshop 10 months. Sanding dust gets inside EVERYWHERE but that is one detailing job that is well worth it.

One instruction that Joe gave me was to let the paint continue to cure for a few more weeks and then bring the car back to him again so that he can go over the paint with the buffer one more time. Our plan is to wait until about 10 days before Corvettes of Carlisle then drop the car off to him again so that he can buff it out once more. That way it will look its very best for the “Big” show.

Riverview Park Show by Terry Shannon

Friday night, July 29th, was perfect for the Road Knights car show at Riverview Park in New Jersey. Threatening weather may have kept a few cars away but it was a great turnout nonetheless. A little cloud cover kept it comfortable. They were cooking burgers and hot dogs all night long and had plenty of sodas and water ice too. On the way home quite a few car enthusiasts stopped for ice cream at a little place on the right side of Rt. 49 just before you reach the ramp for the Delaware Memorial Bridge. You could close your eyes and picture yourself at the Charcoal Pit, Geno's, or any of the popular hangouts of days gone by. Kudos to the road Knights for a job well done!





CCND AUGUST MEETING MINUTES



Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jack Layton on August 2, 2005. Thirty-five members, including the board were present.

Vice President's Report: Joe DeSanta reported 78 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 away on vacation. Jack reported that the Blue Rock's picnic and game to be rescheduled for Mon. 8/8. Bring \$21/person in exact change. 3rd base side – 5:45-6:00 p.m. drive around track – fireworks night.

Club apparel – Mike will touch base on next month.

NCCC Governor: Dave Morales recuperating from surgery.

Newsletter Editor: Steve Blanchies reported that newsletter link will be sent out. Thanked members for articles. Anyone going to a car event, take pictures and write a small article for the newsletter.

Social Chairperson: Lynn Blanchies reported on upcoming activities:

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| Sun. 7/24 | Cruising the Chesapeake Bay (cancelled-may reschedule) |
| Mon. 8/14 | Corvettes for Kids |
| Sun. 8/21 | Ice cream "surprise" run – Meet Prices Corner 1pm |
| Sun. 9/18 | Pennsylvania Renaissance Faire |

Show Chairman: Bob Gerber away. Charlotte reported that Matt Guthan's employer will donate \$1200 toward trophies for "Vettes for Pets" show.

Jack Layton: Need \$100 sponsors for "Vettes for Pets" show. Anyone you do business with could be a potential sponsor.

Jack reported on upcoming activities:

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| Sun. 8/14 | Corvettes for Kids - \$20 registration – would like about 10 cars to show club support |
| Sun. 9/11 | Vettes at Glasstown – leave at 7:30 a.m. from Mike's Harley Davidson |
| Sun. 9/25 | Ocean City, NJ show |

Janet Taylor: Carlisle 2006 – Has made arrangements with Sleep Inn next to Cracker Barrel to block 30 rooms for \$125/night (regularly \$149/night) 2 or 3 nights – taking names and \$50 deposit. We would like to fill all 30 rooms so we can get a deal for following year.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

50/50: RainX – Janet Taylor & Joe DeSanta
\$28 – Chris Carlantonio

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, **Christine Carlantonio**

NEXT MEETING DATE – TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

Corvettes Invade Kahunaville



The Sunday, July 10th cruise at Kahunaville had an additional 43 Corvettes from the Freestate Corvette Club in attendance. This was a stop on their "Mystery Tour" so 42 of the 43 drivers did not know their destination. While talking to some members of the Freestate Corvette Club we found out that the club has traveled extensively together. Sounds like they enjoy Road Trips! ...Steve Blanchies



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Wilmington Blue Rocks

Our second try at have an outing at the Blue Rocks was looking a little iffy weather wise. We did have a few sprinkles as the five Corvettes traveled around the ball field but after that it was a very pleasant evening. Considering this summer's so very hot weather it was a great evening. This year we did share the picnic area with 2 other groups so we did not look so lonely in the 3rd base picnic area. The ball game went into extra innings and the crowd cheered when the Blue Rocks won the game. After the game we watched the fireworks then headed for home. Thank you to Mike Metcalf for planning our night out...Steve Blanchies



Ice Cream Run Surprise

Without knowing where we would be traveling to, nine CCND Corvettes met at the Prices Corner park and ride. Members were trying to guess where we would be going or saying where they hoped we would not be going.

Thank you to everyone who responded with suggestions on places to go for an ice cream run. It was great for Lynn and me because we had to scope out the suggestions and sample the ice cream too. So this run was to the Cream Valley Custard in Woodstown, NJ where we met eleven Corvettes of Corvettes Unlimited. With 20 Vettes we took up most of the parking lot.

We enjoy the ice cream and talking with the members of Corvettes unlimited who handed out flyers for their Glasstown Show to us. President Dave Kinsey told us of some of the interesting places they have gone to as a club. We will have to try something like this again...Steve Blanchies



Upcoming Events



- Sept 6** **CCND Meeting Kahunaville @7:00pm**
- Sept 10** **First State Corvette Car Show at Boscov's Dover Mall**
Hrs. 9:00am – 3:00pm Registration Fee \$15.
Contact Todd Hannah 302-242-8457
- Sept 11** **Corvettes Unlimited presents Vettes in Glasstown**
pre-register by Aug 31 \$15. Day of Show \$20.
Each car owner also receives 2 Wheaton Village passes good for all attractions. **Jack** has the sign up sheet. Leaving at 7:00am
- 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 **Call Lynn 322-6649**
Cost is \$19.95 Adult - \$8.00 Child
- Sep 25** **A Day at the Beach Corvette Style Ocean City NJ**
Sponsored by Boardwalk Corvettes – Park on the boardwalk
pre-register by 9/13 \$20. Day of Show \$25.00
No early departure. Rain or Shine
Jack has the sign up sheet. Leaving approx 7:30am
- Oct 2** **Vettes for Pets – proceeds to benefit Delaware Humane Assoc.**
CCND Event @ Kahunaville
Volunteers needed – Bob Gerber 633-6595
- Oct 4** **CCND Meeting Kahunaville @7:00pm**

September Birthdays

Steve Gray	9/2	Terry Shannon	9/13
JoAnne Patterson	9/2	Tom Polis	9/14
Joe DeSanta	9/5	Steve Corrado	9/17
Al Spayd	9/5	Dennis Meloro	9/17
Bob Cook	9/8	Ruth Belcher	9/23
Frank Ventresca	9/12	Paula Perrott	9/23

Corvettes for Kids, 20th Anniversary Show... Andy Rumford & Photos by Alex Rumford

August 14th ...a hot day for sure!! CCND members met at the Dunkin Donuts at routes 1 and 202 for the annual trek to the Washington Township elementary school in Bally, PA. just north of Pottstown for this annual event.

We all stopped for breakfast at the Coventry Diner in Birdsboro, before making the extra 20 minute ride up to our final destination.

Once there, we secured a great parking spot, under a huge row of shade trees (Thankfully).....

The show featured about 300 corvettes, some absolutely gorgeous cars. Even the famous “Vicky” car was in attendance for this event.

Plenty of attractions at the show...such as a silent auction, a dog show, volleyball tournament and plenty to eat and drink as well as an Elvis Impersonator.

This year’s “Poster Child” was Alaina Derecola. This 8 year old little girl, afflicted with Autism, Cerebral Palsy and Seizures as well as other health concerns was out and about even on this scorcher of a day.

Congrats go out to Norman Powell and Tom Polis who were presented with trophies from previous years “Poster Children” who were on hand. Alaina presented her trophy to Andy Rumford. Quite a humbling experience for all of us. Tom and Norman gave their presenters a ride in their Corvettes in the field where we parked. So neat to see the smiles on the faces of these children as they rode around in circles in the cars.

A “special” day for anyone who attended this gathering.



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