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The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware. December 2007

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*Ken woodcock (left), Lance Miller (center), Andy Rumford (right)
At the Corvettes for Chip Show*

Website Updates:

New info on the 2008
Corvettes for Chip show

Special section on
1980 Corvette
Frame Project

Updated Activity and
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New items for sale

SHOW COVERAGE
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On the Road

By Andy Rumford



Well, this last edition of 2007 simply leaves me in awe. I'm writing this article shortly thereafter the "Corvettes for Chip" show. I'm hopeful that everyone had a GOOD TIME at the event. It went off well and much thanks goes to all of us, both clubs, CCND and Keystone, coming together and forming a very strong "Team" for this cause. I went to Wal-Mart and presented them with the donation to their charity, "The Children's Miracle Network". They were thrilled and gave me a commitment to hosting this show in 2008 so we have the location already in hand. We are already working on the Show Flyer and November 2nd, 2008 will be the 2nd annual show.

The 2007 Corvettes for Kids spokeschild was Ally Heintz, remember her? The 3 year old little girl who had her stomach, liver, small bowel and pancreas transplanted on 7.29.07? Take a look at how she is progressing at <http://allyheintz.aboutmybaby.com/>. I am so proud to be on the Board of Directors for that Charity!!

On December 1st from 10-1 at County Corvette in West Chester, is the Toys for Tots Event. If you have an hour or so, a quick cruise up to County Corvette might be a nice way to spend the morning. Santa will definitely be there!!

On November 4th, CCND put on our 2nd of the year, Concord Mall Show. A total of 28 Members indicated they would be present for this function. Of the 28 who signed up for this show, 23 attended. I did become aware of one member who could not make the show earlier that AM. The other 4 CCND Members did not call, email or notify anyone indicating they would NOT be at the event. **Beginning in 2008** for the Concord Mall Shows, should a member sign up and commit to this club activity and "Not call or Not Show" for the event, (barring any unforeseen family emergencies, etc.) they will not be

permitted to attend the Next Concord Mall Show. We simply need a way to ensure that the MALL is full for every show and all our "Members" have a fair chance to attend this event.

November 22nd, Thanksgiving morning was the HCCP (Historical Car Club of Pennsylvania's) gathering at the Thomas Massey house in Springfield, Delaware County. This event has been taking place for many years and is a fitting way to end the season. The HCCP website is www.spokenwheel.com. More information about this event can be obtained on their site.

The 2007 CCND Member of the Year will be announced at the CCND Holiday Party. Thanks to everyone for your emails and your nominations. If you haven't yet sent me an email as to whom your pick would be, please do so.

A representative from Diver Chevrolet and Iron Hill Brewery will be at our Club meeting on 12.4.07. At that time we will present OLG with a check for \$4,000.00 from the Clubs show in October.

If your looking for an event that's close to home try this one out, East Coast Indoor Nationals, 12/01/2007 - 12/02/2007, Timonium, MD. The Largest Indoor Pre-73 All American Car Show On The East Coast December 1-2, 2007 Set-up Hours: Friday 8 AM-8 PM Show Hours: Saturday 9 AM-6 PM and Sunday 9 AM-4 PM Maryland State Fairgrounds Cow Palace Timonium, Maryland. <http://www.eastcoastindoornats.com/>

November 17th saw 22 CCND members at Carousel Park for our Annual Hayride. The night was pleasant, got a bit colder as it wore on, but a NICE fire kept us all warm. Roasting marshmallows and

hot dogs, drinking soda and hot chocolate and simply sitting around the campfire chatting for a few hours was such a great way to spend the evening! Thanks to Jim Hagerty for arranging this annual event!!!

Well, 2007 is coming to a close. It's been a year I'll "NOT SOON FORGET", one in which our club has grown in "Size and Purpose". Several new members this year are taking an active role in club functions, so good to see. As far as "Officers of the Club" are concerned, we say "Goodbye" to Dave Morales as our NCCC Governor. Dave served in that position for many years. Thanks Dave, we appreciated everything!!! We also say goodbye to Linda Kimmelman, who for the past few years served as the clubs Social Chair and provided the Cover Shot to each month's Newsletter. THANK YOU Linda, your time and hard work were noticed by ALL. And lastly, as for me, I'll give our club "ALL I HAVE" again in 2008. It's been MY pleasure to stand up here each month and to represent CCND throughout the year. I look forward to the upcoming year and with your help, to make CCND just a great place to be!!

See you out " **On the Road** "

Meeting Agenda

Upcoming Agenda for the next meeting on 12/4/07

Corvette Club of Northern Delaware - Agenda 12.4.07

Call to Order:

Welcome:

New Members:

Officers Reports:

Vice President: Steve Blanchies, Membership
Treasurer: Harvey Smith
Member @ Large: Mike Metcalf
CCND Governor: Dave Morales
Newsletter Editor: Barry Kimmelman
Social Chairperson: Linda Kimmelman
Show Chairman: Fred Krumm

Old Business:

Club Calendar...
Corvettes for Chip Show Recap....C5-R at 2008 Show.

New Business:

Our Lady of Grace Presentation
2008 Club Officers "Official"
Holiday Party - Locations? (Tom and Ashley)
2007 Member of the Year nominations - emails to Andy ASAP
Meeting in January is 2nd Tuesday - (1st falls on the first Tuesday)
Adopt-a Family

Adjournment:

50/50:

Next Meeting date is January 8, 2007

CCND NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Andy Rumford** on November 6, 2007. Andy brought a sheet cake for all members with November birthdays. Thirty-four members, including the board, attended.

- New Members:** **Brian Edwards** '90 red coupe
Steve Przwbylek '99 nassau blue coupe
- Vice President:** **Steve Blanchies** reported 82 paid memberships.
- Treasurer:** **Harvey Smith** presented the financial report.
- Member at Large:** **Mike Metcalf** reported that members could order club jackets on line from JC Penney. Mike is working on the club calendar
- CCND Governor:** **Dave Morales** not able to attend.
- Newsletter Editor:** **Barry Kimmelman** reported that he needs "Member of the Month" articles. (Barry's e-mail is BKimmelman@comcast.net.)
- Social Chairperson:** **Linda Kimmelman** reported the following upcoming events:
- Sun, 11/11 - Corvettes for Chip
 - Wed, 11/14 - Dinner at Mrs. Robino's
 - Sat, 11/17 - Hayride at Carousel Park
- Show Chairman:** **Fred Krumm** asked members to send him an email with any feedback regarding the show at fredkrumm@comcast.net
- Old Business:** **CCND Show Recap** – participants received plaques – Mall happy with number of cars – Reminder: if your make commitment to attend, you need to show up or let Andy know you won't be coming – 4 cars failed to show with no notice
- New Business:** **2008 Club Officers' Nominations:**
- President - Andy Rumford
 - Vice President - Steve Blanchies
 - Treasurer - Harvey Smith
 - Member at Large - Mike Metcalf
 - Secretary - Christine Carlantonio
 - NCCC Governor - Fred Krumm
 - Newsletter Editor - Barry Kimmelman
 - Social Chairperson - Jack Layton
 - Show Chairman - Mike Crank
- Holiday Party** – Tom and Ashley to research a location – Date to be determined
2007 Member of the Year – Andy has received a dozen emails – need the rest of the club to respond as soon as possible – winner to be announced at holiday party.
Corvettes for Chip – 11/11 - Walmart, Kennett Sq. - 27 pre-registered cars – food – everything in place for show
Hayride – 11/17 - sign up on line
3rd Annual Ronald McDonald Toy Drive – 12/1 – 10-1pm
- 05/50:** **\$29 – Harvey Smith**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2007

CCND Events

Linda Kimmelman

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CLUB EVENTS FOR DECEMBER 2007

December 4, 2007
Tuesday

CCND Club Meeting @ 7:30 pm

Meeting location at the Lone Star on Rt. 13 right past the Rt. 273 intersection. This meeting is elections for the club officers so please attend.

December 12, 2007
Wednesday

BORDER CAFÉ IN NEWARK, DE @ 6:30 pm

Join us for a night of fun and great food. Location is, 483 Stanton Christiana Rd Newark, DE . Meet at the restaurant at 6:30pm. Menu and location info here: <http://www.bordercafe.com/locations.html>

CLUB EVENTS FOR JANUARY 2008

Date TBA

CCND Holiday Party

Date and location to be announced

LOCAL EVENTS

December 1, 2007
Saturday

County Corvette Toy Drive

10:00am – 1:00pm at County Corvette in West Chester, PA. Join the staff of County Corvette, dozens of volunteers, Corvette Clubs from 3 states and hundreds of donors for the third annual Ronald McDonald House Toy Drive. Details and directions: <http://www.countycorvette.com/2007toydrive.htm>

January 23 – January 27, 2008
Sunday

PA AUTO AND BOAT SHOW

Held at the PA Farm Show Complex & Expo Center in Harrisburg, Pa.

December Birthdays



Harvey Smith	December 1
Brian Falla	December 8
Alane Whitmore	December 9
Margaret Spayd	December 12
Michael Ciabattoni	December 14
Jim Hagerty	December 17
James Rostocki	December 18
Pat Piesieski	December 19
Michael Rini	December 21
Rose Marie Steinhauser	December 28
Jeff Thawley	December 30
Mary Anna Hagerty	December 31
Janice Wahl	December 25



CCND Concord Mall Fall Show

Story by B. Kimmelman, Photos by L. Kimmelman

On November 4th CCND held their annual Concord Mall Fall Show. We had a much better turnout than the show last Spring and we ended up having 23 cars on display including some of our friends from KSCC and another participant that is outside of both clubs who came in a beautiful custom '63 SWC.

As always it was a great time having the cars on display inside and allowing all the mall shoppers to see these beautiful cars and "show them off".

We even had 3 people drive in from out of state in their corvettes, including a '65 and a '58, because they heard about the cars going to be there so they stopped in just to check them out.

Not only did we raise some money for charity, we also had a couple people ask about joining the club, and a good time was had by all.

This show we also had a special new feature. Once all the cars were parked in the mall, Linda Kimmelman went around and took a picture of each car on display with it's owner than the pictures were printed out and inserted into a nice engraved plaque which was than presented to each car owner at the end of the show as a souvenir.

See all of the pictures on the website: <http://www.vetteclub.org/pictures/mallshow1107.html>

Hope to see you join us next year.





Member of the Month

Michael Crank

I wrote one of these for my first Vette. I kind of figured it was time to write one for the new one. Let me start this by saying I had NO intention of buying a car last year at Corvettes For Kid's. I blame all of this on Don McCloud. He was kind enough to let me drive his C5 that day. I was completely thrilled! What a ride! It was his entire fault. I see this blue Vette for sale and I won't even look at it. I know it's exactly the car I would love to own, and I also know that if I even think about buying another car I may have marital complications! So I finally give in and look at the car and it is really sharp. Someone has taken really good care of it. But that someone isn't at the show and won't be till later. I'm thinking this isn't going to work; somebody else is going to get this car before I get a chance at it.

I finally meet the guy and it turns out that he's the past President of Keystone Corvette Club and Don knows him. Not wanting to do anything at the show (and all the while not



wanting to get killed when I get home)

Michael's C5 at the CCND Fall Concord Mall Show

I told him if he didn't sell it on weekend I'd call him Monday. I'm sure he thought I was not interested but I really was, I just didn't want him to know. So I call him Monday and wouldn't you know somebody is coming to look at it. I felt like it wasn't meant to be.

The part that I left out of all this was my wife was fine with it, if the price is right. The woman never stops amazing me.

At Corvettes For Kids that day I got Lance Miller and his mom to sign my 1/24 scale car of Chips 57. What a thrill for me to finally meet them and get the car signed. So we take the new Vette on it's first run - where else but to Carlisle. I find Lance, tell him I bought the car that was sitting next to his Speedster that day, and he agrees to sign it as well. I'm telling you that was highlight of Carlisle for me! I couldn't have been happier - well maybe. A few weeks ago I went to Corvettes For A Cure. I was really shocked, and believe me, really honored, to get the Lance

Miller Choice Award. To be honest, we have all thought about getting that special trophy or that special award. I'll tell you, this one means everything to me because it wasn't just about "the car" it was about what I've done as a person for my friends, family, and the charities that I strongly believe in. I try to give back as much as I can, and to have someone as respected as Lance Miller give you an award is PRICELESS. Like I said it really wasn't about the car so much that day as it was about the people. Since then I've had a few talks with Lance, He is truly, one of the nicest people you will ever meet. If you haven't, you should. I should really thank Lance's wife Michelle, I'm pretty sure that she had a lot to do with the "choice " that day.

This past weekend I went to Corvettes For Kids, the show where I found the car last year. Wouldn't you know I get a trophy from one of the kids? It kind of puts an end to a great year with this new hot rod.

About the car, it really doesn't matter does it?

***ENJOY THE RIDE
MICHAEL CRANK***



Michael's C5 at the 2007 Corvette for Chips show

Tech Tips

How to use a clay bar

Clay Bar Usage Guide

“Claying” is one of the most important steps in the car care process. The Clay will do a deep cleaning of the paint with its ability to safely remove Overspray, Rail Dust, Light Tree Sap Residue, Bug Splatter Industrial Fallout and General Road Grime.

The Clay Bar, known to professional detailers as a surface preparation bar, removes all those contaminants listed above so that there is nothing on the paint except for wax. It is not a wax and it leaves no residue behind. It is safe on all paint types and does no damage to the paint.

Before beginning make sure you have the following:

Clay Bar and Lube (Lube can be soapy water, Quick-Detailing spray, or specialty Clay Lube)
Towel - 100% Cotton Hand Size Towel or Micro-Fiber cloth
Wrapper - Cellophane Cigarette Wrapper

In a well lit, cool and dry area:

Step 1: Check for Surface Contaminants.

Technique: With two fingers inside the Wrapper gently glide it across the Surface. This will magnify any amount of Surface Contamination.

Tech Tip: Do not press down hard as you may free up some of the Surface Contaminants and scratch the Surface.

Step 2: Break off a 2 oz. portion of the Clay Bar.

Technique: Break off a 2oz piece of the Clay and roll it into a ball (store the remainder of the Clay in the container).

Tech Tip: If the Clay Bar is ever dropped onto the floor discard IMMEDIATELY.

Step 3: Saturate the Surface with the Lube.

Technique: Mist the Lube onto the Surface.

Step 4: Rub the Clay Bar onto the Surface.

Technique: Firmly press the ball of the Clay Bar onto the Surface to mold it to the contour of the Surface. Rub the Clay Bar on the Surface in a side-to-side motion with the Contour of the Panel.

Tech Tip: If the Surface begins to show any signs of drying wet again with the Lube.

Step 5: Wipe the Surface with the Towel.

Technique: Do not press hard onto the Surface with the Towel as you may induce some light surface scratches.

Tech Tip As you move from panel to panel 'fold' the clay to a new section.

Step 6: Inspect the Surface.

Technique: With the Wrapper inspect the Surface as in Step 1

Tech Tip: If the Surface still has some roughness to it repeat Steps 2 through 5.

Corvettes for Chip Show - Life is Good

Story by B. Kimmelman, Photos by L. Kimmelman

November 11th was the date of the First Annual Corvettes for Chip Show put on jointly between CCND and KSCC. This show turned out to be a great success, particularly as a first year show. We had approx 118 participant cars plus another 45 or so club member cars between both clubs for a total of almost 170 corvettes between 18 different clubs. WOW!

The weather was great, sunny and dry, and although the morning was a bit chilly it didn't deter anyone from coming out to the show. We even had people travel as far as from Pittsburg, West Virginia, and New York!

Lance Miller was there and was thrilled with the show and the turn out and as always he was a great guest to have and really takes the time to talk to everyone and look at all the cars. Lance is a true "Statesman" of the Corvette world and really cares about the cars, and more importantly, the people involved in this hobby of ours. His presence at the show was a real gift and a very positive addition for us to have. THANK YOU LANCE!

DVCC hosted a "Slow Drag" which was great fun to watch and congratulations to Adam Wahl for having the "slowest" Corvette at the show. You must be thrilled Adam, especially after the expense of adding that supercharger to your car! We had a Chinese Auction, drawing for a specially framed numbered Corvette Lithograph, Bob Gerber as the DJ and MC for the day, and T-shirt silk-screening.

Not only was the number of cars that turned out great, but also even more impressive was the quality of the cars there. If you walked around you could see many cars that had been in national magazine feature articles and many NCRS Top-flight cars plus custom and modified cars that were of the best quality. As good as the cars were, the thing that was noticed the most though was the smiles on everyone's face. It seems that no matter whom you saw walking around the show they were wearing a big smile. If you missed being there this year you do not want to miss next years show on Nov. 2nd, 2008. Plans for that show are already in the works and it should be bigger and better with more sponsors and more attractions. Our goal for next year is to


have 250 cars. You won't want to miss it! Lance will be there again and this time bringing his Corvette C5-R racecar.

**See all the pictures on the CCND and on the Chip Miller websites:

<http://www.vetteclub.org/pictures/cfc1107.html>

http://www.chipmiller.org/picture_gallery/



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*- I love you and thank you for being my best friend & ultimate father, you will never be forgotten.
- Lance Miller*





1971 CORVETTE

Corvette specs by the year



- The 1971 Corvette was almost identical to the 1970 model
- The major changes involved a new resin process that was to improve the body and a different interior
- The engine compression ratios were lowered to allow lower octane fuel
- Standard equipment included the following
 - All-vinyl upholstery, carpeting, center console, dual exhaust, electric clock, four-wheel disc brakes with warning light, heavy-duty battery, outside rearview mirror, tachometer, tinted glass, wheel trim rings
- Ten colors were available
 - Brands Hatch Green, Bridgehampton Blue, Classic White, Mille Miglia Red, Mulsanne Blue, Nevada Silver, Ontario Orange, Steel Cities Gray, Sunflower Yellow, War Bonnet Yellow
- All convertibles came with a choice of Black or White soft tops
- Interior colors were Black, Dark Blue, Dark Green, Red, and Saddle

LD. NUMBERS

- The serial number [Vehicle Identification Number -- VIN] was stamped on a plate on the inner vertical surface of the left windshield pillar visible through the windshield.
- Convertible Serial numbers ranged from 194671S100001 to 194671S21801
- Coupe Serial numbers ranged from 194371S100001 to 194671S21801
- Corvette engines have the last six digits of the VIN stamped on the block next to the engine number
- The body number plate was located on the engine side of the cowl.
- The Fisher Body Style Number 71-19467 identifies a Corvette Stingray convertible
- The Fisher Body Style Number 71-19437 identifies a Corvette Stingray coupe
- The body number is the production serial number of the body.
- The trim number indicates the interior trim color and material..

ENGINE & Transmission

- The standard motor was a 350ci V8 motor, overhead valve with a 4.00" bore and 3.48" stroke. Compression of 8.5:1 with 5 main bearings, hydraulic lifters, and a Rochester four-barrel carb. Output was 270hp@4800rpm.
- Three optional motors were available: One additional small block had 9.0:1 compression with a Holley four-barrel carb on an aluminum intake, solid lifters and high performance cam and produced 330hp@5600rpm (LT1 motor). Two Big Block 454ci motor options were available, one with a Rochester carb, 8.5:1 compression, hydraulic lifters, and high performance camshaft producing 365hp (LS5 motor), and one with 8.5:1 compression, a holley carb, hydraulic lifters, and a high performance cam, producing 425hp (LS6 motor)
- A manual 4-speed transmission was standard, a manual heavy-duty 4-speed close ratio unit was available, or an automatic 3-speed turbo-hydro-Matic tranny was available.

CHASSIS

Wheelbase:	98 inches	Overall length:	182.1 inches
Front tread:	58.3 inches	Rear tread:	59.0 inches
Wheels:	8" wide slotted steel15"	Tires:	15"
Brakes:	4 wheel disc	ratio:	3.36:1 (optional 3.08, 3.55, 3.70, 4.11, 4.56)
Front suspension:	upper and lower A-arms; unequal-length wishbones; coil springs; anti-roll bar; tubular shocks		
Rear suspension:	fixed differential; nine leaf springs; lateral struts and universally-jointed axle shafts; radius arms and direct-acting shock absorbers		

OPTIONS

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| RPO Custom interior trim (\$158) | RPO A31 Electric power windows (\$79) |
| RPO A85 Custom shoulder belts (\$42) | RPO C07 Auxiliary hardtop for convertible (\$274) |
| RPO C08 Vinyl cover for auxiliary hardtop (\$63) | RPO C50 Rear window defroster (\$42) |
| RPO C60 Air conditioning (\$459) | RPO U79 Stereo radio (\$283) |
| RPO T60 Heavy-duty battery (\$15.80) | RPO U69 AM-FM radio (\$178) |
| RPO PU9 F70 x 15, raised-white-letter tires (\$42) | RPO N37 Tilt-telescopic steering wheel (\$84.30) |
| RPO PT7 F70 x 15, white stripe tires (\$28) | RPO N40 Power steering (\$115.90) |
| RPO G81 Positraction rear axle, all ratios (\$13) | RPO J50 Power brakes (\$47) |
| RPO LS5 454-cid 365-hp V-8 (\$295) | RPO M21 Four-speed close-ratio manual transmission (n/c) |
| RPO LS6 454-cid 425-hp V-8 (\$1221) | RPO M22 Heavy-duty close-ratio four-speed manual trans (\$100) |
| RPO LT1 350-cid 330-hp V-8 (\$483) | RPO M40 Turbo Hydra-Matic automatic transmission (n/c) |
| RPO ZR1 350-cid 330-hp V-8 (\$1010) | RPO P02 Custom Wheel covers (\$63) |
| RPO ZR2 454-cid 425-hp V-8 (\$1747) | |

SPECIAL OPTIONS – ZR1 Option Group

- The letter "Z" meant it was part of Chevrolet's "special items" group
- It included the following:
 - LT1 engine, M22 heavy-duty four-speed manual transmission, J50/J56 dual-pin brakes with heavy-duty front pads and power assist
- F41 suspension consisting of the following:
 - special 89 lb/in ride rate front springs, 121 lb/in ride rate rear springs, matching shock absorbers, a 0.75-inch front stabilizer bar

HISTORICAL NOTES

- 1949 buyers selected the LT1 engine option and eight ZR1 Corvettes had the LT1 engine
- About 33 % of 1971 Corvettes had tilt steering wheels
- 53.9 % had four-speed manual transmissions
- 28.4 % had power windows
- 52.7 % had air conditioning
- 82.1 % had power steering
- A 1971 Corvette with the L48 engine could do 0-to-60 mph in 7.1 seconds and go from 0-to-100 mph in 19.8 seconds and do the standing-start quarter mile in 15.5 seconds at 90.36 mph
- A 1971 Corvette with the LS6 engine and 3.36:1 rear axle was tested by *Car and Driver* in June 1971. It could do 0-to-60 mph in 5.3 seconds, 0-to-80 mph in 8.5 seconds, and 0-to-100 mph in 12.7 seconds
- A 1971 Corvette with the LT1 engine, M-21 transmission, and 3.70:1 rear axle was also tested by *Car and Driver* in June 1971 and it could do 0-to-60 mph in 6.0 seconds, and 0-to-100 mph in 14.5 seconds. It also did the quarter mile in 14.57 seconds at 100.55 mph and its speed was 137 mph.



Humorous Diversions

Add a smile to your day.....



I took my dad to the mall the other day to buy some new shoes. We decided to grab a bite at the food court. I noticed he was watching a teenager sitting next to him. The teenager had spiked hair in all different colors: green, red, orange, and blue.?? My dad kept staring at him. The teenager would look and find him staring every time.

When the teenager had enough, he sarcastically asked 'What's the matter old man, never done anything wild in your life?'

Knowing my Dad, I quickly swallowed my food so that I would not choke on his response; And in classic style he did not bat an eye in his response.

"Got drunk once and had sex with a peacock. I was just wondering if you were my son."

I was in Wal-Mart buying a large bag of Purina for my dog and was in line to check out. A woman behind me asked if I had a dog.

Duh!

I was feeling a bit crabby, so on impulse I told her, no, I was starting The Purina Diet again, although I probably shouldn't because I'd ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I awakened in an intensive care unit with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IV's in both arms.

Her eyes about bugged out of her head. I went on and on with the bogus diet story and she was totally buying it. I told her that it was an easy, inexpensive diet. And that the way it works is to load your pockets or purse with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The package said the food is nutritionally complete so I was going to try it again...

I have to mention here that practically everyone in the line was by now enthralled with my story, particularly a tall guy behind her. Horrified, she asked if something in the dog food had poisoned me and was that why I ended up in the hospital. I said no.....I'd been sitting in the street licking my butt when a car hit me.

I thought the tall guy was going to have to be carried out the door.

Your smile for the day!!! Think about this the next time you're standing in line at Wal-Mart..

Why Men Don't Write Advice Columns

Dear Walter:

I hope you can help me here. The other day I set off for work leaving my husband in the house watching the TV as usual. I hadn't gone more than a mile down the road when my engine conked out and the car shuddered to a halt. I walked back home to get my husband's help. When I got home I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in the bedroom with a neighbor lady making mad passionate love to her. I am 32, my husband is 34 and we have been married for twelve years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted that he'd been having an affair for the past six months.

I told him to stop or I would leave him. He was let go from his job six months ago and he says he has been feeling increasingly depressed and worthless. I love him very much, but ever since I gave him the ultimatum he has become increasingly distant. I don't feel I can get through to him anymore.

Can you please help?

Sincerely,

Mrs.. Sheila Usk

Dear Sheila:

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the jubilee clips holding the vacuum pipes onto the inlet manifold. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the carburetor float chamber. I hope this helps.

Walter

An elderly man walked into a jewelry store one Friday evening with a beautiful young lady at his side. He told the jeweler he was looking for a special ring for his girlfriend.

The jeweler looked through his stock and brought out a \$5,000 ring.

The old man said, "No, I'd like to see something more special."

At that statement, the jeweler went to his special stock and brought another ring over. "Here's a stunning ring at only \$40,000" the jeweler said.

The young lady's eyes sparkled and her whole body trembled with excitement.

The old man seeing this said, "We'll take it."

The jeweler asked how payment would be made and the old man stated, "By check. I know you need to make sure my check is good, so I'll write it now, and you can call the bank Monday to verify the funds. Then I'll pick the ring up Monday afternoon," he said.

On Monday morning, the jeweler phoned the old man and complained, "There's no money in that account!"

"I know," said the old man, "But let me tell you about my weekend!"

Vette Shopper

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