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The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware. March 2008

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The new 2009 Corvette "ZR1" at the Phila Auto Show



**CCND celebrating
35 years!**

This month

About NCCC

20 Questions

1974 Corvette Specs

Phila Auto Show

Visiting Greenwood Corvette

On the Road

By Andy Rumford



An exciting month to say the least. For the years I have been attending Corvette Shows, up until this year, there had never been a show in March that I could recall. Well, that's about to change in a big way with "Corvettes at New London" scheduled for the 29th of this month. Keystone State Corvette Club is hosting this event. We absolutely would like to have as many CCND members attend this event, located at the Acme market in Avondale, PA, only a few minutes on route 41 S. from Lantana Square. The rain date for this event is the following Saturday, April 5th.

April 6th (Sunday), finds us returning this year to the Red Rose Inn for our Clubs season annual season starting "Kickoff Brunch". KSCC will be joining up with us this year at Longwood Gardens. I have spoken with Lance Miller and he and his wife will be meeting our clubs at Longwood Gardens for this Brunch.

CCND has chosen the "Friendship House" as the 2008 beneficiary for our clubs show. Information was passed out at the 2.5.08 club meeting on this charity. If you were unable to make the club meeting and would like to learn a bit more about this worthwhile charity, please see Michael Crank.

I had an opportunity to go to the Philadelphia Auto Show a few weeks ago. I had gone last year as well and the thought of fighting the crowds again surely didn't sit well with me, but I gave it another shot, but this time on Sunday. The crowds were lighter than last year and I was actually able to move around a bit. Of course I gravitated to the Chevy display where the Camaro and ZR1 were being showcased. Both cars were getting tons of onlookers snapping pictures. Chevrolet had 2 professional photographers as well setup taking pictures at no cost of people who wanted to sit in a C6. I stood and watched a half dozen children and adults both get into the corvette. I realized immediately how "LUCKY" I surely am to own such a fine car!

Have you ever been to the Atlantic City Car Show and Auction? This event is taking place February 28th, 29th, March 1st and 2nd. The event is held at the Atlantic City Convention Center. In 2007, I had heard a figure of 1,200+ cars being either sold and or on display at the show, quite a significant number. It should be a very nice event.

Take a look at the Carlisle website. <http://www.carsatcarlisle.com>. The photo gallery has simply hundreds of pics of Corvettes at Carlisle last year and on the first page you can see Larry and Mary Lou's matching 57's. Many pics as well of the storm that ravaged the fairgrounds. With Spring Carlisle just around the car, might be worth a look see and jot down a few dates on your calendar for the year.

The "Club Officers" will be meeting on March 2nd to discuss many agenda items which will impact the Club this year. I had a chance to hold (2) such meetings last year. Those meetings brought us together to share ideas, voice issues and generally work on a few items that we felt important for CCND. I will share the results of the meeting in a future article. I wanted to raise this topic, just to let everyone know that your "Club Officers" are working diligently, keeping the betterment of CCND and the future of this Club always uppermost in our minds.

Well, I'm off to BLITZ Automotive here in Kennett Square to check on my Supercharger being installed on the new 383 Stroker. Hope to have a few pics soon. Until then, hope to see u all...."

On the Road ..

Meeting Agenda

Upcoming Agenda for the next meeting on 2/5/08

Corvette Club of Northern Delaware **Agenda March 4, 2008**

Call to Order:

Welcome:

New Members:

2008 Officers Reports:

Vice President:	Steve Blanchies
Treasurer:	Harvey Smith
Member @ Large:	Mike Metcalf
CCND Governor:	Fred Krumm
Newsletter Editor:	Barry Kimmelman
Social Chairperson:	Jack Layton
Show Chairman:	Michael Crank

Old Business:

Club Calendar...Update (Mike and Steve)
Membership Cards...(still working on this item)
Christmas in July.....Cruise / Show (Mike Update)

New Business:

* March Corvette Show, Lowes Grand Opening, Avondale, PA.

*CCND Annual show - "Show team" signup

*Red Rose Inn, Season Kick-off, Sunday Brunch - April 6th. Sign up sheet online and at the March meeting. (\$19.50 per person includes tax+Tip)

*April 12th - HCCP (Spring Event), Booths Corner Farmers Market

*Club Picture - When and Where.....ideas?

* Club Picnic - Volunteers

Adjournment:

50/50:

Next Meeting date is April 1, 2008

CCND FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Steve Blanchies (Andy Rumford on vacation)** on February 5, 2008. Steve brought a sheet cake for all members with February birthdays.

- Vice President:** **Steve Blanchies** reported 49 paid memberships.
- Treasurer:** **Harvey Smith** presented the financial report. Harvey also presented the yearly financial report. Attending members were given a copy of the yearly report.
- Member at Large:** **Mike Metcalf** reported no merchandise on order.
- CCND Governor:** **Fred Krumm** 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.) Barry is making changes/updates to website – suggestions welcome.
- Social Chairperson:** **Jack Layton** reported on upcoming club activities:
- ❖ Racing at Mid Atlantic Grand Prix – 2/24 – \$55 gets you 3 races + membership
 - ❖ Saturday brunch at Shady Maple – 3/22 - \$15-\$18/pp – cruise to follow
 - ❖ Boat ride with **Jay Brantner's** father - mid July or August
- Show Chairman:** **Michael Crank** presented members with information on four (4) possible charities.
- ❖ The Arc of Delaware
 - ❖ Faithful Friends
 - ❖ Friendship House
 - ❖ ALS
- Members discussed, voted and this year's charity will be the Friendship House. Club will also participate in the Adopt-A-Family to be headed up by **Janet Taylor**.
- Old Business:** **Holiday Party** – Everyone had an enjoyable time
Club Calendar – Mike Metcalf now has 35 photos – will be an 18 month calendar beginning 7/08 – 12/09 – will have good progress by next month's meeting. To break even, club needs to sell 50 calendars @ \$25/ea – when taking pics of your car, make sure scenery is not busy and send to Barry.
Christmas in July – Mike Metcalf would like club to do a Toys for Tots cruise.
- New Business:** **Red Rose Inn – Season kick-off** – Sunday Brunch – 4/6 – sign up on-line and at March meeting
- 50/50:** **\$31.50 to Rose Marie Steinhauser**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2008

CCND Events

Jack Layton

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Upcoming Activities and meetings

March 4th
Tuesday

CCND club meeting @ 7pm at the Lone Star Restaurant on Route 13

March 12th
Wednesday

McGlynns pub and restaurant. Located in the Polly Drummond shopping center. Our first mid week outing of the year. Meeting 6:30 at the restaurant.

March 22nd
Saturday

Clear off the dust and polish em up. Were heading for Shady Maple in Lancaster for "One hell of a feast". Beautiful countryside, great food and loads of horsepower. What more could you ask for? Meet at Lantana Square shopping center. Leaving promptly at 10:30.

April 1st
Tuesday

CCND club meeting @ 7pm at the Lone Star Restaurant on Route 13

April 6th

Red Rose Inn brunch- Contact Andy for more information

April 16th

Olive Garden in Stanton- next to the Home Depot. Meeting 6:30 at the restaurant.

Future Activities

May 11th or 18th

Cruise to the Beach for Sunday Brunch. More info to follow.

June

Mid week cruise to Woody's Restaurant

March Birthdays



Jen Powell	March 1
Janet Taylor	March 6
Denise Bailey	March 8
Vernon Bailey	March 8
Elouise Wolos	March 8
Bob Gerber	March 10
Barry Kimmelman	March 27
Theresa Ventresca	March 29



CCND & NCCC

Bob Cook



As CCND transitions to a new NCCC governor, I thought it a good time to write about the old days when our club first joined NCCC. As I mentioned in my earlier Member of the Month article, I first joined CCND in 1977. At that time the Club was putting on shows, rallies, tech sessions (meeting at someone's garage to go through how to replace brakes or whatever Corvette-related work needed to be done) and participating in autocrosses sponsored by the local Sports Car Club – Brandywine Motorsports Club. We were doing at least a couple shows a year. I remember putting on a show at Concord Mall where we had 120 cars. This was before the Mall was full of Kiosks and landscaping, and we put 80 cars inside the Mall. The other 40 cars were in front. Judging that many cars was a challenge but the judging was simpler and quicker at that time.



'03 Convention - Autocross at Summit Point – yep, I ran it!

We had another show inside the Castle Mall at Route 4 and 72 (long gone now). The day following the show, a lady fell on the tile floor where one of the car owners had used Armor All to shine his tires. She sued but fortunately for us, the Mall had insurance and they agreed to take care of the suit. At about the same time, a



'03 Convention – Concours

the National Governors Meeting to be admitted into membership. (That is no longer the case.)

Club in Texas had a similar Armor All issue and the Club and the Officers were sued. It was a mess and cost some people a lot of money.

I had been a founding member of a club in Columbia, South Carolina before moving to Delaware and knew of the National Council of Corvette Clubs which has insurance coverage for all member clubs for mishaps like we had at the Castle Mall. NCCC also offers an event sanctioning program for each region – but more about that later. As a Club, CCND decided to join NCCC and George Bukovsky (CCND President) and I flew to Louisville, KY – where the National Governors Meetings were held at that time – to be inducted into NCCC. In 1980 a club had to attend

After joining we did sanction some of our car shows and used the NCCC rulebook as our judging criteria. (Our current judging sheets came from the NCCC rulebook several years ago.) I was the first Governor and Dave Morales has put in many years as Governor. I don't remember the other names, but Fred Krumm will now take over and I'm sure do a good job.

Our local region is the East Region, one of 16 regions across the United States. The East region has 17 clubs and 887 total members. The largest club in the region is the Lancaster County Corvette Club with 267 members. NCCC nationally has over 19,000 members.

Each region has its own organization with a Regional Executive, Regional Membership Director, a Regional Competition Director, and a Treasurer. All of the Governors in each region meet about 5 times a year and plan regional activities, sanction club events, communicate changes in the competition rules, and generally form a link between the national organization and the individual members like you and me. There are national Governors meetings held every other month in St. Louis, MO to which all Governors are invited – but if they cannot attend, they can be represented by the Regional Executive via a signed proxy.

NCCC is all about competition with a complete rule book and points system for Concours', autocrosses, rallies, and drag races. For our club, the program gives us sanctioned events in our area put on by the 17 clubs in our

region in each of the listed events. For those who participate, there is a point system for accumulating points based on finishing order with awards given at the end of the year.

Of course, NCCC offers insurance for all events put on by member clubs. We have had this insurance over the years for our shows and other events. The third party insurance covers any accidents where damage or injury is done to anyone not participating in the event. Thus, our lady who slipped on the Armor All at the Castle Mall would be covered. The insurance also protects the officers (and members) of the club who can be sued if something happens at a club-sponsored event.



'03 Convention – Corvette Drags



'03 Convention – Hawaiian Party

CCND does have a supplemental insurance policy, but I am not sure what it covers.



'03 Convention – Lou Christy concert

NCCC has an active charity program currently supporting the National Kidney Foundation. Each year a new Corvette is raffled off with all proceeds going to the NKF. Also, member clubs often contribute to their local NKF organizations.

Each year a National Convention is put on by a different Club/Region which is approximately a week in length and includes a concours, high and low speed autocrosses, drag races, a rally, area tours, etc. There are great (sometimes spectacular) parties every night which are generally well supported by Chevrolet, Goodyear, and other sponsors. We have attended several National Conventions over the years and always had

a great time. We have not gone the past couple years but I think Tom Polis has and could tell of his experiences. (I have included pictures from the 2003 National Convention held in Frederick, MD.)

Blue Bars, the NCCC publication comes quarterly with notes from the National Meetings, articles on member clubs and events, and reports from the executives of each region.

I think there is a lot of opportunity for CCND members to become involved in NCCC activities and it gives the club an expanded list of offerings for the membership. In the past we have not taken advantage of what NCCC offers, but I hope with our new Governor that we can get more people involved enjoying more Corvette activities like autocrossing and rallying.

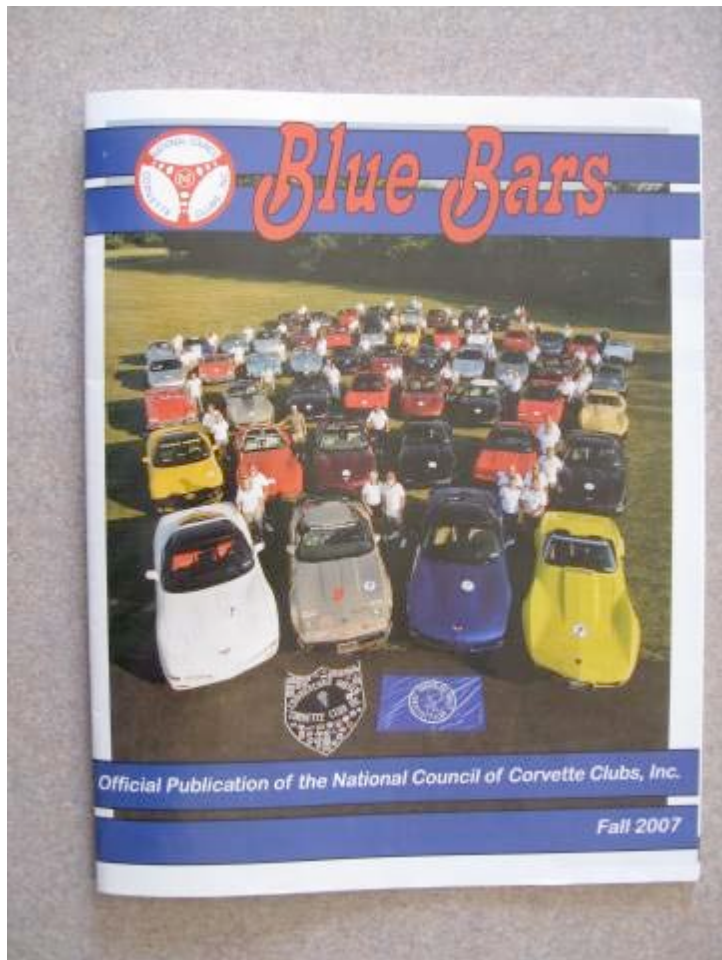


'03 Convention – Mardi Grass party



'03 Convention – Partying Again

NCCC publication “Blue Bars” --->



Greenwood Corvettes

Story & Photo by Andy Rumford



Located about 25 miles NW of Orlando, Florida is the small town of Apopka. Apopka is the home of Greenwood Corvettes. While on vacation last month I took a quick ride to see if I could finally meet the elusive John Greenwood. Unfortunately for me, John was not in the shop when I was there, but I did talk with his son, Joe whom I had met before, the last time being in Carlisle, 2005. At Carlisle that year, I had Joe sign the glove box of my Daytona. He remembered me instantly when I walked into his shop. The shop has dozens and dozens of old photographs of John's racing days in the 60's and 70's. Several Vettes were being worked on, including one widebody GT. Joe had been putting the finishing touches on the Greenwood C5 / C6 Rear Adjustable wing when I arrived. He explained how it worked, showed me the building process and we spent about 30 minutes or so chatting about folks we knew within the "Greenwood Family". I was expecting a larger operation, but came away knowing that Greenwood Corvettes is surely alive and flourishing in a little town in Central Florida!



Andy at Greenwood Corvette's shop

CCND Tidbits

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Charlotte Gerber bought a 2004 Millenium Yellow Convertible on January 25th. Bob & Charlotte are keeping the C5 Torch Red for Bob to drive. Bob has his '78 Pace Car up for sale at Conte's Corvettes in Vineland.

Charlotte also sent us a new website that she has bought shirts & sweatshirts from at reasonable prices. The website is <http://www.artworktshirts.com>. The contact person is Brian Suris.

Walter Rupp, CCND member since 1991 and former newsletter editor contributed the following information – thanks Walter!!

Ever dream about driving the most exotic, most desirable sports cars in the world? Did you figure you would never have the chance because you can't afford to buy one of these multi-six figure cars? Well, now is your chance to drive not one, not two, but SIX of the top exotic sports cars out there and you can do it right here at home!! Hmm, have I peaked your interest? Are you excited yet? Jumping out of your chair asking 'how? How can I do this'?"

Go to: <http://worldclassdriving.com> This company allows you to drive these cars yourself, right on our own roads. You are not limited to a boring circle track for a lap or two. You actually enjoy these cars for almost an hour per car. First you ride as a passenger as another person drives for twenty minutes than you drive for twenty minutes, than switch cars and do it all over again until you drive all six cars.

What cars are we talking about are you asking? How's this sound: Mercedes Benz SLR McLaren, Lamborghini Gallardo Superleggera, Ferrari F430, Ferrari 599 GTB Fiorano, Aston Martin Vantage, Porsche 911 Turbo Cabriolet, Corvette Z06 and Walter tells me that they have also now added a Callaway corvette to the mix!

They are currently scheduled to come to Wilmington twice in 2008, once in May and once in September. I'd hate to miss this so time for me to start saving some money up so I can enjoy this opportunity...

**** Note from the editor:**

This section of the newsletter is for information about the CCND members. Anything such as news, promotions, announcements, etc that you would like to share with the membership just contact Nancy to have it included. Especially over the winter months when there is a reduced level of overall activity from lack of shows, cruises, events, etc this makes a great way to let others know what's happening in our lives.

Philadelphia Car Show 2008

Text by B. Kimmelman, Photos by Mike Metcalf

Ahhhh, that time of year again. The annual Philadelphia Car Show was in town and on display were all the latest models of current and prototype cars from all the car manufactures. Always a great show to go and enjoy, drool over, and dream about the cars you want or wished you could have and to see what's going to be available in the near future.

Two of the hottest models at this years show were the new Corvette ZR1 and the new Camaro. Unless you have been a hermit or dead for the last year or two you had to have heard about and/or seen pictures of these two cars in various magazines and online forums but this was finally a chance to see these two cars in person.

Since they say a picture is worth a thousand words, here are the pics from the show on these two cars (plus a couple others). Thanks for the pictures Mike!





1974 CORVETTE

Corvette specs by the year



Major changes for 1974 involved the following:

- a restyled, sloping rear end
 - Elimination of the conventional rear bumper and replaced by a body-color urethane bumper
 - The new rear end eliminated the last vestiges of the long-lived rear-deck-lid spoiler and replaced it with a smooth-surfaced rear deck and a body-colored resilient urethane extension covering the actual rear bumper and including the circular taillights
 - The new rear end met federal energy-absorbing standards - It added 30 pounds to the weight of the Corvette
 - The rear cap section was of a two-piece design for 1974, but was changed to a one-piece design with a pair of fake bumperettes molded in for 1975
 - The increased weight of the rear end cap necessitated minor suspension changes such as revised front and rear spring rates.
- A new optional "Gymkhana" suspension featured a 0.9375-inch (23.8 mm) diameter front stabilizer bar, heavier-duty front suspension bushings, front springs with a 550 lb/in rating, rear springs with a 304 lb/in rating
- The power steering, seat belts, and radiator were improved.
- The alarm system activator was relocated
- Ten exterior colors were available: Bright Yellow, Classic White, Corvette Gray, Corvette Medium Blue, Corvette Orange, Dark Brown, Dark Green, Medium Red, Mille Miglia Red, Silver Mist
- All convertibles came with a choice of Black or White soft tops
- Interior colors were: Black, Dark Blue, Dark Red, Neutral, Saddle, Silver

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 1Z67*4S400001 to 1Z67*4S437502
- Coupe Serial numbers ranged from 1Z67*4S400001 to 1Z67*4S437502
- 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 74-1YZ67 identifies a Corvette Stingray convertible
- The Fisher Body Style Number 74-1YZ37 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 9.0:1 with 5 main bearings, hydraulic lifters, and a Rochester four-barrel carb. Output was 195hp@4400rpm.
- Two optional motors were available: One additional small block had 9.0:1 compression with a Rochester four-barrel carb on an aluminum intake, hydraulic lifters and high performance cam and produced 250hp@5200rpm (L82 motor). A Big Block 454ci motor option was available, with a Rochester carb, 8.25:1 compression, hydraulic lifters, and high performance camshaft producing 270hp (LS4 motor),
- A manual 4-speed close ratio transmission was standard, 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)
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

RPO Custom interior trim (\$154)	RPO FE7G81 Gymkhana suspension (\$7)
RPO A31 Electric power windows (\$86)	RPO N37 Tilt-telescopic steering wheel (\$82)
RPO A85 Custom shoulder belts (\$41)	RPO N40 Power steering (\$117)
RPO C07 Auxiliary hardtop for convertible (\$267)	RPO U05 Dual Horns (\$4)
RPO C08 Vinyl cover for auxiliary hardtop (\$329)	RPO C50 Rear window defroster (\$43)
RPO C60 Air conditioning (\$467)	RPO T60 Heavy-duty battery (\$15)
RPO G81 Positraction rear axle, all ratios (\$12)	RPO UF1 Map light (\$5)
RPO L82 350-cid 250-hp V-8 (\$299)	RPO U58 AM-FM radio (\$276)
RPO LS4 454-cid 275-hp V-8 (\$250)	RPO U69 AM-FM radio (\$173)
RPO M21 Four-speed close-ratio manual transmission (n/c)	RPO J50 Power brakes (\$49)
RPO M40 Turbo Hydra-Matic automatic transmission (n/c)	RPO Z07 Off-road suspension and brake package (\$369)
RPO QRZ GR70 x 15 raised white letter radial tires (\$45)	RPO QRM White stripe nylon steel-belted radial tires GR70 x 15 (\$32)

HISTORICAL NOTES

- 95.6% had power steering (up from 91.5% last year)
- 88.3% had power brakes (up from 79.3% last year)
- 63.1% had power windows (up from 46% last year)
- 77.7% had air conditioning (up from 70.8% last year)
- 33.7% had four-speed manual transmissions (down from 41.2% last year)



20 Questions

about CCND members - Bruce Taylor

Name: Bruce D. Taylor

What is your age? 56

What is your occupation? Retired from the New Castle County Police Department as a Senior Lieutenant after 32 years of service and reaching the mandatory retirement age of 55 in August of 2005. I'm now working at Mike's Famous Harley Davidson as the Rider's Edge Motorcycle Training Manager and instructor for both dealerships.

Where do you live? 19 Tremont Court, Cotswold Hills, Newark, DE 19711

What is your marital status? Married for 37 years this February to my high school sweetheart CiCi.

Do you have children? One son, Christopher, 23 years of age

Do you have pets? Natasha – Siberian Husky, Jazzman – Persian cat, Charlie – Himalayan Persian cat.

What is your Favorite Food? Italian

What is your Favorite Music? Popular rock for listening and Disco for dancing

What made you want to join CCND? I finally purchased my dream car a 1967 Corvette convertible, 427\435 in 2001.

How long have you been a CCND Club member? October, 2001

How long have you been interested in Corvettes? Since I was a young teenager

Are you a Driver or Passenger? I'm the driver when my wife isn't driving the Vette.

When did you get your first Corvette? September, 2001

What year was your first Corvette? 1967

What is your favorite over-all Corvette? Mine

What is your current model year Corvette? 1967 convertible L71

Do you prefer coupes or convertibles? Convertibles, but I like coupes too.

Do you prefer Automatic or Manual Transmissions? If you're not shifting gears you're not driving.

Do you do your own service work on your Corvette or do you take it to a mechanic? I do whatever I can and rely on a good mechanic for the rest.

Besides CCND and Corvette related activities, what non-Corvette interests do you have?

*Our 1970 Pontiac GTO we purchased off of the show room floor at Union Park Pontiac on May 5, 1970. We were only 19 years old and married for three months. We still own our Goat and did a frame on restoration back in 1998. Our Goat has won many awards and trophies since then. I am a long time member and past treasurer and president of the GTO Club of Delaware.

*Riding our motorcycles: 2003 Harley Davidson Wide Glide with custom paint job – 100th anniversary, 1998 Harley Davidson 1200 Custom Sportster – 95th anniversary, 1975 Honda CB550 – Original owners

*Working on cars and motorcycles, Cowboy shooting (SASS), Firearms training, Tennis, Weight training, Walking and hiking, Shooting pool, Watching movies

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