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On the Road

By Andy Rumford



With another Winter Storm setting its sights on us for tonight, it's sure hard to believe that Springs only 25 days away! Snow hasn't deterred me much these days as my C5 has seen snow, ice, road salt and pretty much the harshest Winter we have ever had.

With Spring just down the road and even though the temps hovering in the high 20's at the moment, there is much going on in the "Car Hobby" in our immediate area.

The Atlantic City Car Show was on February 26th, 27th and 28th and is surely worth the ride to the Atlantic City Convention Center. It feels good simply to walk the aisles of vendors, see old friends who have been "Hibernating" these past few months as we have and see the hundreds of cars for sale and on display.

March 28th finds CCND headed to Carlisle, Pa. for a Tour of the Miller Collection. Please make sure you sign up for this one at the club meeting on the 9th. CCND's last trip to the Miller home was back in 2006. The Collection of Corvettes that Chip, Judy and Lance Miller have amassed over the years is truly worthwhile of the trip to Carlisle.

Let's fast forward just a bit to April. CCND's "Season Kickoff" Brunch run this year will be at the Brandywine Prime eatery in Chadds Ford, Pa. Their website has a great deal of information (www.brandywineprime.com). The Cost is \$19.95 per person. We are meeting up with County Corvette Association as well as Keystone State Corvette Club after we depart Lantana Square and rendezvous with the other clubs at beautiful Longwood Gardens. More information is on the Clubs website, www.vetteclub.org . A signup sheet will be at the March meeting so please "join us"!

At the March Club meeting, we will be serving Pizza or Sandwiches as the Newark Country Club is closed each year for 2 months, February and March, so please bring your appetites.

CCND's monthly food drive as well is ongoing and in March, we will be having our quarterly clothing drive as well. If you have any clothing items that you can part with, please bring them to the meeting. I am sure the "Friendship House" can use our help.

Did you know that CCND now has a "Club Historian"? This topic was brought up a few months ago at a monthly meeting. Bob Cook will be CCND's Club Historian (Thanks Bob!) and will be reporting to us on historical topics related to CCND each month.

Well, it's time to head outside, shovel more of this white stuff and spread more salt for the snowstorm ready to

hit tonight. Stay safe and warm my friends and soon we all will be back

On the Road

enjoying the warm beautiful days of Spring!



Agenda 3.9.10

Call to Order:

Welcome:

*** New Members:***

2010 CCND Officers Reports:

Vice President:	Steve Blanchies	Social Chairperson:	Marion Crank
Treasurer:	Harvey Smith	Co-Show Chair:	Kevin Frazier
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Newsletter Editor:	Jim Ebner	Business Manager:	Fred Krumm
Secretary:	Christine Carlantonio	** Club Ambassador:	Bob Gerber
** Club Historian:	Bob Cook		

Old Business:

Poker Night... New Date?

2010 Club Calendars...Any Remaining? (Jim)

Simeone Museum Tour Recap (Fred recap)

April 10th..KSCC Poker Run / June 13th...KSCC Corvette Show

May 2nd....Thomas Chevrolet Show, sponsored by County Corvette Association

Miller Tour...3.28.10 (Marion)

New Business:

Bob Cook...CCND Club Historian

Officers Meeting Update

2010 Season Kick Off Brunch Cruise April 11th.. Brandywine Prime (SIGN UP SHEET)

NCM News....(Bob Update)

CCND Discount Cards (Fred)

Corvettes for Chip Update (Steering Committee Formed)

May 23rd..Breast Cancer Awareness Car Show (Kevin update)

2nd Tech Seminar...(All about the C5)... New Date?

Adjournment:

50/50: Mary Lou Gilbert

Next Meeting date is April 13th, 2010

** Not an Officer Position

ARIZONA TRIP by Jack Bianchino

When we first discussed another winter trip to Scottsdale, Arizona, I thought it would be great to go during the Barrett-Jackson Auction in mid-January. Nancy planned the trip way in advance to assure a nice timeshare condominium; we decided to extend the trip by 4 days to explore more areas.

Unfortunately, when you plan so far ahead, you never know what circumstances await you at trip time. One week prior to departure I called in sick to work with a horrible head cold. We assumed by the weekend I would be improving, but this was not the case. Let's just say thank God I had an aisle seat because the woman next to me in flight was probably cursing me. And it just got worse from that point on.

Our first 3-night stopover was in the small town of Cottonwood (approx. 2 hours north of Phoenix). The hotel has a lot of movie production history and we stayed in the Mae West Suite. However, all I did was cough my brains out all night. The next morning Nancy got on the Blue Cross horn and found an Urgent Care center; got hooked up with some antibiotics and started on the road to recovery. We explored 2 interesting native American National Monuments; the first was Tuzigoot on the Verde River with nicely preserved foundations of a hilltop village; the second was Montezuma's Castle cliff dwellings & nearby (quarry) well with an elaborate irrigation canal system also along the Verde River dating back to 1000 AD (photos attached).

On the 4th day, we drove to Scottsdale for a 7-night stay. You may recall California & Arizona had an unusual storm system during that week. For example, the Phoenix area got 4 inches of rain in 24 hours and their normal ANNUAL rainfall is approx. 3 inches.



We decided the best day for the auction was Wednesday; and it was a great, sunny day. The Westworld Fairgrounds and number of tents housing cars and exhibits is unbelievable. We spent the majority of the day wandering through tents for close-up inspection. GM products, including trucks, muscle cars & over 130 Corvettes were displayed. Most impressive was the quality of the restoration work on such a large quantity of vehicles. However, the most memorable car to me was a 1967 Chevelle SS 396 in yellow with black top exactly like mine after graduation. Plus seeing every possible dream Corvette I ever hoped to own.



The day was great until we had to wait in line for 30 minutes for a bus back to our car in a remote lot. All I can say is, if you ever get the chance to attend the auction, you should. Bring lots of money, since even the non-bidding cheap seats cost \$25 per person.



I hope everyone is surviving the multiple blizzards, which came after we returned. See you soon,
Jack Bianchino

January 24, 2010 Officers Meeting

Members Present: Andy, Steve, Joe, Fred, Marion, Jim, Barry, Mary Lou, Kevin

1. GM logo - Club Store - Thank you to Barry for setting up club store. Club cannot sell items with club logo to anyone outside of club. To comply with legal issues regarding the logo, we will remove all store items from website. MaryLou will handle store items.

2. Food/Clothing drive - Need someone to handle this

3. Lance Miller and family plaque/packet will be sent out to family. Possibility of also sending packet to VP Joe Biden. Andy to follow up.

4. Membership drive - Fred/Steve. Letter has been emailed for dues still owed. Steve will bring list to Feb. meeting. Each officer can make 6-8 calls each to try to recoup money owed for dues not paid. Trying to retain 80-85 members. Discussed possible change of venue for future club meetings. Maybe new Clarion Hotel. Food sales at Newark CC have dropped, food prices not ideal. Andy to look into new venue, will report to officers via email.

5. Kick off brunch - Andy has called several places for pricing. Trying to keep to approx \$20/pp. Possibly at new Clarion off RT 13/295. Kevin to get contact info to Andy. Kickoff date: 4/11/2010. Suggested that club would like to have its own room/space rather than being mixed among other restaurant patrons. Also Lancaster locations are a possibility.

7. Club Money Handling Issues - Reimbursement is slow. Difficult to get money beforehand. Members must use own funds for club items, present receipts to recoup funds. Need process to change. Specifically regarding Adopt-A-Family, money needs to be given out in November. Steve - motion to disperse funds in Nov. Andy - 2nd motion. All voted yes to change process.

8. Mid Atlantic Grand Prix - Steve - March 2010

9. Officer attendance at club meetings - Discussed excessive absences at club meetings. Christine not present. Harvey not present due to illness. His updates are given to Steve and presented at meetings. It was decided to have a 2nd authorization signature added to club checking account (Steve Blanchies) in order to facilitate getting money to people in a more timely manner. Andy to discuss issues with Christine and Harvey.

10. NCCC - Club members not willing to spend extra \$25 fee for membership. How can we raise the \$ needed to cover the fee? Possibly use Cruise Nights 50/50 money to cover it? Andy to speak with Bob Avery. Topic tabled till next meeting.

11. Hayride - October - Marion to arrange (Bellevue State Park)

12. Newsletter - member involvement - each officer should send some type of info for each newsletter, remember to bring cameras to car shows, have new members submit picture of car and info regarding themselves

13. Shows 2010 - possibly May 17 parade - Newark Memorial Day committee; Breast Cancer car show - Kevin working on; Nur Temple; Delaware City (Kevin/Steve); need a date for CCND show (corvettes only)

14. Guest Speakers - Fred reported CCND may use Diver garage twice per year. Rich Diver - March/April. Also Fred looking into discount card issues. Some Diver employees unaware of CCND 15% discount and are not giving to members on parts.

15. Miller Cruise - 3/21/10 Marion to confirm. Possibly eat at Hass Steak House or Carlisle Diner

16. Cruise Nights - possibly Lone Star, Lantana Square (Barry will look into), Pike Creek. Need to schedule date for each month. Need 3 people each month to run it. Andy, Jim, Marion to do first one. Main purpose is to generate revenue (50/50 sales)

17. Poker Night - 2/6/10 Horace and Janice Wahl to host. BYOB. Horace to set tournament rules since he is host of event.

18. Tech Seminar went great. Held at Pine Valley Corvettes. Next session in March, may be held at Diver Chevrolet. Darryl at Diver can work it out based on when is best time so as not to interfere with dealership operations. Need agenda based on topic of choice, perhaps Ed/Dave can suggest topic ideas. Possibly C5/C6 based.

19. Club Trailer for advertising - Fred checking on permits/fees for using trailer as signage to increase exposure for club. Have trailer sit in front of various business. Discussed advertising in Corvette Forum. Also reminding current members to pass out club business cards to prospective new members as much as possible.

20. Concord Mall Show - Andy pursuing getting contracts. Mall wants club to return. Discussed possibility of doing different dates/cold weather vs. warm weather show (June 20 and October 31). Member participation was good (21-25 cars). Joe/Kevin to help organize mall displays. Maximize donations to Adopt-A-Family by having tables at all 3 main entrances to mall. Have schedule times (1hr slots) for people to sit @ tables. Keep show as a CCND display only. How can the club raise more money?

21. Club Historian - suggested by Jim Ebner. Position to keep organized collection of club memorabilia. officer position vs. club ambassador. Possibly Bob Cook, oldest club member. Andy will contact to see if he is interested.



The "Owners Garage"



The "Owners Garage" is a place where other members can contribute to the monthly newsletter. As with all garages, you may find anything in here. It can be anything that you want to share, Corvette related or not. You could tell us about an upcoming wedding anniversary or family birth announcement. Anything you want to share with the CCND Membership. I am hoping this gives everyone the opportunity to contribute. If you want to send me something, you can e-mail me at jimebner@msn.com or jim.ebner@alico.com.

The March 9th CCND Meeting will be at the **Newark Country Club** - <http://www.newarkcc.com/>
300 West Main Street
Newark, Delaware 19711-3218

For directions to NCC please try - <http://www.newarkcc.com/directions.htm> -
Please remember to bring a food donation to the meeting – **March is Clothing Drive Month**

Discount Card From Diver's Chevrolet



For more information on CCND events please check our website www.vetteclub.org

March Birthdays

Jennifer Powell Groer	March 1	Dorothy Gustafson	March 1
Vernon Bailey	March 8	Denise Bailey	March 8
Elouise Wolos	March 8	Eddie Epstein	March 26
Barry Kimmelman	March 27	Lawrence Maguire	March 27
	Theresa Ventresca	March 29	
Happy Birthday Everyone			



The Corvette Club of Northern Delaware

CLUB CORNER

Editor's Note: This feature kicks off a regular series in *VETTE* that will spotlight and celebrate Corvette clubs and their members. If you would like us to feature your organization, write to Club Corner, *VETTE* Magazine, 299 Market Street, Saddle Brook, NJ 07662.

By **Jim Campisano**

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It probably would have worked out fine if the members of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware just got together with their cars for a photo shoot. But, no. That would have been too easy.

They wanted it to be perfect. With that in mind, member Don Hallowell's father-in-law was employed to design a layout. Bob Waites, a retired engineer, got out the graph paper and spent the better part of a day and a half mapping out *to the inch* a V-shaped design with just the proper amount of space between vehicles. (The finished proposal had contingency plans if more or fewer cars showed up. We're talking thorough.)

The day before the shoot, Bob, Don and club president Rich West were on Don's lawn checking where the sun would be at the scheduled time, then spray painting marks on the lawn where each Vette would sit. That's dedication.

That is also the way this club operates. It is first-class all the way. Whether they are generating money for Spina Bifida through its shows, judging for the National Council of Corvette Clubs, or just having fun with their cars, the members of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware have—for 15 years—done it up right.

Perhaps the club's most famous member is Bob Gold (of Bob Gold Auction/Bloomington Gold fame). His vintage racing '63 is in the second row, second car from the left.

We'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank club president Rich West, his wife, Sharon, Don Hallowell and his wife, Peggy, for helping make this all possible. Their hospitality and congeniality know no bounds.

Below is a list of the owners and their cars as they appear in the photo from front to rear and left to right.



Row 1: Judy Trefsgar, '64; Fred Latham, '85; Lindsay Rice, '88.
 Row 2: Ron & Nat Godwin, '86; Bob Gold '63; Henry Green, '87; Jet Griffin, '89.
 Row 3: Bob Cook, '85; Darrell Yarnell, '75; Don Hallowell, '72; Jim Davis, '66; Ann Gullo, '85.
 Row 4: Kevin Bender, '59; Leaugeay Boyd, '90; Joe Kelly, '63; Peggy Hallowell, '67; Chuck Cleaver, '79; Dave Massey, '65.
 Row 5: Sandra Yeager, '74; Del Trefsgar, '80; Jesse Stevens, '65; Richard Gullo, '81; Bob Gold, '65; Bob Godsoe, '72.
 Row 6: Bill Wolhar, '85; Erik Hansen, '67; Ron & Maria Boulden, '87; Sharon West, '90; Rich West, '82; Bill Woodman, '78.
 Row 7: Tony & Lori Wasile, '65; Mike Riley Jr., '88; Randy Greer, '71; Garth Koniver, '68; Dave DeVoll, '82; Carl Dellose, '65.

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