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*The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware, December 2011*

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CCND Wins Best Club Participation at the Corvettes for Chip Show

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**Corvettes for Chip, Concord Mall Show, Delaware Valley NCRS,  
Diver Chevrolets 100th Anniversary and much more!**

# Drive it like you stole it!

By: Steve Blanchies



As one season ends, another one begins. Car Shows have ended and the planning season begins. My how the time flies, 2012 is just around the corner.

What would you like to do as a member of the Corvette Club? Road trip? Have a favorite show to attend as a group? A favorite restaurant? Any type of group event? Ideas are always welcome and participation is always encouraged. It is your club so make the most of it, get involve and participate.

I am looking forward to another enjoyable year with members of CCND. First up is our annual Holiday Party and I hope to see everyone there. The Holiday Party is a great way to spend time with fellow CCND Members.

Happy New Year to all!

# CCND MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Steve Blanchies** on November 8, 2011. A cake was brought in for all having an October birthday and shared with the other members.

- President:** Steve Blanchies thanked everyone for attending.
- New Members:** **Jim Davies – '04 Convertible**  
**John Dickson – '66**  
**Eric Ramano – '11 Grand Sport Coupe**  
**John Zimmerman – '65 Coupe**
- Vice President:** **Mike Metcalf** reported 90 paid and 157 total members – 2012 – 60 paid  
**Corvettes for Chip-** CCND won award for most attended
- Treasurer:** **Harvey Smith** gave the financial report
- Webmaster:** **Barry Kimmelman** reported that the website is up to date – new members can add pictures of their cars to website (by generation) – send pics to Barry at [bkimmelman@comcast.net](mailto:bkimmelman@comcast.net).
- Member at Large:** **Mary Lou Gilbert** reported that she had shirts, hats, and CCND patches available for sale.
- Newsletter Editor:** Vacant
- Social Chairperson:** **Don Nayden** not able to attend but Michael Crank reported the following:  
**Corvettes for Chip** – raised \$13,000 – thanks to all who participated  
**Christmas Party** – 12/2 - \$40pp – Greenville Country Club  
**Homelife** – Club to donate Thanksgiving dinner + holiday gifts  
**Ronald McDonald House** – 1/1/12 – TBD at December meeting
- Co-Show Chair:** **Jack Bianchino** – thanked everyone who participated in Concord Mall Show – Management happy with the number of cars attending
- Business Manager:** **Fred Krumm** thanked everyone who attended Diver's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration
- NCCC Governor:** **Bob Avery** reported 12/3 is Eastern region meeting – great job with Concord Mall trophies
- Club Historian:** **Bob Cook** looking for CCND memorabilia
- New Business:** **CCND Calendar** – Jim Ebner volunteered – send photos to [jimebner@msn.com](mailto:jimebner@msn.com). Can do 2 photos in one month – need pics next week – will do a maximum of 50  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Corvette Show** – because of no arts & crafts show – date TBD  
**4<sup>th</sup> Annual Salute the Troops** – 11/12 – all proceeds to support U.S. Military Veterans  
**Nomination of 2012 Officers:**
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|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| <b>President:</b>       | Steve Blanchies       | <b>Newsletter Editor:</b>  | Andy Rumford   |
| <b>Vice President:</b>  | Mike Metcalf          | <b>Show Chair:</b>         | Jack Bianchino |
| <b>Treasurer:</b>       | Harvey Smith          | <b>NCCC Governor:</b>      | Bob Avery      |
| <b>Webmaster:</b>       | Barry Kimmelman       | <b>Business Manager:</b>   | Horace Wahl    |
| <b>Member At Large:</b> | Mary Lou Gilbert      | <b>Club Historian:</b>     | Bob Cook       |
| <b>Secretary:</b>       | Christine Carlantonio | <b>Social Chairperson:</b> | Open           |
- 50/50:** **Bob Avery - \$79**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, December 13, 2011**

# **December Meeting Agenda**

*Upcoming Agenda for the next meeting on 12/13/11*

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Meeting Agenda for December 13, 2011

Call to Order

Welcome

New Members

## **2011 CCND Officer Reports**

Vice President: Mike Metcalf  
Treasurer: Harvey Smith  
Webmaster: Barry Kimmelman  
Member @ Large: Mary Lou Gilbert  
Newsletter Editor: Andy Rumford  
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## **Old Business**

CCND Calendar

3<sup>rd</sup> Concord Mall – Mixed Show

## **New Business**

What do you want from Your Corvette Club?

Adjournment

50/50 Mary Lou Gilbert

Happy New Year!

Next Meeting date is January 10, 2011

CCND Window Stickers     \$5.00 ea. Mount inside or outside  
CCND Coffee Cups     \$6.00 ea.

Please be generous to your server.

During the meeting can all members please put your Cell Phones on VIBRATE...thanks

# December , 2011 CCND Events

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## CCND ACTIVITIES

- December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011      CCND's Annual Club Holiday Party at the Greenville Country Club.  
6:30 pm - 11:00 pm. See the Activities page on [www.vetteclub.org](http://www.vetteclub.org) for more details.
- December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011      CCND Club Meeting @7pm at the Lone Star Restaurant.

## Other Events

- December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011      County Corvettes 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Toy Drive, 10AM-1PM in West Chester, Pa.  
For more information, contact Denny at 610.696.7888
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## December Birthdays



Harvey Smith	December 1
Brian Falla	December 8
Ivan Price	December 8
Anita Zimmerman	December 13
Michael Ciabattoni	December 14
Troy Rowen	December 20
Bill Coopersmith	December 24
Jim Davis	December 24
Janice Wahl	December 25
Rose Marie	
Steinhauser	December 28



# NCRS Delaware Valley Chapter Show

*Story and Photos by: Bob Cook*

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On October 16, the Delaware Valley Chapter of NCRS (National Corvette Restorers Society) held its annual judged show at County Corvette in West Chester, PA. NCRS judges Corvettes from 1953 through 1996 using published judging rules and judging manuals. The judging is based on originality and condition of the car and its parts. An operations check is also held with the cars losing points for each of the car's operations which do not work (as they did when they left the factory). The operations check is done the first thing in the morning when the cars arrive. Then each car is judged by four teams of two people in the following areas – exterior, interior, mechanical and chassis. Points are deducted for parts that differ from typical factory production and that have deteriorated over the years. A total of 4500 points are available. The total each car gets (4500 minus the points deducted) is then divided by 45 to normalize the total to a 100 point scale. Scores of 94 to 100 are awarded a top flight award; 85 to 94 achieve second flight; and 75 to 85 get third flight. Driven cars get bonus points based on the distance driven. The advantage of this type of judging is that each car is judged versus how it was delivered to its first owner, and so, all cars can get top flight (if they deserve it). Everyone can be a winner – not just the car with the “best score”.

Approximately twenty cars were judged at the show, with the highest number of cars in the mid-year category. There were also a number of cars which were on display (and not judged) – driven cars in the “Sportsman” class and cars which had previously achieved the NCRS top awards. The show was held at Bryner Chevrolet in Jenkintown, PA for years. However, Bryner moved to a new location and does not have a facility that is usable for a large show. So, County Corvette graciously volunteered to allow the Chapter to have the show in County's facility (in 2010 and 2011). While not as large as the former Bryner facility, it works well for the show. It's great to not have to judge outside in bad weather.

The pictures show the cars being judged and awards being presented. The show is always the second or third Sunday in October. Bring your car to get judged next year or come and see the cars entered. If you are interested in joining NCRS, go to [www.NCRS.org](http://www.NCRS.org), and if you want to join the Delaware Valley Chapter, go to [www.DelValNCRS.com](http://www.DelValNCRS.com). The Chapter meets in Ft. Washington, PA the third Wednesday of every other month and sponsors activities throughout the year – see web site for details and directions.







# *Divers 100th Anniversary Event*

*Story by : Fred Krumm*

*Pictures by: Jim deFord*

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On November 3, 1911, one of the great early motoring entrepreneurs, William C Durant, went into business with a Swiss racing driver and mechanic who gave the brand its name: Louis Chevrolet. Though Chevrolet left the business after only a few years, his name lives on in a wide variety of classics we recall with great affection. The Chevy was one of the great American cultural icons of the 20th century and, despite well-publicized issues suffered by its parent company General Motors during the financial crisis, is still going strong.

On November 3, 2011, CCND Sponsor Diver Chevrolet celebrated 100 years of Chevy history with hot dogs, ice cream and birthday cake – and a showroom packed with some sweet vintage Chevys. Because Corvettes have been a key part of the Chevy story for nearly 60 of its 100 years, it is no surprise that we were happy to join the celebration on behalf of “America’s Sports Car.”

Representing CCND on the floor were Bob Avery’s C2, Fred and Brenda Boling’s C3, and Greg Cue’s C4. In addition, a small contingent of CCND’ers cruised up Pennsylvania Avenue that evening, joining several other club members to enjoy the festivities.

Thanks to Diver Chevrolet for putting on a nice event, and thanks to all the Club Members who participated.







# *CCND Concord Mall Fall Show*

*Story and Pictures by: Jack Bianchino*

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I started off with an announcement at a club meeting a month before the show that I needed 28 cars to fill the mall and a sign up sheet was available at the meeting. We had 10 listed the following week, slow but promising!

It was time to order trophies, maybe that will bring us luck. Steve and I had breakfast that morning, along with other RETIRED members of the club and afterwards were off to pick out some great looking trophies! As the days went by before the show the phone calls and e-mails steadily came in. The next thing I knew we had 26 entries a week before the show and I was pretty excited. Hold on Jack, Accuweather isn't going to work with you this time because a storm is in the forecast; better yet a nor'easter with snow. Now isn't that wonderful, who would bring their car out????? Well it turned out OK because we were only slightly brushed by the storm leaving a few wet spots and salt for navigation to the Mall that morning. The bad weather north of us prevented our PA entries from making the show, but did not stop our third Concord Mall show of this year from being a success with 19 Corvettes entering the mall. Visitors and management thought the cars looked great and were surprized at the amount of entries.

Thanks to everyone who entered their car in the shows this year, as well as those members who helped out or stopped by to support us. I'm looking forward to doing more CONCORD MALL SHOWS next year and to raising donations for our charities. Its been a great year..... Thanks again, Jack B.











# Corvettes for Chip

Story by : *Andy Rumford*

Pictures by: *Matt Guthan ,Eloise Wolos & Bob Cook*

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On November 6<sup>th</sup> at Brandywine Picnic Park, the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvettes for Chip Show took place. The event this year drew in close to 300 Corvettes from several states and enabled this show to donate \$13,000.00 to the Chip Miller Charitable Foundation. With many volunteers and dedicated show team members and an avid group of participants, the event, in just 5 years has been able to donate \$38,500.00 to the Foundation. Please join us in 2012 on November 4<sup>th</sup> at Brandywine Picnic Park and help us break the \$50,000.00 donation mark. We thank everyone for coming and surely hope you had a wonderful day. Let's help spread the word about Amyloidosis, one person at a time.





















## Your Corvette Garage

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Hope you enjoy the Pictures below from Dave Whitman and Ed Pearce's Garage. Dave and Ed operate Pine Valley Corvettes. With the "offseason" approaching please contact them for any improvements or repairs to your Corvette. We will be featuring other CCND Members Garage Photos as they become available. AR

### *Story and Pictures by: Ed Pearce & Dave Whitman*

Welcome to Pine Valley Corvettes LLC owned and operated by club members Ed Pearce and Dave Witman. We officially opened for business about 4 years ago when Ed and I decided to take the buy out from the now closed Daimler Chrysler Newark assembly plant. The time was right since there where few jobs available in the area. Before working for Chrysler as machine repairman (maintenance department) we both worked for Atlantic Aviation in New Castle Delaware, which sold to Dassault Falcon Jet. Both Ed and I have airframe and powerplant licenses to work on aircraft with 35 years experience between the two of us. PVC is a two man shop providing a wide range of services including Brakes, suspension, interior work and electrical troubleshooting. We are also distributors for the following: Corvette central, Corvette America, Tire rack, Auto custom carpet, Genuine GM parts and Lone Star Caliper. Contact us at 302-690-6370 Dave Save the Wave







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