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*The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware - February 2011*



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# On the Road

By Andy Rumford



Well, with 15" of snow on the ground, probably one of the farthest things from our mind these days is the "Season".

March 27th is our Clubs 1st of 3 displays inside the Concord Mall. Thanks so much to those CCND members who have signed up for this display. As of this article, we have a total of 21 cars going in the Mall. We will try to hit the 30-car mark. This should be yet another real nice day inside the Mall. For this show only, we will have all makes and models and already some very nice cars have signed up. You are not going to want to miss this one. If you are interested, please email me.

April...the beginning off CCND's cruise nights. Kevin Frazier and Jack Bianchino, our Clubs Co-Show Chairs will be spearheading the cruise nights this year. You may see signup sheets at our Club meeting for help at each cruise night. With everyone's support, these cruise nights will be another great way for us to get together and to meet others, as well as to place the CCND name out in front of others...It should be a wonderful cruise night season for CCND.

Have you attended the Philadelphia Auto show? The show is going on now and should be a great time. There's an article in the Newsletter along with a few pictures from CCND's own Jim deFord about this event. Jim was able to attend the Black tie event as well, which benefitted autism. Thanks Jim for the article!

At the Club meeting coming up in February, we will have two guest speakers. These individuals are from the Bel-Air Corvette Club and will be speaking to us about the many benefits of being involved in NCCC. Thanks to our own Bob Avery for putting this together.

CCND's 3 Tech nights in 2010 went over rather well. We would love to continue this in 2011, but are looking for a place to hold the first 90 minute session. If you are able to host the first one of 2011, please let me know. I am sure we could go back to Diver, but if we could find a spot in addition to Diver Chevrolet, it would be so beneficial to our Club. If you are willing to host a tech night, please email me as soon as possible.

The Food Drive this month could sure use all our help. Can you please remember to bring a few cans of food or other non-perishable items? I am sure the Delaware Food Bank at this time of year could use any help we could provide... Thanks folks...!!!

Even though we are in the midst of a very wintry season, it is evident, as I receive more and more show flyers in the mail that the "show season" is not far behind. Time for me to head out, wipe off my "daily driver" and fight

the snow...Not too many Corvettes these days out their **On the Road** but that will change so very soon.!!



**Call to Order:**

**Welcome:**

**\*\*\* New Members \*\*\***

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

**2011 CCND Officers Reports:**

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**Old Business:**

**New Meeting Location Update?...Fred/Horace/Matt  
Update on CCND Cruise Night Flyer...Kevin  
Concord Mall March 27th "display"..( 21 participants signed up to date)  
2011 Tech Sessions..**

**New Business:**

**Stephen Johnson, NCCC Presentation  
Michelle Falla, presentation  
"Member Projects", Share details about your Corvette Related project**

**Adjournment:**

**50/50: .....Mary Lou Gilbert**

**Next Meeting date is March 8, 2011**

**\*\* Not an Officer Position**

## **CCND's 3rd Annual Ronald McDonald House Breakfast outing.**

**By: Don Nayden**

Eighteen CCND members started the New Year off by bringing, cooking, and serving a hearty breakfast for about 30 guests of the Ronald McDonald House on Saturday January 1st. 2011 marks the third year the CCND "Breakfast Club" fixed the families staying at the Ronald McDonald House a delicious hot breakfast. The club members were very generous in bringing all the food. This year's menu featured scrambled eggs, hash browns, French toast, pancakes, biscuits, toast, bacon, and sausage. The experienced crew quickly organized into teams to fire up the stoves and ovens, and began to mix, fry, scramble, flip, bake, toast, and delivered all the hot items to the warming trays. Everyone helped in one way or another. The team work was amazing. Emily Ebner photographed the action in the kitchen and the service area for the web site. The best part was seeing the families and the CCND members enjoying a hot breakfast together. The clean-up crew finished cleaning the kitchen just in time for a group photo. We left wishing each other a Happy New Year and knowing that we helped, in a small way, make the day a little nicer for others.





## **Black Tie Autism Research Fund Raiser-Philadelphia Convention – Story and Pictures by Jim deFord**

I attended the first evening black tie Autism fundraiser event with Kathy and our friends Artie Kempner and his wife at the Philadelphia Auto Show. Artie is Fox News Sports Director for NASCAR Races. We all rode up together. It was for a very good cause. I got to meet retired neurosurgeon Dr Simeone and discuss his collection. And he met Artie as well and discussed his NASCAR collection. Dr Simeone inherited his very first 4 cars from his father who was also a doctor. One is a Cord. He has since collected many more rare race cars for over 50 years. He laughed and told me he has enough now. And is full. It's unlikely to ever duplicate his rare race car collection anywhere in the world today. He told me of Jay Leno's visits and we discussed car stories and finds. Jay likes unusual cars. Especially any with a cool story.



Like finding his 1 owner Hudson Hornet. The only car the elderly couple ever owned. One example was on display last night. My personal rarest vehicle I ever had was Mitchells Watergate Limo. And I wish I kept. I had the original protect plate. Anyway, Dr Simeone a very nice gentleman and I enjoyed talking with him. He was glad the club visited and enjoyed the Simeone museums exhibits. . He has 3 acres behind his building for older car events such as the annual Hot Rod Hoedown. I hope to take my older 70 Chevrolet to the next one. He had some great cars brought from his museum inside the Convention Center last night. There are Hershey Museum

cars there and many others. The OCC Veterans chopper was there. Lots to look at and dream about The Kempners by the way are also very nice. To direct NASCAR Television all over the country is quite interesting with all the drivers and car stories. They have numerous Emmy awards and quite a memorabilia collection. They live in North Wilmington Very interesting stuff. This was a Autism charity event Friday night. Now the auto show is open to the public until Feb 4 in Philadelphia Convention Center. I saw the new Vettes and amazing exotics last night. And sat it many. My favorites the new Lamborghini Convertible at a mere 500k and the new Gullwing AMG 6.2 Mercedes coupe. Nice new Vettes liked the Grand Sport convertible a lot. One couple I met last night with a 2003 are buying this brand new Convertible. It's very sharp.



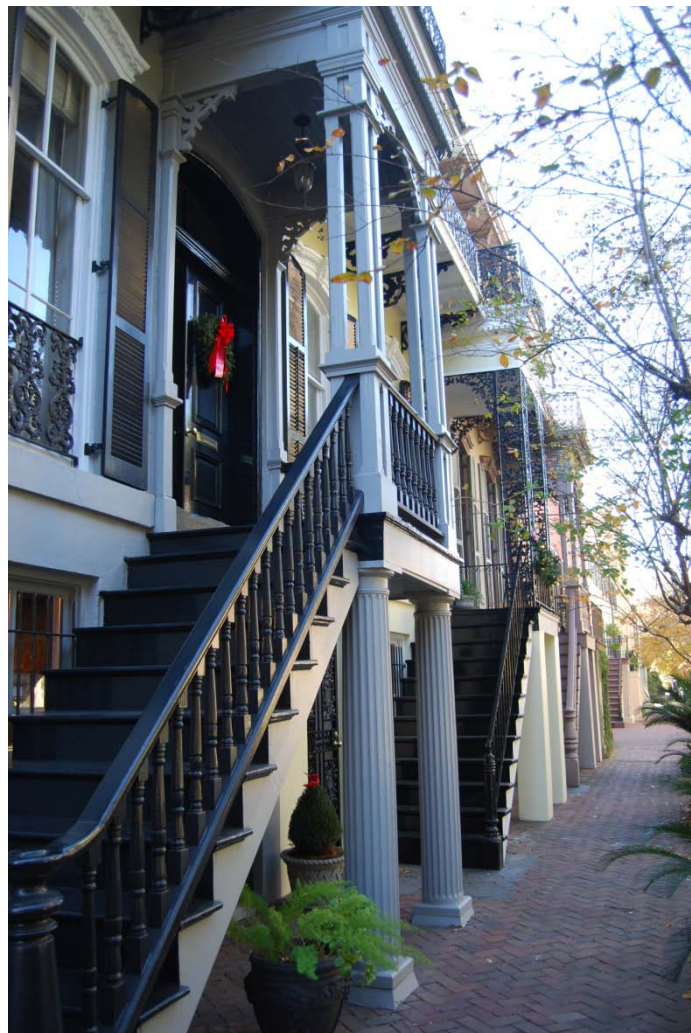
**December Road Trip..... Jack B.**

It was getting colder than usual, not nearly as cold as January has been with the snow but we still thought the beginning of December would be a great time to drive south to some place warmer than Delaware. Oh how wrong you are Jack. I didn't realize at the time a large cold front would cover most of the east coast.

We decided to drive to Hilton Head ,S.C. , Savannah, Ga. and stop on the drive back in Edenton, N.C. About six hours of driving on I-95 and we are in a mix of sleet and snow with bad road conditions so we decided to stop in Rocky Mt,N.C. for the night. The northern part of North Carolina had over an inch of snow, sleet and ice on the ground that evening. My hotel room was warm..... It will get better the further south we go.....

The next day we drove to Hilton Head and it was sunny and pleasant. A lot better than up north but the temperatures didn't get above fifty, the locals said it was unusually cold. Hilton Head is one of few places I've been that you can walk or bike anywhere you want to go. We were out and about as much as possible. Enjoying the beach, great restaurants and the indoor pool at the resort.

We spent a day touring Savannah, Ga. and its historic dist. They claim Sherman spared the city during the civil war as a gift to President Lincoln and didn't burn it down making it the oldest historic area in the country. The homes are preserved and date back to revolutionary times. The cotton exchange along the waterfront is now a great walking area with restaurants and shops. The attached photos are of Hilton Head and Savannah.





## December Road Trip - part 2 Edenton, N.C. and a very unusual 55 Chevy.

On our drive, back we spent a couple of days in Edenton, N.C. We stayed at an Inn that was originally a tobacco-drying barn. It was unlike any B&B I ever stayed at with extra wide plank floors and big living spaces more like a lodge. The innkeeper was a retired chef that always wanted to operate his own B&B. My first question was who owned the 55 Chevy in the parking lot. He told me it was his Mothers and that he just couldn't sell it after she passed away a couple of years ago. This Chevy was unlike any I've ever seen with a shortened body, roofline and wheelbase. The owner told me his mother was the second owner and that the car was modified by the previous owner in 1964 and originally it was going to be a convertible. What a car, see what you think..... Oh, it was 30 degrees and snowed while we were in Edenton. Better luck next time.



Hope you are all trying to stay warm and out of the snow. Talk to you soon, Jack B.





# 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](mailto:jimebner@msn.com) or [jim.ebner@alico.com](mailto:jim.ebner@alico.com).

The February 8th 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>

**February is Food Drive Month – Please bring a your donation to the meeting**

## *February's Birthdays*



John Perrott	February 6	Marion Crank	February 6
Denise Cervelli	February 7	Donna Rumford	February 8
Dave Steele	February 13	Chuck Gassert	February 18
Yvonne Gibson	February 21	Ron Stewart	February 21
Don Nayden	February 21	Water Rupp	February 23
Betty Wagner	February 23	Jack Bianchino	February 26
Kevin Frazer	February 26		

Happy Birthday Everyone



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