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The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware - January 2011



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# On the Road

By Andy Rumford



January, a month that is synonymous with one word, "SNOW"! We had about 6 inches of snow last week, but I was still able to maneuver my 2001 C5 out onto the roadway and pray with each slip and slide around the Corners I made. Boy, these cars are not made for winter driving...Thankfully, I have good insurance. :)

January brings us a number of things to do. On January 1st, a number of us from CCND were at the Ronald McDonald House serving breakfast. Hope you were able to join us. Thanks to Don Nayden for setting this up. Their will be pictures and a write-up in our February Newsletter.

January 14th-16th is Auto Mania 2011, Pennsylvania's largest indoor automotive swap meet located at the Allentown Fairgrounds. More information can be obtained at [www.automaniashows.com](http://www.automaniashows.com) or by calling 717.215.0700.

The Philadelphia Auto show is coming up January 29th until February 6th. This event is always a nice way to see what the Auto Makers have in store for us for the next few years. Hope to see you there. One excellent display is the "World Class Driving Experience" that is normally on the lower level. This display is worth checking out as they always have a great video of the world-class cars you are able to drive in this event.

Did you know that in 2011, CCND will be hosting 3 Concord Mall Displays? Yes, our first one in 2011 is on Sunday, March 27th. This will be a rain or shine event and is open to classics, customs, Corvettes, Street Rods etc. Their will be a \$15.00 fee and all who attend will receive a plaque/picture. We will have a few awards as well. If any of your friends are interested, PLEASE have them send me an email on this ASAP to [andyrumford@yahoo.com](mailto:andyrumford@yahoo.com) Our Co-Show Chairs, Kevin and Jack will be handling this, but for now, please shoot those emails my way. We have 20+ spaces to fill. Their will be a Club signup at the January Meeting.

If you have not as of yet purchased a Club Calendar, please contact Jim Ebner as he has about 8 or 9 still left. At \$10.00 each these are a great bargain indeed.

CCND in 2011 will be continuing our Tech Sessions. As soon as we have information available about the first one, we will pass that along. Stay Tuned for more!!

I know it's a few months away, but the "Strictly Corvette and American Muscle Car Show" takes place April 16th and 17th at the Atlantic City Convention Center. CCND has always had a nice presence at this event. The show has a revised website and this year, as the title states, theirs American Muscle cars attending. More information to follow. Take a look at their website when you can... [www.strictlycorvette.com](http://www.strictlycorvette.com)

The New Year is finally here and I'm sure in 2011 many positives are in store for CCND!! See all of you out there

## On the Road



## **CCND Agenda 1.11.11**

### **Call to Order:**

### **Welcome:**

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

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

### **2011 CCND Officers Reports:**

Vice President: Steve Blanchies  
Treasurer: Harvey Smith  
Webmaster: Barry Kimmelman  
Member @ Large: Mary Lou Gilbert  
Newsletter Editor: Vacant  
Secretary: Christine Carlantonio  
\*\* Club Historian: Bob Cook

Social Chairperson: Don Nayden  
Co-Show Chair: Kevin Frazier  
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NCCC Governor: Bob Avery  
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### **Old Business:**

New Meeting Location Update?  
Update on CCND Cruise Night Flyer...Kevin  
Club Tent  
Concord Mall March "display"  
Ronald McDonald House Breakfast recap...Don  
2011 Tech Sessions Hands on.

### **New Business:**

Stephen Johnson, NCCC Presentation

"Member Projects", Share details about your Corvette Related project

### **Adjournment:**

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

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

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# 2010 CCND A Year in review....

## Welcome...

This year is the 37th anniversary for CCND. It's truly been a wonderful year for our Club. As with any organization we experience our high's and low's, or joys and sorrows, but ultimately we remain strong and committed. Tonight we take a few minutes and look back on 2010 and what this Club has accomplished. Before we do so, I want to thank Marion Crank tonight for arranging such a beautiful place once again for our Club to celebrate our Holiday party. The Decorations tonight look just wonderful. Thanks as well to Rich and Sharon West for opening their home to us again this year; it is so very much appreciated.

**JANUARY**.....In January this year CCND continued it's yearly tradition of serving breakfast at the Ronald McDonald house. This unique opportunity for us always opens up our eyes and hearts a bit more, as we find ourselves a bit humbled and at the same time thankful for what we have. I am hopeful this event continues for many years for CCND. Thanks so much to the 20 members who participated in the "Breakfast Club" and to Marion Crank for arranging this activity. Your Club Officers met at the home of Jim/Lisa Ebner for the first of several meetings this year to discuss the "direction" of the Club and activities we can offer to us all. Thanks to Jim/Lisa for opening their lovely home to us and for serving breakfast!

CCND's First tech session of the year was held at the home of Dave Whitman and Ed Pearce with 15 members listening intently to Brian Falla who was our presenter. Brian is such a wealth of knowledge and we all were educated a bit on the C3 generation.

**February**.....With Diver Chevrolet as the Clubs sponsor this year, our Business Manager, Fred Krumm was able to initiate and secure Club Discounts from Diver for us all. Thanks Fred on such a great incentive for our members. February also saw us hatch the idea of using the Club Trailer for a bit of "promotion" for the club. While it wasn't initiated, the idea was born. The Food Drive and monthly clothing drive took place as well as CCND members being spotted at the Atlantic City Car show and the Philadelphia auto Show. A few members as well took a tour of the Simeone Foundation in Philadelphia. The foundation has over 60 race and vintage sports cars. The month flew by.

**March**.....On March 28th this year, a group of CCND members headed to Carlisle for a tour of the Millers Garage. Its impressive indeed to see, in person some of the Corvettes we have read about over the years. March also saw Bob Cook become the Clubs Historian for 2010. This position is vital to the Club, as we all should have an appreciation for how our Club has evolved and remained strong to this day. Bob has agreed as well to remain in this capacity for 2011. Thanks Bob!

**April**.....In April, as many of us feel, the "Season" really begins. 40 CCND Members enjoyed our Season Kick off brunch cruise to the Brandywine Prime restaurant in Chadds Ford, Pa. What a nice time it was to officially start the year. April also saw the beginning of "Traveling Tuesdays", an idea hatched by Marion to meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month for a short cruise and dinner. This was yet another Opportunity for members to come together and enjoy their "Club". In Atlantic City, Strictly Corvette took place. An indoor show, which is always well attended by CCND members. Kudos to Larry and MaryLou Gilbert as well as Michael Crank for being honored with an award at this function. Jim Ebner, Kevin Frazier and I were also fortunate enough to be a part of this show, displaying our Corvettes. CCND's Mission Statement was developed and appeared for the first time on the front page of the Monthly Newsletter.

**May**.....Horace and Janice Wahl in May opened up their home for a few of us to enjoy "Poker" Night. A nice time was had by all. Harvey Smith, Matt Guthan and Fred/Brenda Boling were also honored this month as being those members chosen who were to represent CCND at the Delaware Auto Show. The Club Trailer, complete with advertising for new Members was moved into place out along several major roadways in order to spread the word about CCND. Our own Kevin Frazier deserves a huge round of applause for coordinating the "Breast Cancer Awareness" car show at Kimothy's lounge. This event in May had 20+ CCND Cars attend and over 30 members participate. May also found CCND Members in Media, Pa. at the Thomas Chevrolet show, always a nice event, as well as in Nottingham, Pa. at the Herr's Potato Chip Factory Cruise Night, and at Linville orchards, and the Newark Parade. CCND also participated in the Sunnyside farms car show as well as the Mike's Famous cruise in Smyrna. It indeed was a wonderful month for events.

**June**.....As we began the summer months, June was full of events for our members. From Diver Chevrolets cruise celebrating their 95th anniversary to Michael and Marion Cranks HOT DOG night to the first of our Clubs 2 Concord Mall Displays on Fathers Day, there was much to offer. The Travelling "Tuesdays" get together as well continued for our Club. At the half-way mark of the year, CCND had 118 members. The New Member joining our Club at the meeting this month was Don Nayden. Our monthly Food Drive continued. Thanks needs to go to Ed and Elouise Wolos as well for delivering the items to the Delaware Food Bank, thanks to you both!! Thanks to our NCCC Governor, Bob Avery, CCND as well this month rejoined the ranks of being an NCCC Club. Special appreciation as well goes to Bob Cook for your Guidance and experience related to NCCC..Thank You!!

**July**.....A huge Thank You to Mike Metcalf for once again spearheading CCND's Christmas in July toy run to the Ronald McDonald House. 17 CCND Members took part in this very worthwhile cause, thank you Mike. This event always opens up our eyes a bit and makes us all feel a bit more thankful for what we have. July also found CCND members at the Merchantville Car Show in NJ as well as at Maple Grove Raceway. This month CCND Began to recognize "YOUNG" members in our Club who are contributing and making a difference. This month we recognized Emily Ebner, the daughter of Jim and Lisa. Her contributions have been many and she continues to send out the "Birthday Cards" monthly to club members.

**August**.....Shadowbrook or as we all know it as simply "The Estate" again was the location for the Clubs annual Picnic. Thanks to Michael and Marion for each year being our hosts. It's become one of the true highlights of the event year for CCND.! The 25th and sadly, final year, for Corvettes for Kids took place this month. In 25 years, over 1 Million Dollars has been raised by this event. How wonderful it was for CCND to have been a part of it over the years. It will be sorely missed. At our July Monthly meeting a simple suggestion by Larry Gilbert and followed up on by several of us led to CCND's First Cruise Night at Lantana Square, what a hit it was..150+ cars. Thanks to Larry Gilbert our Club now has a monthly cruise night that is established, supported and welcomed by our host location, Lantana Square. Corvettes at Carlisle took place in August as it does every year. CCND's Banner hung proudly on the show-field for 3 days attached to our tent, serving as a meeting point for so MANY of us. I feel such a sense of Pride as we secure it each year for all to see. Participating in the red, white and blue American flag at Carlisle this year as well as doing the parade, this years Carlisle was one of the best ones yet! I can still remember my friend Michael Cranks phone call to me on Monday, August 30th @ 3PM when he said "Jimmy Hagerty was killed ". The Jim Hagerty Memorial Award was established at our October Concord mall Show and Jim's memory will live on for many years to come.

**September**.....A month filled with so many events, from our Clubs 2nd cruise night to the Dover speedway NASCAR event. So many other shows as well were visited by CCND members such as the Hagley Museum Car show, Corvettes for a Cure, The Ronald McDonald Talleyville Fire House event, A day at the beach, Corvette style, Vettes in Glasstown

and so many other opportunities for us all. Our 3rd tech session of the year was being finalized for a date by Fred who has done such a phenomenal job all year long as CCND's Business manager.

**October**.....The final CCND Cruise night of the year took place in early October with another outstanding turnout of close to 140 Cars. We were surely blessed with very nice weather once again. The Delaware Auto Show became center stage for us as 3 CCND members were chosen to participate. Those members were Harvey Smith, Fred/Brenda Boling and Matt Guthan. All agreed it surely was a wonderful event. This month also saw several of us head down the Atlantic City Expressway to Kerbeck Chevrolet for their annual Toys for Tots Run. Granted, it was not "unlimited speeds", but the day and the event attended by 600+ Corvettes is one that is worth the ride. The end of October found 23 CCND members once again in the Concord Mall for our 2nd Mall Display of the year. The Mall has been so impressed with our Club/member turnouts; they have asked us to do a 3rd display as well. What an honor that is. The Club Officers met this month to discuss open issues and directions for "our" Club at the beautiful home of Chris and Christine Carlantonio. Thank you for the wonderful breakfast as well! This month, we continued with honoring CCND's YOUNG members, with Michael Metcalf Jr. being recognized. Michael has been a mainstay at events and shows supporting us for a few years now. It was time he was recognized. The Clubs Food Drive Continued.

**November**.....The 4th annual Corvettes for Chip Show took place this month with 385 Corvettes pouring into Brandywine Picnic Park in West Chester, Pa. Over 4 years now, this event has raised over \$25,000.00. It continues to grow with help coming from so many people. 30+ CCND members supported this event again this year. The third Tech session of 2010 took place at Diver Chevrolet, with Rich Diver indicating that we are welcome back again in 2011. What good news for our Club. The 2011 Officers were nominated as well this month. As the year winds down, we can see how many events we all have been exposed to. We are indeed, a club, offering so much to our members.

Which brings us to the month of **December**

I wish to thank all the Club Officers for their time, ideas, support and continued involvement. We are a dedicated group for the continued growth of the Club. I thank you all, personally, for having the confidence in me to help be a part of the group that Leads CCND into 2011.

We say "Thank You" to Jim Ebner for his wonderful time as the Clubs Newsletter Editor. Jim's enthusiasm was, and is, infectious and his skills and determination brought our Newsletter to another level. We cannot thank Jim enough for what he has contributed and still contributes to CCND.

Joe Quick, our Clubs co-show chair will also be leaving his position in 2011. When called upon, Joe was fast to jump in and lend a hand with the Lantana Square cruise nights and supported the Club year round. Joe's ideas were quite helpful as well when the Officers met to discuss our Clubs return to NCCC. Thank you Joe!!

Lastly, Marion Crank, Our Social Chairperson for the past 2 years. The time and effort that you have contributed to "Your" Club has been significant and without your help and foresight, events and activities we have participated in would not have been as complete. We are saddened to see you leave.

CCND has enjoyed a wonderful year. With all our continued help and involvement, our Club will continue to grow. The Future for us all is indeed bright.



Don (left) with Andy Rumford

## **"New" Member of the Year Don Nayden**

The New member of the year award is presented to a member who has joined CCND over the past 12 months and has contributed and supported our Club.

This Member joined CCND in April this year. He has attended the Clubs Concord Mall Displays in 2010 as well as taking part in our Christmas in July event at the Ronald McDonald House.

He has volunteered to be part of the Corvettes for Chip show team in 2011. From the start of his membership with CCND, Don Nayden has pro-actively contributed his ideas and recommendations.

In 2011 , Don Will be our Clubs Social Chairperson. Please welcome this evening our 2010 ""New"" member of the year, .....Mr. Don Nayden.

# 2010 Member of the Year

## Marion Crank

It was in 2004 when this member joined CCND. She has contributed in so many ways to our Club. Over the years, I have watched Marion Crank work diligently for the benefit of CCND and it's members.

Marion has been our gracious host for our Club Picnic each year at the estate. A tremendous amount of time and effort is spent on this one function alone. At Recent Concord Mall Shows, Marion would spend the entire day selling Peoples Choice tickets. Her idea to "man" the Club Table near Boscov's resulted in increase revenue. As our Social Chairperson these past 2 years, Marion has Arranged the "Breakfast Club" at the Ronald Mcdonald house, the Travelling Tuesdays, The tour of the Millers Garage in Carlisle, Dinners at the Crownery Restaurant and much more. She has as well coordinated the past 2 Christmas parties at the Greenville Country Club. Marion has been actively involved in the Corvettes for Chip show for the past 4 years lending her talents and ideas to different areas of the event.

I've touched on but a few things that Marion has contributed to CCND over the past 6 years. Please join me in congratulating CCND's 2010 member of the year,

Marion Crank.....



## Jack B. at Hershey

Wow, Hershey. A lot of people say its the granddaddy of meets. So many cars and vendors for as far as you can see. I just started walking, looking and admiring all the classics and clicking away. The beauty and workmanship from another time is sometimes overwhelming.

My attraction to the automobile started at an early age. Probably because my dad and my uncles (his brothers) were always employed in the car trades and also had a gas station in the fifties. I would help out in the summers and sometimes tag along with dad to union park Pontiac were he worked. I can remember at nine years old being able to identify a car from two blocks away coming down the street. Kinda hard to do now. I can find something I like in most cars but I always favored GM products. Chevrolet and Pontiac my favorite and of course the Corvette is a story for another time. The following are some of the standout cars at Hershey.

Hope you enjoy, Jack B.





There was a lot of 1948 to 1962 Cadillac's at the show, the three photos are the ones I found stood out.

First photo..... 1953 green coupe

Second photo..... 1953 blue restored period custom.

Third photo.....1953 red El Dorado conv. ground up restoration for sale at \$275,000..... the car was drop dead gorgeous

enjoy, Jack B





More Great cars



## Jack B at the PA Capitol

Each year in early October, the antique auto club of America (AACCA) holds the eastern regional meet at Hershey, PA. It has been five years or more since attending, in fact the last time I traveled to Hershey was to see the new AACCA museum about three years ago. The Museum has a regular change of displays with permanent and loaned vehicles from members. The auto show/meet/flea market is the largest on the east coast. Both are worth the drive if you haven't been there.

Well, planning a three-day trip wasn't so easy since most of the hotels were booked the closest we could find was in Harrisburg. We thought lets check out Harrisburg (sounds exciting doesn't it) then go to Hershey. After looking at some maps from the visitor center we decided to visit the capitol bldg. and area around it and city island. The capitol has been under a twenty-five year restoration plan. This place looks like royalty resides there. City Island is across the Susquehanna River from the city that can be reached by car or walking/ bike trails it has a minor league ballpark and a venue of events during the mild weather months. The following photos are of the capitol .....





# Adopt A Family – Pictures and Story by Bob Avery

On Sunday December 12 I had the privilege to help deliver gifts to the Home Life agency located the YWCA building on North Madison Street in Wilmington. The building has been converted to housing for displaced families. The facility can hold up to 90 people in a variety of rooms depending of the family needs. In addition, they have a full service kitchen, where the residents are required to work as they gain skills that can help them get back on their feet.





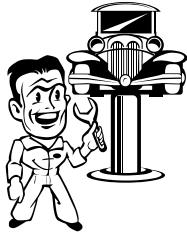
Pat Ward the Chief Housing Officer gave us tour of the facility. I was impressed, the facility was clean, well run and has a warm safe atmosphere. As with any agency that receives funds from federal and local governments, there are many rules and regulations. The difference here is they follow those guidelines. Pat indicated they need sheets to fit a twin beds, pillows, pillowcases and blankets. In addition, they can always use food.



A special thank you should go out to Marion and Michael Crank. They purchased and delivered turkeys for Thanksgiving. Additionally they spent the time to purchase all the Christmas gifts. When we arrived at their house Sunday morning to wrap the gifts, the job was 90% complete.



Another member of CCND who should be recognized is Kevin Frazier. Kevin mentors young men from this facility. Kevin is a good roll model for all of us.



# 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 January 11th 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>

### A Little car Humor

I tell you, women drivers are a hazard to traffic. Driving to work this morning on the freeway, I looked over to my left and there was a woman in a red Mustang doing 85 miles per hour with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner!

I looked away for a couple seconds and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane.

It scared me so bad I dropped my electric shaver in my coffee, and it spilled all over my cell phone!

## January's Birthdays



Nick Cervelli	January 5	Nancy Stewart	January 6
Sandra Lee Simkins	January 7	Jamie Duncan Jones	January 10
Jim McGoldrick	January 14	Diane Picho	January 16
Thomas Groer	January 16	Larry Gilbert	January 18
Elaine Raign	January 21	Mike Mortarulo	January 22
Pat Carzo	January 24		



Happy Birthday Everyone

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