



Vettester

The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware

April, 2012



Spring Carlisle only 4 weeks away!

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CCND MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Steve Blanchies** on March 13, 2012. **Steve** thanked everyone who attended. **Christine Carlantonio** brought dessert for all to share.

- Vice President:** **Mike Metcalf** reported 137 members and 77 paid memberships.
- Treasurer:** **Harvey Smith** gave the financial report. Motion was seconded to approve the report.
- Webmaster:** **Barry Kimmelman** was not able to attend.
- Member at Large:** **Mary Lou Gilbert** had nothing to report.
- Newsletter Editor:** **Andy Rumford** not able to attend.
- Secretary:** **Christine Carlantonio** had nothing to report.
- Social Chairperson:** **Fran Pepeta** reported that the CCND kick-off brunch cruise will be Sunday, April 15 at the Whip, Coatesville, PA - meet at Lantana Square at 9:30 am - leave at 9:45 am sharp - rain or shine (website is: www.thewhiptavern.com)
- Co-Show Chair:** **Jack Bianchino** reported that Lantana cruises will begin on 4/7/12. Our club is invited to Newark Elks Lodge off Rte 273 - 5/5/12 - 250 cars, food, 4-6 pm (same day as Kentucky Derby - simulated races)
- Business Manager:** **Fred Krumm** not able to attend.
- NCCC Governor:** **Bob Avery** reported that we don't have insurance in place for Lantana Square, but approval takes only 1 day. Tech night scheduled for Wednesday, 4/11 - 6-8 pm - email Mr. Garfunkel if you're attending - will do oil change if you buy parts at Diver.
- Club Historian:** **Bob Cook** not able to attend.
- Old Business:** None
- New Business:** **Jim DeFord** brought along vanity tags available for purchase
Ed Marcelle (FSCC) invited our club to Father's Day meal at Suicide Bridge Restaurant, Herlock, MD - boat cruise - 6/17
- 50/50:** **Pedro (new member) - \$62**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY APRIL 10, 2012

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** CCND has a monthly ***Food Drive*** program that lasts all year long. Every club meeting we will have a big storage box available to drop off any food items that you can donate. Please bring canned and other NON-PERISHABLE food items if you wish to contribute. **Thanks!!!**



Meeting Agenda for April 10, 2012

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

Secretary: Christine Carlantonio

Social Chairperson: Fran Pepeta

Co-Show Chair: Jack Bianchino

NCCC Governor: Bob Avery

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Club Historian: Bob Cook

Old Business

Cruise Brunch April 15, 2012

Concord Mall open show April 22, 2012

New Business

Adjournment

50/50 Mary Lou Gilbert

Next Meeting date is May 8, 2012

CCND Window Stickers \$5.00 ea. Mount inside or outside
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CCND Coffee Cups \$6.00 ea.
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CCND License Plates \$25 & \$27 see Jim DeFord

Please be generous to your server.

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

CCND...April, 2012 "Events"

CCND ACTIVITIES

April 7th... CCND Cruise night at Lantana Square, 4-8PM

April 10th CCND club meeting @ 7pm at the Lone Star Restaurant on Route 13

April 11th...CCND Tech Night at Diver Chevrolet, 6-8PM

April 15th...CCND's Annual Cruise and Brunch at the Whip Tavern..Call or email Fran Pepta at sting286@comcast.net or 302-598-6625

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

April 25-29.....Spring Carlisle



Matt Guthan.....	4/2
Chris Carlantonio.....	4/3
Greg Jones.....	4/4
Christine Carlantonio.....	4/8
Mark Sandilands.....	4/9
Doug Murray.....	4/9
Larry Maguire.....	4/10
Fran Pepeta.....	4/10
JoAnne Metcalf.....	4/11
Johanna Watson.....	4/14
Steve Raign.....	4/15
Jack Layton.....	4/15
Susan Teoli.....	4/19
Joe Quick.....	4/19



Getting to know CCND Members

Name: Barry & Linda Kimmelman

Your Current Occupation: Tax Preparer in winter, own an ice cream shop in summer. Linda does custom framing

Where do you Live? Newark

Are you married and do you have children? Married, no children

Do you have Pets? A Border Collie and 2 calico cats

What's your favorite Vacation spot? Key West, Fl

What's your favorite food and Restaurant? Barry: Italian food, The Red Lion Inn in NJ, Linda: steak, no favorite restaurant

What's your favorite music and entertainer? Barry – classic R&R, old Motown. Linda – Beatles is favorite group.

How long have you been a CCND Member? Since 2004

What year did you purchase your 1st Corvette? 2004

What Generation Corvette are you driving now? Midyear - 1965

What non-corvette related interests do you have? Barry – reading, model trains. Linda - Theater

Which do you prefer, Cruise Nights, Shows, Autocross etc. Cruise nights

What is your most memorable Corvette moment? So many to choose from: flying down the PA turnpike in the '65 at about 120mph following Jack Layton's Callaway coming home from the Millers house. Next day I asked why he went so fast and he said he wanted to see how long I could stay up with him. Also, at one of the Corvette at Carlisle shows having the "Luau Party Tent" everyone hung at.

How did you hear about CCND? Don't remember



Barry and Linda Kimmelman

Getting to know CCND Members

Name: Gary Watkins

Your Current Occupation: Sales Manager for a publishing company

Where do you Live? 11 Chapel Hill Drive / Newark, DE 19711

Are you married and do you have children? Both

Do you have Pets? No

What's your favorite Vacation spot? Jersey shore

What's your favorite food and Restaurant? Italian food at Soffritos in Newark, DE

What's your favorite music and entertainer? Anything from the oldies genre

How long have you been a CCND Member? One month

What year did you purchase your 1st Corvette? 2010

What Generation Corvette are you driving now? 1991 5.7 Fuel Injected

What non-corvette related interests do you have? Woodworking

Which do you prefer, Cruise Nights, Shows, Autocross etc. Cruise nights, and auto shows

What is your most memorable Corvette moment? At age 13 when I first saw a red 1963 split window coupe

How did you hear about CCND? Searched on-line for Corvette Clubs in Delaware

Anything you would like to add would be appreciated -- I am looking forward to meeting the CCND club members and participating in future events and meetings.

- Sure would appreciate as well, a picture of you and your Corvette. Please send your completed forms to me at andyrumford@yahoo.com thanks so much!!!



NCCC News

100 Years of Chevrolet

I have received quite a few emails from Governors regarding the purchase of this book so I wanted to provide the information again and offer a few suggestions.

Automobile Quarterly is offering NCCC members a reduced price on this special book that chronicles the history of Chevrolet. The book normally sells for \$60 plus shipping. We have been offered a discounted price of \$45 plus shipping of \$13 making the total price \$58. Your club will receive a rebate of \$6 per book. Adam Farnam is our contact and he has a list of the NCCC clubs. The club that sells the most books by July 15 will win a special edition of the book valued at \$300.

Some have been calling to order one individual book and while that is great, I strongly encourage that you consider the following procedure:

- 1) Ask one member of your club to take orders
- 2) Order once a month
- 3) Contact Adam at 812-948-2886 Ext 253 and give him a credit card number or mail him a check . Remember that the check must clear before the books will be shipped however.

I ordered for my club. I informed our club members that I would take orders through the time of the monthly club meeting and would place the order then. Our club meets the first Friday of the month so I took orders through that time, called Adam the next Monday, ordered 8 books with my NCCC credit card (hint, hint!) and am having them shipped to my house. I will take to the next club meeting or those interested can pick up from me before. You can collect the money before or after, whichever way you feel comfortable. It is very easy!

This is a very unique book coauthored by Jerry Kramer, the editor of Corvette Quarterly and Ralph Kramer, former Communications and PR Director for GM. I wish I could send one to each club so you could see it but would recommend that you view on their web site at <http://www.automobilequarterly.com> .

This email is being sent to hopefully clarify the situation but let me know if you have other questions.

Debbie Lindsey
NCCC Director of Sponsorship

C4 Pink Corvette Restoration Aims for Raising Breast Cancer Awareness



If you happen to see a pink 1984 Corvette rolling down the road in the Ohio area in the next few months, you can be sure that it's probably the PinkVette that aims to raise at least \$20,000 for the Meadville Medical Center's Yolanda G. Barco Oncology Institute in Ohio.

A couple of car guys – Brian Bair of Bair's Corvettes in Linesville and Dave Gray of Smith Gray Buick GMC in Vernon Township – and some friends have been restoring the Corvette over the past few months, inside and out, including a paint job in the traditional shade of pink that's come to symbolize the breast cancer awareness movement across the nation.

But as if the unique paint job isn't enough to attract attention, organizers are going to be letting thousands of people who see the car and make a donation to the cancer society to sign their names on it. Already, TV star Jay Leno has autographed the air cleaner cover after it was mailed to his studio in LA.

The car will debut in public at the Barco Institute on May 4 as the Corvette begins "Cruisin' for the Cure," the first of many stops around the area through next year.

The goal now is to raise at least \$20,000 through those fund-raising events, and they also plan to auction off the PinkVette late next year to raise even more money.

All the proceeds will go to the Institute to buy and maintain a special vehicle to transport Institute patients and their families from around the region who don't have a way to the center for their appointments.

"It's an off-the-wall project," Bair admits, but thanks to the efforts of more than 100 sponsors and volunteers, "it's all coming together."

You can find out more about the car and Cruisin' for the Cure at www.PinkVette.net.

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Corvette Racing Finishes Second and Third in ALMS GT in Sebring

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Wild Finish Propels Corvettes to Podium in Closing Minutes of 12-Hour Race

SEBRING, Fla., March 17, 2012 – Corvette Racing celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring in style, finishing second and third in the closely contested American Le Mans Series GT class. The final minutes of the 12-hour race saw dramatic shifts of fortune that shuffled the finishing order and propelled both Compuware Corvette C6.Rs onto the podium.

Running third at the start of the last lap, Jan Magnussen passed the No. 71 Ferrari to take second after the Ferrari and the class-leading No. 56 BMW fought for position. Moments earlier, Oliver Gavin passed the No. 155 BMW to secure third on the ALMS podium.

“I really don’t know what happened, but apparently the BMW and Ferrari got together,” Magnussen said. “I didn’t even know that I had passed the Ferrari in the darkness. We were

struggling at the end of the race with the track conditions, so second is a huge bonus and a fantastic foundation to build on. Sebring is such a difficult race, and I'm very happy with a podium finish."

The combination of a new wide-body Corvette C6.R race car and a new driver lineup that teamed Magnussen with Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor produced results quickly. "It's a brilliant result for the entire Corvette Racing team, and a brilliant result for the No. 03 Corvette," said Antonio Garcia, who made the transition to a full-season driver in 2012. "Track conditions were really difficult with traffic and crazy restarts, but Jan, Jordan and I just kept digging, and we finished with a great result."

Making his debut with Corvette Racing, third driver Jordan Taylor led the GT category during his first stint in the No. 03 Corvette C6.R. "It was very exciting at the end," said the 20-year-old racer. "Second overall and second in ALMS championship – I can't complain about that! Now I'm looking forward to Le Mans."

The No. 4 Corvette driven by Gavin, Tommy Milner, and Richard Westbrook ran at the front for much of the race, but lost track position during a late-race pit stop.

"The result was a bit of an anticlimax after leading and running at the front for most of the race," Gavin said. "Our strategy anticipated a caution that didn't come. Nevertheless, third place pays good points for the ALMS championship. Tommy drove brilliantly and Richard did a fantastic job, so our partnership is working well."

There were 15 entries in the combined American Le Mans Series and FIA World Endurance Championship GT class – 10 in ALMS and five in WEC. The race awarded championship points in each respective series based on finishing position among the ALMS and WEC entries.

Gavin started fourth on the grid in the No. 4 Corvette, and worked his way to second during his first stint after an opportunistic pass after the first caution period. "On the restart, it seemed like the Ferrari guys were sleeping a little, and Jan and I got a jump coming into the last corner when the track went green," Gavin recalled. "Then it was a case of racing hard for the next 20 laps – it was quite fun, actually.

"The track was very changeable, and you really needed to be on top of it," Gavin added. "It was difficult to know what each corner would be like – sometimes sand on the racing line, sometimes grass, and a lot of oil coming off several cars."

Garcia had a close call during his first stint in the No. 03 Corvette C6.R when he was hit by a prototype under braking going into Turn 7. He took the escape road in the Hairpin and continued, recovering to fourth by the end of his stint.

"There are different kind of drivers out there," Garcia observed. "The big P1s pass you clean and fast, but the others – one was halfway to my door and thought he was clear to go left. I was lucky to keep the car on the track."

Westbrook also had a moment during his first stint in the No. 4 Corvette when an accident involving the class-leading Ferrari and a prototype unfolded in front of him in Turn 13. “The two cars in front of me hit oil on the track, but my view was obscured by a GTC car,” Westbrook reported. “I hit the oil, managed to put the car in spin, and fortunately avoided hitting the wall. We got away with one there, and we were still very much in the race.”

Taylor took the lead in the GT class with a pass on the No. 77 Porsche in the fourth hour. “It was exciting for sure, and unexpected,” said the Sebring rookie. “The No. 03 Corvette was running in the top five for most of the race, and when the caution period cycled through we were in the top three and I was able to pick off two guys to take the lead. I was putting some pressure on the leader, showing him my nose, and trying to get him a little rattled. Eventually I went inside under barking, got it done, put my head down, and went forward. It was really cool, and a special moment. We definitely have a strong and durable Corvette.”

The Corvettes took command of the GT race at the midpoint, as Magnussen, Gavin, Garcia and Milner exchanged the lead. Gavin completed a double stint before handing off to Milner at 5:42 into the race.

“Our Corvette is fantastic under braking, and we’d just eat them up,” Gavin said. “I was behind a Porsche, and he was very defensive. I kept pushing him to make mistake – he did in Turn 15 and I got by him.”

After seven hours of racing, the intense competition that is the hallmark of the GT category was evident. Seven cars were on the lead lap, with the top six separated by less than nine seconds. At the eight-hour mark, the Corvettes were running first and second, with Westbrook leading in the No. 4 Corvette and Magnussen second in the No. 03 Corvette.

“The car was comfortable and we had the pace,” said Milner after completing a double stint and handing off to Westbrook. “The team worked so hard in the off-season to build these new cars, and it’s paying off.”

In the ninth hour, a battle between Corvette and BMW broke out, with Westbrook leading, the No. 155 BMW second, Magnussen third, and the No. 56 BMW fourth, followed by a Porsche and a Ferrari. With lap times quicker than last year’s qualifying pace, the racing was riveting. Less than six seconds separated the top five cars in GT.

“At that point, the track really suited both the Corvettes and the BMWs, so it was really tight,” Westbrook said. “We had to work hard to stay in front. I was proud to be driving this car in P1 in such a tough GT field.”

The 10th and 11th hours saw the pitched battle between Corvette and BMW continue as the lead changed hands on the track and in the pits. Milner dueled with Joey Hand, with less than a second separating the two cars.

“I had a great fight with Joey, going two-wide through Turn 17, side-by-side through Turn 1, splitting cars, and passing everywhere,” Milner said. “The Corvette was really fast and comfortable to drive, everything you want in a race car.”

The gap between the BMWs, Ferrari, and Corvettes expanded and contracted as the drivers worked their way through traffic, setting up the dramatic dash to the checkered flag.

“What an exciting way to start the season at Sebring International Raceway as they celebrate the 60th anniversary of the 12 Hours of Sebring,” said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet U.S. Vice President for Performance Vehicles and Motorsports. “This Corvette team has that never-give-up attitude, and I’m proud of how they finished. We’re on a journey for this season, and it’s off to a great start.”

ABC will televise the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring at 12:00 p.m. EDT on Sunday, March 18. Corvette Racing’s next event is the American Le Mans Series at Long Beach on Saturday, April 14.

Pos./Car No./Drivers/Car/Laps

1. 56 Muller/Hand/Summerton BMW E92 M3, 307
2. 03 Magnussen/Garcia/Taylor, Corvette C6.R, 307
3. 71 Bertolini/Beretta/Cioci, Ferrari 458 Italia, 307 (WEC)
4. 4 Gavin/Milner/Westbrook, Corvette C6.R, 307
5. 155 Muller/Auberlen/Alzen, BMW E92 M3, 307
6. 77 Lietz/Lieb/Pilet, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 306 (WEC)
7. 48 Miller/Maassen/Bell, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 303
8. 044 Neiman/Law/Lally, Porsche 911 GT3 RSR, 303
9. 02 Brown/Segal/Lazzaro, Ferrari F458 Italia, 303
10. 97 Mucke/Fernandez/Turner, Aston Martin Vantage V8, 292 (WEC)

INSTALLING A SMOOTHLINE HARDTOP ON A C5



It's really hard to beat a Corvette convertible when the weather is warm and fair; putting the top down, soaking up the rays, feeling the wind in your hair and listening to the sweet music of tune exhausts all add to the sensuality of the driving experience. When the fall comes, however, the rag top is usually up constantly and, as the weather grows steadily colder you may begin to look wistfully at other Corvette owners in their coupes. But you can have the best of both worlds if you have a removable hard top. A removable hard top will keep your convertible's cabin toasty warm and make it a bit quieter, too, so that's definitely the way you may want to go. Our project car is a C5 convertible, and a hardtop from [Smooth Line Composites](#), when installed, makes the ragtop look like a Z06 fixed roof coupe - so what's not to love here?

Smooth Line offers removable hardtops for all Corvettes from C1s through C6s, and their hardtops can be ordered primed and ready for paint or with an optional vinyl covering for a slight additional cost; the installation shown here is typical for all of their C5-C6 hardtops. The C5 hardtop is available either with the standard (small) rear window for \$1,999 or with a large rear window for \$100 additional. When it arrived, our top was literally ready to paint since it had received a couple of coats of urethane primer at the factory. Prior to painting, Smooth Line suggests fitting the top to make any required adjustments to achieve the best fit, so that's where we started.

To install the Smooth Line hardtop, you'll only need a 13mm wrench, a wire cutter/crimping tool, some denatured alcohol or similar solvent, and some petroleum jelly. The whole installation takes less than a half-hour. Check it out at www.allaboutvettes.com. ** Article reprinted with Permission ** AR

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Steve Blanchies: Club Calendars, Mugs and Window Stickers

Mary Lou Gilbert: Club Garments

Mugs: \$6.00



Window Stickers: \$5.00 for a set of (2)



County Corvette Association's 23rd ANNUAL CORVETTE SHOW SUNDAY MAY 6th, 2012

at Thomas Chevrolet • Baltimore Pike, Lima, PA
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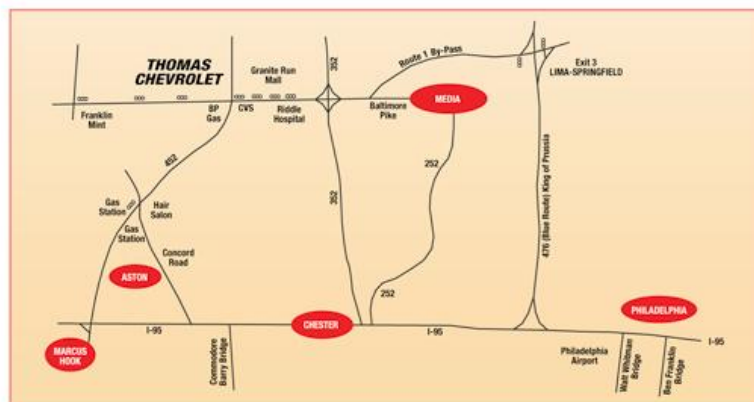
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