



Vettester

The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware

August, 2012



Corvettes at Carlisle...so much to do.!

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CCND JULY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Steve Blanchies** on July 10, 2012. **Steve** thanked everyone who attended. **Christine** brought dessert for all to share.

Vice President: **Mike Metcalf** was out of town but **Steve Blanchies** reported 137 members and 76 paid memberships.

Treasurer: **Harvey Smith** gave the financial report. Motion was seconded to approve the report.

Webmaster: **Barry Kimmelman** was not able to attend due to work schedule.

Member at Large: **Mary Lou Gilbert** was at a viewing.

Newsletter Editor: **Andy Rumford** was not able to attend.

Secretary: **Christine Carlantonio** had nothing to report.

Social Chairperson: **Fran Pepeta** was not able to attend.

Show Chair: **Jack Bianchino** not able to attend due to surgery.

Business Manager: **Bob Avery** reported that he contacted Leslie Patrick (Diver) about tech night

NCCC Governor: **Bob Avery** reported that there have been zero events for CCND and questioned whether the club should commit to a 2nd year.

Club Historian: **Bob Cook** had nothing to report.

Old Business: **Recap** – The Whip Brunch – Ice Cream run – great run – 6 cars – **Barry** had his car there
Concord Mall show – great – had to get outside cars – 29 vehicles – mall very happy

New Business: **Ronald McDonald House** – 7/28 – club approved \$200 for toys
Ice Cream Coral – ice cream run – 6/27 – 7:30 pm
Beachcombers Corvette Club – 13th Annual Open Car Show – 8/18 – Georgetown, DE - pre-register online <http://beachcomberscorvetteclub.clubstore.us.com> (Events)

50/50: **None**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

The following is available:

CCND window stickers - \$5 each – mount inside or outside
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CCND coffee cups - \$10 each – NOW \$5
CCND calendars - \$10 – NOW \$5
CCND license plates \$25 & \$27 – see Jim DeFord

NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY AUGUST 14, 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 August 14, 2012

Call to Order

Welcome

New Members

2012 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

Business Manager:

Club Historian: Bob Cook

Old Business

Recap – Ronald McDonald House – Ice Cream Run

Any other show attended

New Business

August 18 – Beachcomber Corvette Show

August 19th - Wheels & Wine

Ice Cream Run – August 22 - 7:30 @ Ice Cream Coral

August 26th – Chesapeake City Car Show 9-3

September 1st - VA Hospital car Show 10-2 registration 9am

September 1st, 2nd & 3rd – Baltimore Grand Prix

September 23rd - Ocean City NJ Boardwalk show

Adjournment

50/50 Mary Lou Gilbert

Next Meeting date September 11, 2012

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Please be generous to your server.

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

CCND...August, 2012 "Events"

- See CCND's Website for more details
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CCND ACTIVITIES

August 4th....CCND Cruise Night
August 14....CCND Club Meeting
August 22....Ice Cream Corral Run

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

August 18.....Booths Corner Car Show
August 18.....Beachcomber Corvette Show
August 19.....Wheels and Wings Show
August 24-26....Corvettes at Carlisle
August 26.....Chesapeake City Car Show

Happy Birthday CCND Members!!



Kathy Hildebrand.....	August 6
Marcy Nayden.....	7
Fred Boling.....	9
Connie Krumm.....	10
Don Steinhauser.....	11
Carol Crisconi.....	12
Sophie Hershey.....	13
Steve Blanchies.....	17
Becky Doyle.....	23
Linda Cook.....	27
Fred Krumm.....	28
Mike Metcalf.....	29



Lance's Corner

** Below is the excerpt which will be in this years Corvettes at Carlisle's event magazine. It will be called Lance's Corner and is from Lance Miller. Hope you enjoy**

This year certainly flew by... I've been on the road to many events around the country this past year. I do my best to get out and attend various events around the country. This satisfies my passion for cars and the people behind the hobby. It also allows me to evaluate what other events are doing and to see new trends within our hobby. Believe it or not, our event management team attends events just about every weekend out of the year. We often sit down to discuss what works and what doesn't, what trends appear to be taking off and which are fading out. We do our best to integrate the new and exciting items into our current events and learn from our mistakes. With this said, I encourage you to share your ideas with us... perhaps your idea will become the next new trend for the hobby, drop me a line with your feedback or suggestions: lancem@carlisleevents.com or fill out our online survey.

One in particular event my family and I visit, year in and year out, is Corvettes for Chip. A generous board of individuals put on this wonderful annual event to help raise funds and awareness for amyloidosis and the Chip Miller Charitable Foundation. The 6th Annual Corvettes for Chip event will be held on November 4th (rain date: Nov. 11). This event carries a lot of passion and I encourage you to enjoy it for yourself! More information can be found by visiting CorvettesForChip.com. Best of all, the funds raised go to a cause that's near and dear to my heart.

Michele and I are having a blast with our 3 year old daughter, Ella. This past year has been nothing short of awesome. I've watched her learn to drive a Corvette and she even gave me a ride in it! Okay... it's a Power Wheels Corvette, but nonetheless it made Mom and Dad proud! Irony has it I hooked up a GoPro camera on her Corvette so I can share the excitement she had with others – gotta love technology! Our hobby is aging. Look around and you'll see what I'm talking about. It sure would be nice to see children get involved with the hobby we adore so much, how can we do it?! It's a loaded question and I'd love to hear your thoughts. Again, please stop by online to share your ideas on this subject (WEB ADDRESS TO SURVEY). In the future my plans are to become much more aggressive in this area, please start looking for younger children during Corvettes at Carlisle. If you see them around- offer them the chance to sit in your car – heck, give 'em a rev or two. Let's get the future generations hooked by sharing our passion!

I'd like to take this opportunity to shed some light on the upcoming events:

2013 Corvettes at Carlisle: For all 1963 Corvette owners, we're excited to take this opportunity to announce we're looking for your support! My father was able to accomplish a major goal in 2003 prior to his unfortunate passing. He wanted fifty three (53) 1953 Corvettes lined up as a special tribute and he accomplished it! Well, sticking with his theme we're going to do our best, with your support, to achieve having sixty three (63) 1963 Corvettes in 2013! We'll need your support in a big way, this challenge will not be easy and we'll need all 1963 Corvette owners to come out in force. Also for 2013 expect to see an amazing display of Grand Sport Race Cars.

2014 Corvettes at Carlisle: For Chip's Choice I'd like to honor Corvettes that share a relationship through the vehicle. For instance, a father and son that bonded through building a Corvette together. Perhaps a Corvette that helped a couple get married! I think you get my drift... Please feel free to share your story with me to be considered for the display by emailing: lancem@carlisleevents.com.

I hope to see you this weekend, if not... I'm sure I'll see you at an upcoming Corvette event!

Life is good...Enjoy each and every second it has to offer!

Sincerely,

Lance Miller

Mopar Nationals at Carlisle

July 6th..a beautiful sunny day as I head to Carlisle for the Mopar Nationals. I had never been to this Carlisle event in the past so wasn't sure what I would find. As you can see from the Pictures below it was a very crowded showfield (akin to Corvettes at Carlisle), with the vendor rows simply packed. The showfield was divided into sections....one for Roadrunners, Chargers, Vipers etc.... Some excellent looking cars. I did get a chance to see Catherine Bach from the "Dukes of Hazzard" and snapped quite a few pictures....a hot day of 96 degrees...but the Trip was well worth the effort. AR











Catherine Bach...Daisy Duke.



Richard Petty

1984 Corvette Smashes into a Boat in New Zealand



You don't see too many Corvettes in New Zealand, no doubt. You see even fewer coming out of the side of a boat. But that's what happened Monday when a 1984 Corvette smashed into a boat moored in the Awanui River.

According to the Northern Advocate, the Corvette left State Highway 1, shot down a bank, flattened a wooden fence, and demolished a jetty before hitting a brand-new boat. Things could have been worse, though. "He's lucky the wharf was there, or he would've ended up in the boat or in the tide," said Keith Doel of Harrison's Towing in Kaitaia, adding that it was the first car-boat crash he had answered. The driver took off running after the crash, but he later was discovered to be a 52-year-old man from Kaingaroa after calling in to [claim](#) his belongings in the Corvette. Police say he'll be charged according to his driving before the accident after they finish talking with witnesses. One of those witnesses was Craig Harrison, who was working on the boat when the crash occurred and says he got "a bit of a fright" from all the commotion. He said he looked up when he heard the growl of the V8 motor just in time to see the Corvette skittle the fence and head straight for him.

While the crash demolished the jetty, fortunately it didn't harm the aluminum landing craft called Jet Runner that was built for Harrison's Cape Runner six months ago. The Corvette wasn't so lucky, though. And after you see the photo, see how long you can go without humming "Little Wrecked Corvette" to yourself the rest of the day. ** Reprinted with permission .** AR

Cool Stories from the Past!

- If you have an interesting Car story from your youth, please pass along to me at andyrumford@yahoo.com for inclusion in a future Newsletter.

In Spring 1974 my friend offered to sell me his original turn key 1963 Split Window Corvette 327 4 speed for \$2600. He had just inherited a very nice white 1955 Cadillac 2 door from his grandfather. It was also in the midst of the oil embargo and odd and even gas days were the result. It was not uncommon to wait a long time in line to obtain gas on the day you were allowed. He worked at the former Chadds Ford Rt 1 and 202 gas station so in his case it was not an issue. Buut every other driver had that concern. He also had a new Chevrolet pickup and one had to be sold due to high insurance issues. I was only 20 yyears old in college and timing could not be worse. I got to drive the 63 Split though even solo.....very nice friend.

The second Corvette was a one owner 1969 427 4 speed convertible. In 1984 my neighbor down the street had the convertible top vandalized a couple times and decided to sell. In those days it was very common to park in any driveway at night without a garage. That car also turnkey Vette went for \$3200. Thinking back now I would have considered buying a removable hardtop. Timing was bad on my end yet again but fortunately 2 years later bought my first Vette.

** Thanks to Jim deFord for the above stories...

**County Corvette is having another day at Maple Grove for the Ronald McDonald House. Around 30 people signed up last time, it is a good day, get to run your car, support a good cause and write the whole cost off on your income taxes. **

*** Thanks to Jim McGoldrick for the note above/below!!

Denny Parisan's

“RACE FOR THE PHILADELPHIA RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE”

A Fall “Race For Ronald’s House”

May’s race was such a GREAT success we want to do it again!

Ever wonder what it is like to be at the drag strip, blasting down the asphalt with your engine roaring? Join us to find out on Saturday September 15th 2012. We will be holding our **Third** annual race day for the beginner at Maple Grove Raceway! There will be First, Second, Third and Fourth place Trophies for the winners and \$25 Visa Gift Cards!!! All Provided by Bob and LeeAnn Ormsbee of *Access Insurance Agency Co.* and *Safeco Insurance Co.* Also two Plaques will be awarded, one for the best **Reaction Time** (R/T) of the first Elimination, and one for the fastest **Elapse Time** (E/T) of the first elimination! These will be provided by Fred and Emilie Schlosser! This will be our first fall fundraiser, but last race of the year.

Congratulations to **Brian Blankenbiller** our 1st Place Winner from the last race; and to our 2nd Place Winner; **Gary Warzecha**! Job well done!

Like last race, we will be sharing the track with an event already being held that day. A “Test and Tune” will be happening at the same time. We figure you should get 2-3 time

trials, then racing begins with the full Timing System Operations so you will have all the run slips for the day as proof you were there! Another plus is we will be able to enjoy watching other Racers.

The gates will open at 9:00 am. Every car racing must get safety checked first. Remember Drivers, no shorts, sleeveless shirts or opened toe shoes and a helmet is required if you run faster than 13.99. Time Trials will start at 10:00. Then, racing will begin after time trials are complete.

This is a great way for customers and friends to meet each other and spend a fun-filled day together, plus we raise money for the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House. Last race we cleared \$2,340.00! ALL is donated to the *County Corvette Toy Drive* in December!!!

The concession stand will be open at the track for food and drink, but you are welcome to bring your own food or drink as well!

I will have a “Crash Course” on what you can expect here at County Corvette Wednesday September 12th at 7:00 pm, to go over all the finer points from doing a burnout, to staging the car for the lights! I will also go over where the parking will be and what to expect for the safety inspection. Most cars are already good to go, but it is always smart to be on top of things that they want from us drivers.

This is something I would like to invite you to do, and again, it is for a great cause, the Philadelphia Ronald McDonald House! Be sure to tell and bring a friend!!! I’m sure this will be a bit of a car show too so don’t forget to make your baby shine!!!

Please give us your information as soon as you can. We would like to have the car count for this event set by August 31th. Remember, ANY type of car is welcome, Street Cars to Hot Rods. (Sorry no motorcycles).

The price of a ticket to race will be **\$65.00**. That will cover the cost of one (1) driver and one (1) crewmember seated in the car at arrival. Anybody else that isn't racing, but still wants to support you, can purchase a ticket for **\$ 20.00** per Carload. This will pay for their entry and insurance while they are inside the track. ALL tickets must be PRE-PAY through us here at County Corvette to avoid any complications with Maple Grove Raceway. The tickets for Drivers and Spectators will be sent to you in advance through County Corvette. **NO** tickets will be sold for this event at the gate.

Call me for more details or any questions on this event at 610.696.7888 or email me at; denny.parisan@countycorvette.com

See you at The Track!!!

Denny Parisan

Please fill out the form below, and return to us with payment. Then, once we receive your information, we will issue an Entry Ticket & Car Number.

Make Checks Payable to; "**CCS- Ronald McDonald House**"

Name _____ Phone# _____

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Name of Driver(s) _____

Number of Car Load Tickets (\$ 20.00) that you are requesting _____

Mail to;

Denny Parisan

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2012 CORVETTE PRODUCTION STATISTICS RELEASED BY GM



The General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant has released their production figures for the 2012 Model Year Corvette. A total of 11,647 Corvettes were produced: 24.4% were base coupes, 5.3% were base convertibles, 43.4% were Grand Sport Coupes, 19.5% were Grand Sport Convertibles, 4.1% were Z06s and 3.5% were ZR1s. Of the ten colors offered in 2012, Torch Red knocked black from the top spot with 19.5% or 2,266 cars. Carbon Flash Metallic (this year's only 'black') was in close second with 18.9% or 2,201 cars. The order of popularity for the remaining colors was: Blade Silver, Arctic White, Crystal Red Metallic, Cyber Gray, Supersonic Blue, Velocity Yellow, Carlisle Blue and Inferno Orange. The addition of navigation to the 3LT package proved to be successful as 47.3% or 5,510 of the cars built had this option. The Centennial Edition Package was quite popular with 18.9% of the cars having this feature, while 8.9% of the Grand Sports had the Heritage Package. Only six buyers opted for the Customer Selectable VIN, while 12 completed the Corvette Engine Build Experience. The National Corvette Museum was fortunate to welcome 181 Corvettes as part of the R8C Museum Delivery option. View and download the complete list of 2012 production figures on our website at www.corvettemuseum.org.

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1 events awaiting approval

July 2012
August 2012
☰ September 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 8:00amConcours (7) GBV
12 Concours (1) CCA Drags (1) CCA 7:30amRallye (7) GBV	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 8:00amAutoX (2) LCCC 9:00amConcours (7) PMCC	20	21	22	23	24	25 8:00amConcours (1) YCCC
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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CCND License Plates for Sale..... White \$25 , Black \$27 . Old Fashion Style thick Black and Whites are \$30. If your interested please contact Jim de Ford at belvumanor@yahoo.com .



CCND Membership Application

Come be a part of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware. Simply complete the form and mail to the address below with your \$35.00/yearly payment. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. You can also complete this membership application online at: **www.vetteclub.org**

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Birthdate _____ Corvette Year _____
Signature _____
Significant Other Name _____ Birthdate: _____

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The following Items are available by contacting the person indicated. Should you wish to order an item please contact them directly. What a great addition these would be.

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Mary Lou Gilbert: Club Garments

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