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The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware

June 2012



CCND Member Doug Murray and his 1976 Stingray

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CCND MAY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Steve Blanchies** on May 8, 2012. **Steve** thanked everyone who attended. **Steve** brought dessert for all to share.

- Vice President:** **Mike Metcalf** 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.
- Member at Large:** **Mary Lou Gilbert** was not able to attend.
- Newsletter Editor:** **Andy Rumford** was not able to attend.
- Secretary:** **Christine Carlantonio** had nothing to report.
- Social Chairperson:** **Fran Pepeta** reported that he is scheduling a dinner at Capers & Lemons Restaurant on Wednesday, May 30th at 6 pm. Members will meet at the restaurant.
- Show Chair:** **Jack Bianchino** thanked everyone who attended the Lantana Cruise night. 11 corvettes were in attendance at the Concord Mall show on 4/22/12. Need to get ready for the annual Father's Day Show at Concord Mall – Jack will send an email out because the mall expects a good attendance of cars
- Business Manager:** **Bob Avery (acting Manager until position becomes filled)** He got a call from Darrell at Diver that he will sell the 2013 C6 for \$600 under invoice and include any other discounts offered at that time.
- NCCC Governor:** **Bob Avery** reported that instead of sending multiple emails regarding NCCC, he will send a link for the NCCC website which you can double click on dates you are interested in. He will not be able to attend the 5/19 NCCC meeting, but any member interested may go.
- Club Historian:** **Bob Cook** not able to attend.
- Old Business:** **Cruise Brunch** on 4/15 was fun, nice ride, and good food
- New Business:** **Brunch run to the beach to Serendipity** – 5/20 – meet at Tybouts Corner at 7:15 am – leaving at 7:30 am sharp – need headcount – shopping after for anyone interested
Masonic Car Show – 6/9
Herr's Cruise – 5/17 – Nottingham, PA
Thank You from **Dave Whitman** for flowers for mother
Christmas in July – **Mike Metcalf** is working on scheduling 7/28 with a cruise to Crabby Dicks after delivering gifts to the Ronald McDonald House
Ice Cream Coral – 3rd Wednesday of the month
Family in Need – members voted to donate \$500 to a family that involved a car accident and a mobile home fire.
- 50/50:** **\$59 – Walter Rupp**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY JUNE 12, 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 June 12, 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 – Beach Run & Capers & Lemons Dinner – Ice Cream Run

Recap - Herr's Cruise & Masonic Show

New Business

CCND Concord Mall Show June 17th

Diamond State Corvette Club Poker Run June 16th

Ronald McDonald House - July

Adjournment

50/50 Mary Lou Gilbert

Next Meeting date July10, 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 . . . June , 2012 "Events"

CCND ACTIVITIES

June 2nd, CCND / Lantana Square Shopping Center Cruise Night, 4-8PM

June 17th, CCND Concord Mall Show - Fathers Day Show

June 27th, CCND Ice Cream Run, Ice Cream Corral - 202 E. 6th St, New Castle, D 19720 (Rt. 9 & Rt. 273)

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

June 2nd, Liberty Region Corvette Clubs Annual Show

June 3rd, Keystone State Corvette Clubs Annual show...KSCC 36th Annual all Corvette Show.48 Awards in Stock,Modified,Custom and Race Prepared plus Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Interior, Best of Show and Best Club Participation. Music, Food, Raffle tickets

June 3rd, All Corvette Show on Long Beach Island at Schooners Wharf

June 16th..All car show, Brookhaven, Pa. "Chariots of Fire Car Show"

June 23rd, Cavalcade of Corvettes hosted by Corvette Club of Delaware Valley, Jamison, Pa.

Happy Birthday CCND Members!!



June 9th.... Ginny Steele
June 10th...Kathye Quick
June 10th...Pamala Thomas
June 13th...Danny Ferguson
June 13th...Dale MacDonald
June 21st...Wayne Thomas
June 22nd...Rocco Crisconi
June 25th....Lynn Blanchies
June 28th....John McCarnan



Getting to know your CCND Members..... Doug Murray

Name: **Doug Murray**

Your Current Occupation: Investigator

Where do you Live? Elkton, MD

Are you married and do you have children? Married (wife: Jane), no kids

Do you have Pets? No pets

What's your favorite Vacation spot? We rode our Harleys up the coast of Maine this past summer – beautiful!

What's your favorite food and Restaurant? Steak-Prime Rib-Potatoes. I love any restaurant that does those well!!

What's your favorite music and entertainer? Country and classic rock. Toby Keith, Montgomery Gentry, Stevie Ray Vaughn

How long have you been a CCND Member? Fall of 2011

What year did you purchase your 1st Corvette? 2011

What Generation Corvette are you driving now? C3 – 1976 yellow Sting-Ray

What non-corvette related interests do you have? My wife and I have Harleys – we love riding the back roads

Which do you prefer, Cruise Nights, Shows, Autocross etc.? Haven't had a chance to participate in any yet – but we're looking forward to trying them out.

What is your most memorable Corvette moment? Getting it back on the road this spring after rebuilding the front end over the winter

How did you hear about CCND? Internet



Doug Murray

Getting to know CCND Members

Andy Rumford

Name: Andy Rumford

Your Current Occupation: Computer Systems at Blue Cross Delaware

Where do you live? Kennett Square

Are you married and do you have children? Yes...Married to Donna, 1 Son (24) , 1 daughter (23)

Do you have Pets? Yes...4 cats.. Squeeks, Cleo, Tigger and Lucky

What's your favorite Vacation spot? Long Beach Island or Disney!

What's your favorite food and Restaurant? Pizza...love the Concordville Inn

What's your favorite music and entertainer? ... 70's Rock....Lewis Black..comedian

How long have you been a CCND Member? 9 years

What year did you purchase your 1st Corvette? In 2003, a 1976 Vette....bought it off Ebay

What Generation Corvette are you driving now? C3, 1970 Barn find....currently on jack stands in my driveway as we bring this covette back to life. Lots to do....but making very good progress.

Which do you prefer, Cruise Nights, Shows, Autocross etc. Cruise Nights and Shows when I am able

What is your most memorable Corvette moment? ..actually theres 2.....When a friend of mine drove to Erie PA. to pickup my first vette..pale yellow and he phoned me a few minutes from coming into my driveway.. We all waited and watched for him to pull into the drive and to see the 1976 vette for the first time.....a real thrill...I couldn't believe we actually bought a Corvette...2nd one was in 2004 when I attended my first Corvettes for Kids show with the Club...We were awarded the spokeschilds trophy that day..unexpected and I learned that day what a close knit charitable group that Corvette Owners are.

How did you hear about CCND? Online.....Spoke With Jack on the phone..It was a week or 2 before the June Concord Mall Show of which we participated in....

Anything you would like to add would be appreciated . It's been a real honor to be associated with the Club over the years and to hold a few different officer positions. I've learned quite a bit from many people in the Club... ☺



Andy's 1970 454 4 speed

Thomas Chevrolet Show.....May 6th, 2012 Pictures.....CCND Members Larry and Mary Lou Gilbert and Jim McGoldrick attended this event in Lima, Pa. A real nice turnout of Corvettes.





Mary Lou.....1st Place / Larry.....2nd Place





Take a Ride in the EX-87 Corvette



There are a lot of significant [Corvettes](#) out there. The first fuelie, the first big block, the first car of any [Corvette](#) generation or model year, etc. Many of these cars get locked away in a museum and seldom, if ever, see use on the road. When we stumbled across this video of EX-87, “the Duntov Mule”, which now resides in the [Lingenfelter Collection](#) we had to pass it along. Click past the jump to take a fresh look at the first V8 equipped Corvette.

The nearly 12 minute long video hosted by Big Muscle’s Mike Musto is shot on location at the Lingenfelter Collection near Detroit. An interview with Ken Lingenfelter, head honcho at Lingenfelter Performance Engineering (LPE) is mixed in with clips of [EX-87](#) out and about at a local metro park, a great history lesson on why it’s called the “Duntov Mule” and therefore so important to us Corvette geeks, and some gratuitous modern LPE performance in a later model Corvette. We’re especially fond of the wonderful sounds that both EX-87 and the LPE C4 emit from the tailpipes. Fast forward to the 3:20 mark for said aural satisfaction from the C1.

The story of EX-87 is pretty well known. As the Corvette sales and performance languished during early production, Zora Duntov gave it a much needed injection of testosterone. That all began with the white car seen in the video. He had it fitted with a prototype V8 that featured the

first use of the infamous Duntov cam. Next up was a trip to [Daytona](#) for a record setting speed run using EX-87's motor in a different Corvette. Lingenfelter's Mike Copeland fills us in more of the details including the fact that [the motor](#) and car were separated for 47 years before being reunited.

The video wraps up with Musto enjoying some seat time in a LPE-modified C4 while cruising through a local metro park. This where we get to listen to some more good ole V8 thunder.

To see this video, go to:

<http://www.corvetteblogger.com/2012/05/09/video-take-a-ride-in-the-ex-87-corvette/#more-10149>

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IGNITION COIL TROUBLESHOOTING AND REPLACEMENT



Not all ignition coils are created equal, not by a long shot. For example, a '67 big block with transistorized ignition requires a special coil; the standard '67 coil will not work with the transistorized setup.

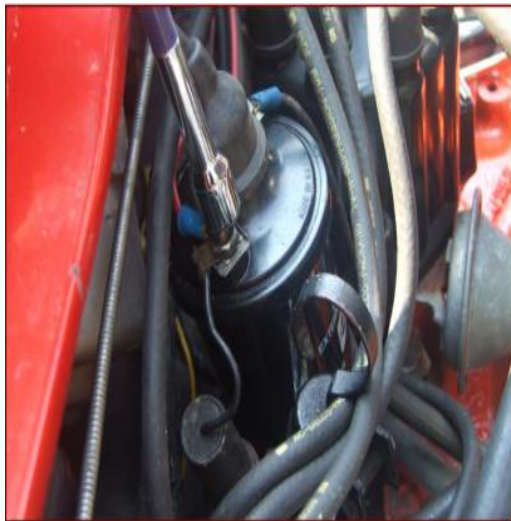
The ignition coil in C1, C2 and early C3 Corvettes is truly an amazing little device. An ignition coil is a type of pulse transformer that multiplies the low voltage received from the battery or alternator to many thousands of volts when the breaker points open and close. The coil contains a primary winding, a slot iron core, and a secondary winding. The high voltage output of the coil is directed to the appropriate spark plug by the distributor. Hence, without this high voltage, there is no spark and, consequently, internal combustion cannot take place within the engine. The bottom line is, simply put, without spark the engine doesn't run. So that's why when my Midyear kept cranking but wouldn't start, after making sure there was fuel entering the engine, the next thing to check was that there was spark to ignite the fuel. The coils on C1, C2 and early C3 Corvettes is a black cylindrical device; starting in 1975 the coil per se as a discrete cylindrical device was abandoned when GM made the switch to HEI breakerless ignition systems.

.Checking for spark is pretty easy to do. You simply pull a spark plug from the engine (or use a spare plug if you have one in your parts box, snap one of the plug wires onto it and make sure the shank of the plug is grounded against the engine block (do not hold onto the spark with your bare hands unless you want to get a really nasty jolt - spark plug boot pulling pliers or other insulated-handle pliers are a good thing to use for this purpose). Have someone crank the engine and observe the center electrode of the plug - if there's sufficient voltage reaching the plug, you should see a bright blue spark jump across the gap of the electrode every time that cylinder fires. If you see no spark, the coil is a good thing to suspect next.

You'll need a digital multimeter to check the resistance levels of your coil. The side terminals of the coil are marked positive (+) and negative (-) and these are where you can measure the resistance of the primary windings. Set the multimeter to the 200-ohm setting and attach the meter's leads corresponding to the terminal markings, red being positive and black being negative. The normal primary reading for 12V (1956 and later) Corvettes on the primary side is 1.6, although a range of 1.5 to 1.7 is acceptable. Next, you'll want to measure the resistance of the secondary coil, and this is the real business-end of the spark-producer. Switch the meter's resistance range to the 20K-ohm setting and attach the negative (black) meter lead to the center terminal of the coil. The reading here should be 11.00 or better, with 13.49 being about normal. If your coil reads under 11.00, then chances are pretty good that this is the reason you're not getting any spark or a very weak one. Replace the coil with a good quality new one (e.g., GM Delco), but it's VERY important that you replace the coil with the correct one. For example, as noted earlier, a '67 Big Block with transistorized ignition requires a special coil; a standard coil will not work with transistorized ignition, and vice versa. Replacing the coil isn't rocket science, but it helps if you make diagrams or take digital photos along the way to avoid mistakes and confusion when it's time to put things back together. So here we're going to show you step-by-step on how to troubleshoot and then replace the coil on a 1963 midyear coupe.

Use a nut driver or a small wrench to loosen the securing nuts on the coil terminals and remove the leads; the positive side of the coil has a condenser lead attached in addition to a positive lead. Then loosen the bottom clamp screw, pull out the center cable that goes to the distributor and remove the coil. Alternatively, you can check the coil right in the car with your multimeter if you remove all three leads first..

This is the aftermarket coil that was in the '63. Normal reading on the primary windings is 1.6, but 1.5 is still within the acceptable range, so this by itself doesn't necessarily indicate a problem.





Here's the primary reading on the replacement GM Delco coil from Mid America. The 1.6 reading is exactly what it should be but, again, the real telling is what the secondary resistance reading is.



Ah, yes - 13.49 is more like it. Now there should be plenty of fire in the hole! All that remains is to put it back in the car, connect the leads to the terminals, plug in the distributor cable and start her up!

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2013 60th Anniversary Corvette ZR1 To Pace 96th Indianapolis 500



After weeks of anticipation, we learned this morning that the 2013 60th Anniversary [Corvette ZR1](#) will be the official pace car of the 96th Indianapolis 500. This is the first time the [Corvette ZR1](#) has earned the role as the pace setter and with its 638 horsepower, it's the most powerful production car ever pace the Indy 500.

The 2013 [Corvette ZR1](#) chosen for the pace car features the 60th Anniversary package which is Arctic White with a Blue Diamond leather-wrapped interior. The anniversary package also contains a full-length racing stripes in Pearl Silver Blue as well as special badging, gray-painted brake calipers and the "60th" logo on the [wheel center caps](#), steering wheel and seat headrests.

This is the 23rd time a Chevrolet has paced the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" and the 11th time for Corvette.

"Corvette embodies pure performance, so the ZR1 is a perfect car to pace the most prestigious auto race in the world," said Jeff Belskus, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Corporation president and chief executive officer. "Chevrolet is a great partner of the Speedway, and we share in the excitement of the upcoming 60th anniversary of the iconic Corvette brand. It's even more meaningful to see a Chevrolet pacing the field at Indy since Chevy has returned as an engine supplier for the IZOD IndyCar Series for the first time since 2005."

Said Jim Campbell, Chevrolet vice president of Performance Vehicles and Motorsports: "This is a truly momentous year for Chevrolet when it comes to performance, with our continued success on and off track, and especially with our return to the IndyCar Series, powering some of the fastest cars on the circuit. I can't think of a better way to mark the 60th Anniversary of Corvette than having it lead the starting field of the Indianapolis 500."

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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.

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)



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