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The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware

March 2012



The Corvettes for Chip Show has Begun ...Chip in his Callaway Speedster

In this edition:

- Meet CCND Members Christine Carlantonio and Walter Rupp
- John Fitch Missing?
- Corvettes for Chip Celebration in Carlisle
- One quick ZR1
- Cover Page "Sneak Peak" at the 2012 Corvettes for Chip Show Car



Drive It Like You Stole It!

Thank you to everyone in the club – YOU are CCND. Take a bow for all you have done.

Warmer weather is on the horizon and the start of another season for CCND members! We have our upcoming usual events starting, such as 3 Concord Mall shows and the Lantana Square Cruise on the first Saturday of April through October. Let's hope for bright sunny skies.

One thing that I like to do in CCND is going as a group to some of the favorite area shows, events or just a group road trip. Some clubs even do weekend trips. CCND has on many occasions received recognition and sometimes cash for having the largest club participation at a show. These are shows are to support a good cause or that has a great location for the show. Shows such as: Ocean City, NJ parking on the boardwalk for the day or Smithville, NJ. For several years we had 20 club cars per year participate in the show at Wheaton Village.

So what is CCND to you and what would you like to do? Anyone want to share their adventures? Let's talk!

Steve

CCND FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by **Steve Blanchies** on February 14, 2012. **Steve** was happy about turnout and thanked everyone who was able to attend despite the holiday. **Steve** brought dessert for all to share.

- Vice President:** **Mike Metcalf** reported 135 members and 175 paid memberships.
- Treasurer:** **Harvey Smith** was not able to attend. **Steve Blanchies** 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** not able to attend.
- Secretary:** **Christine Carlantonio** read a Thank You from **YWCA** for Thanksgiving dinner and the **Wilson Family** who received \$500.
- Social Chairperson:** **Fran Pepeta** reported that the CCND kick-off brunch cruise will be Sunday, April 15th at **Brandywine Prime**. Sign up sheet will be at next meeting.
- Co-Show Chair:** **Jack Bianchino** not able to attend.
- Business Manager:** **Fred Krumm** not able to attend.
- NCCC Governor:** **Bob Avery** reported that we have insurance in place for Concord Mall Show - still working on Lantana Square insurance. Diver Chevrolet to hold a tech night in March (date TBD). He will be attending the Christiana Hilton on 2/19 for Cruise & News. **Barry Kimmelman** has added a link for the NCCC calendar to our website.
- Club Historian:** **Bob Cook** not able to attend.
- Old Business:** Concord Mall Show - April 22, 2012 - **Jack Bianchino** working on preparations
- New Business:** **Bob Avery** to check on the Federal Credit Union that was featured in NCCC literature. **Steve Blanchies** reported that we have CCND window stickers (\$5), coffee cups (\$6), and calendars (\$10) available.
- 50/50:** **Dave Whitman** - \$47

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 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 March 13, 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
Business Manager:
Club Historian: Bob Cook

Old Business

Brandywine Prime Brunch April 15, 2012

Concord Mall open show April 22, 2012

New Business

Monthly Lantana Square Cruise Starts April 7, 2012

What do **YOU** want to do as a club this season?

Upcoming Shows?

Adjournment

50/50 Mary Lou Gilbert

Next Meeting date is April 10, 2012

CCND Window Stickers \$5.00 ea. Mount inside or outside
Just in - CCND Window Stickers \$5.00 ea. Mount inside - clear background
CCND Coffee Cups \$6.00 ea.
CCND Calendars \$10.00 ea.

Please be generous to your server.

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

CCND...March, 2012 "Events"

CCND ACTIVITIES

March 13th

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

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

March 25 - 27

"NorthEast Rod and Custom Car Show". Greater Philadelphia Expo Center, 100 Station Ave., Oaks PA. For more info: Call: 215-896-2923

March Birthdays



Dolly Gustafson.....	March 1
Joanne Husfelt.....	March 4
Janet Taylor.....	March 6
Brian Beck.....	March 6
Elouise Wolos.....	March 8
Barry Kimmelman.....	March 27
Larry Maguire.....	March 27
Theresa Ventresca....	March 29



Getting to know CCND Members

Name:	Christine Carlantonio
Your Current Occupation:	Property Manager
Where do you live?	North Wilmington
Are you married and do you have children?	Yes – 2 girls, 1 boy
Do you have pets?	Goldfish
What's your favorite vacation spot?	Atlantic City for a quick getaway
What's your favorite food/restaurant?	Seafood – Suicide Bridge Restaurant, Herlock, Maryland
What's your favorite music/entertainer?	Josh Groban & Michael Buble
How long have you been a CCND member?	Since 1998 when Jack Layton paid for our 1 st membership fee
What year did you purchase your 1 st corvette?	1994 – we bought it used from a great guy, Brian Ferrel who also sold Jack Layton his car
What generation corvette are you driving now?	C6
What non-corvette related interests do you have:	Gardening & volunteer work
Which do you prefer, cruise nights. Shows, autocross, etc?	Cruising to a restaurant
What is your most memorable corvette moment:	Cruising to Red Rose Inn
How did you hear about CCND:	Jack Layton invited us to a meeting at Mr. Pasta. John Mastriana was President.



Christine Carlantonio

Getting to know CCND Members

Name: **Walter R. Rupp**

Your Current Occupation: Consultant/service eng.

Where do you Live? Glasgow, DE

Are you married and do you have children? Widowed/ yes

Do you have Pets? yes

What's your favorite Vacation spot? Boothbay Harbor, ME

What's your favorite food and Restaurant? Ebb Tide/everything on their menu

What's your favorite music and entertainer? Anything but rap

How long have you been a CCND Member? Since 1991

What year did you purchase your 1st Corvette? 1990

What Generation Corvette are you driving now? 84

What non-corvette related interests do you have? Photography, travel, reading

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

What is your most memorable Corvette moment? Car Guys on track

How did you hear about CCND? Rich West at Fox Run Cruise night

Anything you would like to add would be appreciated _____

- 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!!!



Walter Rupp

Corvette Racing Legend John Fitch Is Just Fine

Dateline: 1.9.12..... Reprinted with Permission from K. Scott Teeters... <http://www.corvettereport.com> .
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Stockbridge police located Mr. Fitch. He's okay! He's okay!



A shock went through the Corvette community today when it was reported that race car driver, inventor, and Corvette legend, John Fitch was reported missing for a time, but was found, and was unharmed. Perhaps the most startling part of the report was that John is suffering from emphysema (an incurable condition) and mild dementia. If you have ever had a family member with dementia, you know what a rough ride that can be.

The Stockbridge police found John, which wasn't too difficult, as he drives a black '05 Mercedes with yellow racing stripes on the sides. I'm sure they all know who John is and what he drives. John was taken to the local medical center and appeared to be in good condition. And his family was notified that he was found.



Can you imagine thundering around the Le Mans countryside in this beauty? Forget Bridgette Bardot!

In Summer '10 John was part of the festivities in Carlisle, Pennsylvania for a special presentation of the film, "The Quest." The film is about Fitch's involvement with the restoration of the 1960 Fuelie Corvette that he raced and won his class at the 1960 Le Mans race. In '10 after the car had been fully restored by [Corvette Repair](#), the race car, along with the Miller family AND John went to Le Mans where John and Lance Miller took a lap in the car that Fitch raced full-out 50 years before. The moment and the car's story is the subject of the film.

John Fitch is one of a handful of the first wave of Corvette racers that were there at the beginning, that's still with us. The Corvette community is hugely relieved that John's okay

2012 Corvette ZR1 Runs Fastest Time at Car and Driver's Lightning Lap #6 at VIR



Over the past six years, Car and Driver has brought 115 production cars to Virginia [International Raceway](#) (VIR) 4.1 mile Grand West Course. The result is an American-style Nurburgring-like timed lap [test](#) called the Lightning Lap. Currently, the 2010 Corvette ZR1 sits 4th fastest on the list with only a Viper ACR and two Moslers that have run faster. We were excited to see how the 2012 Corvette ZR1 tested with the new Michelin Pilot Sport Cup tires would compare to its previous lap time and the results do not disappoint.

The 2012 Corvette ZR1 Centennial Edition with the new Michelin Sport Cups ran a blistering fast lap of 2:50.7 – a second faster than the previous time of 2:51.8 set by the 2010 Corvette ZR1. The ZR1 was the fastest car overall of the 20 vehicles that were tested. The Nissan GT-R (2:53.2), the [Porsche Cayman R](#) (3:03.9), the [Audi TT RS](#) (3:04.38) and the Mercedes-Benz CLS63 AMG (3:04.9) round out the top five of those cars tested in the LL3 [class](#). That's not a big surprise to Chevy fans considering the 638-horses and an overall weight of 3,363 lbs gives the C6 King of the Hill a ridiculous 5.3 on the pounds per horsepower chart.

Corvette Team members Harlan and Tadge have both mentioned the Car and [Driver](#) Lightning Lap previously in their talks with Corvette enthusiast so you can count on them to tout the improvement as [validation](#) to the changes made to the latest model.

There is a wealth of information about the Lightning Lap and the cars tested on the Car and Driver website. Click here for the Feature Intro or jump straight to the video of the 2012 Corvette ZR1's [Lightning Lap](#). There is also a page where you can see the [Historical Lap Times](#).

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Corvettes for Chip Celebration

Story by: Fred / Connie Krumm, Pictures by: Fred/Connie Krumm and Steve/Lynn Blanchies

Saturday, January 28 was an unusually mild and sunny January day, perfect for freeing up our garage-bound Vettes and hitting the road. The destination? Carlisle PA, where Lance Miller hosted a tour of his famous collection for volunteers for the November, 2011 Corvettes for Chip show. Among the 30 guests was a sizable contingent of CCND members.

The collection is comprised largely of Vettes with particular meaning to the Miller family. Some of the more notable vehicles are a '53 "survivor," said to be the lowest-mileage 1953 in existence, the C5-R which Earnhardts Senior and Junior helped pilot to a 4th place overall finish at the 2001 Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona, the famous 1959 SCCA class B champion "Purple People Eater" and a host of "Corvette Challenge" C4's. Of course a few non-Vettes made the cut, including a stunning Ford GT, a Ferrari 308 (as seen in "Magnum" PI), and a 289 AC Cobra.

Lance walked us through the collection, regaling us with wonderful personal stories about many of the vehicles. His heartfelt reminisces of the good times he spent with his late Dad reminded all of us how the Corvette hobby can bridge the generations in the common love for an American icon.

After the tour, we all met at Marcello's restaurant for a delightful Italian meal and good company.

All in all, a fantastic way to spend a Saturday in January.













Denny Parisan's

“RACE FOR RONALD'S HOUSE”

(Benefiting the Ronald McDonald House)

It Is On... 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 Sunday May 20th 2012. We will be holding our **second** annual race day for the beginner at Maple Grove Raceway! We will have First, Second, Third and Fourth place Trophies for the winners and \$25 Visa Gift Cards for runner ups!!! All Provided by Bob and LeeAnn Ormsbee of ***Access Insurance Agency Co.*** and ***Safeco Insurance Co.*** This will be our second summer fundraiser. Last year was a GREAT success! See our Web Site for last years' photos at www.countycorvette.com just click on the blue Toy Drive button.

A Big Congratulations to ***Tommy Isinger*** our 1st Place Winner from last year; and to our 2nd Place Winner; ***Bob Howell!*** Job well done!

Now, the gates will open at 8:00 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 9:00. Then, racing will begin at 10:00am.

Like last year, we will be sharing with the track with an event already being held that day. A “Super Circuit Shootout” race will be happening at the same time. We figure we 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 “Pro Racers” go as fast as 8.00 seconds at over 150 mph. You can be sure some of them will have their front wheels high in the sky!

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 Ronald McDonald House. Last year we cleared \$885.00! ALL donated to the ***County Corvette Toy Drive*** in December totaling \$14,670.00!!!

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 May 16th 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 Ronald McDonald House! Be sure to tell 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 April 30th. Remember, All types of cars are welcome, Street Cars to Hot Rods. (But 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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Check # _____

Number of Driver(s) Tickets (\$65.00) that you are requesting _____

Name of Driver(s) _____

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

Mail to;
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West Chester, Pa. 19382

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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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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