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The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware

May, 2012

CCND's "Open" Car Show at the Concord Mall



In this edition:

- Meet CCND Members Chuck Gassert and Dale MacDonald
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Minutes of Meeting 4/10/12

Minutes from Roc Crisconi

Meeting called to order 7:05pm

New members Introduced: No new members

Member Report –Mike Metcalf–not present - 135 members 76 paid memberships

Financial Report – HarveySmith – gave his report .

Website – Barry Kimmelman – not present

Member at Large – Mary Lou Gilbert – Club T's and Hats for sale

Newsletter Editor - Andy Rumford – not present

Secretary – Christine Carlantonio – not present

Social Chairman – Fran Pepeta– not present –Nick Cervelli spoke about the coming up brunch on April 15 at The Whip Tavern.

Show Chair – Jack Bianchino – Concord Mall show is April 22 which is an open show. May 5 show at the Elks Lodge

NCCCGov. – Bob Avery – Insurance is up to date for the club. NCCC show will be in Havre de Grace, MD. Tech night cancelled at Diver's due to shortage of staff.

Club Historian – Bob Cook – not present

Old Business – nothing to report

New Business – mugs and static clings and calendars are available for sale. KSCC is having a poker run on 4/28/12 if anyone is interested talk to Steve B. Dave Whitman's mother passed away recently and Mike Crank is recovering from an illness.

Harvey motioned to adjourn meeting at 7:25pm

50/50 won by Doug Murray \$47.00

Next meeting May 8, 2012, 7:00pm

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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 May 8, 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

Cruise Brunch April 15, 2012 recap

Concord Mall open show April 22, 2012 recap

New Business

Brunch run to the Beach to Serendipity on May 20th

– Sign up - head count required

Adjournment

50/50 Mary Lou Gilbert

Next Meeting date June 12, 2012

CCND Window Stickers \$5.00 ea. Mount inside or outside
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CCND Coffee Cups \$6.00 ea.
CCND Calendars \$10.00 ea. Now \$5.00
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...May, 2012 "Events"

CCND ACTIVITIES

May 5thCCND Cruise Night..Lantana Square
May 8thCCND meeting..Lone Star
May 30thCCND Ice Cream Run...Ice Cream Corral..7:30PM

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

April 25th-29thSpring Carlisle... www.carsatcarlisle.com
May 6thCounty Corvette Association show at Thomas Chevrolet, Lima, PA.
May 12thA Blast from the Past Show
May 17thHerrs Cruise Night, Nottingham, Pa.
May 20thHHCP Show at Linville Orchards, Pa.

Happy Birthday from CCND.!



Alice Harvey.....	May 2 nd
Margee Michaels.....	May 5 th
Horace Wahl.....	May 5 th
Jody Mortarulo.....	May 7 th
Tony Smagala.....	May 10 th
Joe Wagner.....	May 11 th
Bob Avery.....	May 15 th
Steven Michaels.....	May 22 nd
Rodney Husfelt.....	May 23 rd
Joe Ligenza.....	May 28 th



CCND Concord Mall Hot Rod & Custom Car Show

Article & Photos by Steve Blanchies / Jack Bianchino

There were 29 vehicles signed up for the mall show. It looked like we would fill the mall but then rain was forecasted on Sunday April 22, 2012. Not a good sign for the show. Sunday morning arrived and the show cars did not. Thankfully we did have 11 brave souls bring their pride and joy out for the show. The shoppers in the mall did enjoy the show and the mall management was happy with the turn out under the conditions. There were 7 trophies awarded.

During the mall shows it is nice spend extra time with and to talk to other CCND members. Also it is nice talking with the enthusiasts who come to check out the show. Thanks to the CCND members who were there for the day supporting the club and making another Concord Mall show run smoothly.













Getting to know CCND Members

Name: Dale MacDonald

Your Current Occupation: Group Vice President – Coatings Specialties at Ashland Inc. Wilmington, DE

Where do you Live? Kennett Square, PA

Are you married and do you have children? Married to Debbie & have 2 children – Garrett 18 and Paige 15

Do you have Pets? One dog named Chloe (Maltese) and my daughter has a Chinchilla named Bella

What's your favorite Vacation spot? Maledives

What's your favorite food and Restaurant? Steak with a nice cabernet - Gable's is my local favorite.

What's your favorite music and entertainer? No single favorite as I like a wide range of music, but I listen mostly to current artists

How long have you been a CCND Member? – 3 Months

What year did you purchase your 1st Corvette? 2002 – I purchased a Z06 and had it converted into a convertible at Caravaggio Corvettes in Toronto.

What Generation Corvette are you driving now? A 2008 C6 Z-06 - Caravaggio convertible conversion – though I still have my 2002 (which is a constant source of irritation for Debbie).

What non-corvette related interests do you have? Golf, Skiing, Scuba Diving, Driving, Biking (mountain), anything on or in the water.

Which do you prefer, Cruise Nights, Shows, Autocross etc. – all the above though I have yet to be to an event.

What is your most memorable Corvette moment? Driving with my daughter and getting caught in a rainstorm with the top down – she couldn't stop laughing in anticipation of us having to slow down and knowing we were going to get wet – which we did.

How did you hear about CCND? I was searching on the web for corvette information in Delaware, and came across the web site.

- 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!!!



Dale MacDonald

Getting to know CCND Members

Name: Chuck Gassert

Your Current Occupation: Naval Intelligence Program Manager

Where do you Live? Middletown, Delaware

Are you married and do you have children? Not married – Single Dad to a 15 yr old daughter

Do you have Pets? 1 cat

What's your favorite Vacation spot? Anywhere along the Eastern Shore

What's your favorite food and Restaurant? Anne's on Kent Island, MD.

What's your favorite music and entertainer? Bruce Springsteen - Rock and Roll

How long have you been a CCND Member? First Month

What year did you purchase your 1st Corvette? 2011

What Generation Corvette are you driving now? C5 2002 Z06

What non-corvette related interests do you have? Sailing, fishing, hiking, biking, antique stores, treasure hunting with a metal detector.

Which do you prefer, Cruise Nights, Shows, Autocross etc. I like them all

What is your most memorable Corvette moment? Looking to make memories. That's why I joined the club.

How did you hear about CCND? Seen the group at a car show. Spoke with other members.

Anything you would like to add would be appreciated Looking forward to an active summer with the group._

- 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!!!



Batmobiles Go Drag Racing !!



Two of America's coolest cars ever recently battled in a race set up by Super Power Beat Down.

The website decided to see what would happen when the 1966 Batmobile took on the 1989 Batmobile. You'd think that 23 years worth of technology would be worth something, but you'll have to watch the video to find out for sure. By the way, these aren't the original cars used in the movie and TV show, but instead are replicas built by Mark Towle. He says the 1966 replica is built on a C4 [Corvette](#) platform with an L98 fuel-injected engine capable of about 300 or 325-hp and a top speed of 150 to 160mph. The 1989, meanwhile, features a Camaro front clip on a [custom](#) frame with a 350 Chevy crate motor rated at 285-hp and a top speed of about 180mph.

Asked which one he would pick in a race, Towle said he and a crew member would race to find out and he invited two passengers, Damian Beurer of [acomickbooknerd.com](#) in the '66 and Andy Liegl of [publicattack.net](#) in the '89. Before the race, Andy pointed out that the '89 has features like grenades coming out of the tires, a side-mounted disc launcher, machine guns on the hood, aircraft-like controls with a self-diagnostic system, voice activation, [voice recognition](#), and even a [CD burner](#)! The '66, Damian noted, is atomic powered, voice activated, and has a direct link back to the Batcave. Which one has the Corvette ties?

Checkout the video to see who wins at [www.corvetteblogger.com](#), under Videos and Pictures.

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Amazing Project: Wayne Bickley's Electric C4!



[California](#) is [wonderful](#). There's sun, sand, surf, In-N-Out Burger, and a host of other things which make the Golden State worthy of its name. But its stringent emissions regulations make life difficult for car enthusiasts, and after trying to get his supercharged 396 Corvette through testing, Wayne Bickley went green. But he didn't buy a Prius—[he converted his C4 to electric power](#).

Currently, the powertrain features a nine-inch, 100HP motor, a clutchless six-speed and 18 XP1000 batteries. To keep everything balanced, eight are situated up front where the radiator used to be, while the remaining ten [sit on a custom rack in the fuel tank's old spot](#). With this set up, he's been able to manage 22 to 30 miles on a charge and hit a top speed of 85MPH. He hasn't lost his need for speed though, and a beefier 11-inch Netgain HV unit is on the way. After posting videos of the 'Vette on [YouTube](#), Wayne says he's heard from a lot of "arm chair engineers" who have all kinds of suggestions about how he could have done a better job. But he spends his days doing Advanced Visualization—think 3D flight simulation and molecular modeling—and has taken all the comments with a grain of salt. One suggestion he'd like to follow? Using lithium batteries. But at 20K for the juice boxes alone, that's not really on the table.

Note: Pictures and video of this on youtube and on Corvette Forum.....AR

1968 L88 Corvette Roadster Sells for \$625,000 at Russo and Steele



We tuned in to Saturday evening's live stream of the [Russo and Steele auction](#) to catch some of rare Corvettes that were offered for sale. This 1968 L88 Corvette Roadster was one of the major attractions at the Scottsdale auction and it sure didn't disappoint, selling for a cool \$625,000. With the 10% buyer's commission, price [out the door](#) was \$687,500.

Russo and Steele's catalog description of the L88 Roadster called it the best documented L88 Roadster in existence. Of 216 L88 Corvettes made in 1968, just 20 were [roadsters](#) and only this L88 roadster is believed to have been ordered with two tops. Fully documented with just two owners in its history, the car underwent a restoration and was once featured on the cover of Corvette Fever.

Bidding on the rare Corvette opened at \$200,000 and never stopped until the hammer fell at \$625,000.

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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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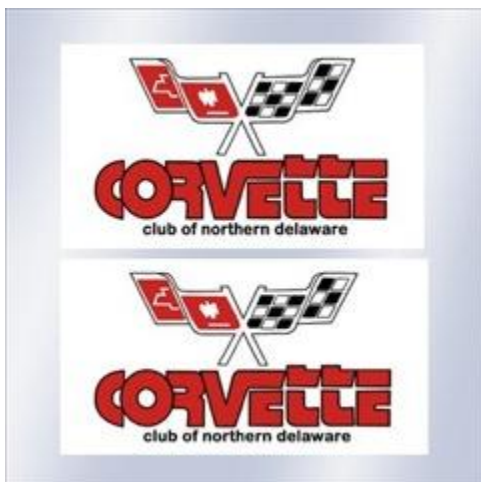
Steve Blanchies: Club Calendars, Mugs and Window Stickers

Mary Lou Gilbert: Club Garments

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