



Vettester

The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware

November, 2012



.....at the Monster Mile

In this edition:

- * *Winterizing your Vette*
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- * *Photos from the "Monster Mile"*
- * *Delaware County Community College Show*
.....and more!!

CCND OCTOBER MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Mike Metcalf** on October 9, 2012. **Mike** thanked everyone who attended. **Christine Carlantonio** brought dessert for all to share.

- New Member:** **Gail Bajada**
- Vice President:** **Mike Metcalf** reported 138 members and 77 paid memberships.
- Treasurer:** **Harvey Smith** not able to attend. **Mike Metcalf** 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.
- Social Chairperson:** **Fran Pepeta** reported that he made arrangements to go to the newly opened Schaefer's Canal House, Chesapeake City, MD. October 17th – leaving Peoples Plaza 6 pm sharp.
- Show Chair:** **Jack Bianchino** reported that 17 members are signed up for Concord Mall Show on October 28th – may have to open to other cars. Lantana Cruise Night pathetic – space not roped off – last cruise night there.
- Business Manager:** **Bob Avery** filled out paperwork for Haggerty Insurance – 1st year \$348 (\$4.52/person)
- NCCC Governor:** **Bob Avery** had nothing new to report.
- Club Historian:** **Bob Cook** had nothing new to report.
- Old Business:** **Ocean City NJ – Jack Layton** reported 400+ cars in attendance – nice show
Kerbeck Toys for Tots – light turn out – 300 cars
- New Business:** **CCND Nominations for 2013 Officers at November 13th meeting**
FSCC – Run the Dover NASCAR track – Sunday, October 21st – \$20 + \$7 passenger – 5 laps – meet at Monster Monument at rear of track at 10:30 am.
VOTE NOVEMBER 6TH – NATIONAL ELECTION
- 50/50:** **Doug Murray - \$47**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2012

2012 CCND Officers

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Steve Blanchies

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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 November 13, 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: Not Required
Business Manager: Bob Avery
Club Historian: Bob Cook

Old Business

Other Shows attended???
CCND Concord Mall Show October 28th
Run the Dover NASCAR Track
CCND Christmas Party ~~ **Payment Due**

New Business

CCND Nominations for 2013 Officers

Adjournment

50/50 Mary Lou Gilbert

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

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...November, 2012 "Events"

- See CCND's Website for more details
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CCND ACTIVITIES

11.4.12.....6th Annual Corvettes for Chip (Show Locations been moved !!)

11.13.12.....CCND Monthly Meeting

Happy Birthday CCND Members!!

Greg Wood.....11.2
Janice Ferguson.....11.3
Barbara Scott Cooper....11.5
Jim deFord.....11.6
Brenda Boling.....11.14
Linda Kimmelman.....11.15
Stacy Gawronski.....11.20
Ashley Polis.....11.21
Kathy O'Connor.....11.26



On the Track at the Dover Speedway.....pictures by Jim deFord







Pike Creek Cruise Night.....Pictures courtesy of Jim deFord





C5 up Key Fobs Update... Recommend Test.....by: Jim deFord

Just as a suggestion if you buy any new 100.00 C5 key fobs (Diver club price as they are regularly 117.54 each) ask them to insert it in their electronic key fob tester before leaving with your new ones. The parts counter people just typically hand you new paid for fobs but they have a tester and didn't use it my first visit in. It will save some grief if you need to return it. The first new fob I bought I ended up leaving and replaced the brand new battery already in it and it still did not work. I took it back and the previous unknown dealer tester kept under the counter magically appeared which showed bad electronics in it. Anyway thought I would mention they have one and should test before selling you new fobs. After you buy it you have to set it up for your car... Sometimes you can reset a Vette fob by hitting lock and unlock together for 15 seconds. But my experience is you sit in the seat. Turn key to on position. Touch reset on your dash. Touch functions til the display blanks. Touch reset again. Touch function til key fob learning appears. Push lock and unlock on fob for 15 seconds and horn honks. You then hold fob 2 and push lock unlock together 15 seconds. You then have fobs mated to your Vette Or you can pay the dealer an hour labor and get it done. They won't do it free Its important to bring an old key fob for ordering as correct #s are on it. A and B fobs are actually the same. Its for 2 drivers. Push the fob and sets seats mirrors for each driver alarm off door unlock. My other car avoids this entirely you put the ignition key in and go! Good Luck

*** Remember, the 2012 Corvettes for Chip show has been relocated due to the impending storm ***

2012 Corvettes for Chip Show

Fall is rapidly approaching and the [Corvettes For Chip Show](#) is coming up *fast*.

Scheduled for Sunday, November 4, 2012, this year's Show is shaping up to be the best ever with new Sponsors and a flurry of participant registrations underway.

The Show is held at the Brandywine Park in West Chester, Pennsylvania. There are many pictures from last years show (and prior shows) at www.CorvettesforChip.com

The Board of Directors for Show would like to personally invite your Club to participate in this year's Show. We will be featuring Callaway Corvettes and a rare 1991 Callaway Speedster will be on display courtesy of Lance Miller.

Any members with Callaways should contact us about having their Corvette in our special display area. *We will be at Carlisle - or you can call or email us.*

What's different about this years show is that we have done some follow-up survey work with some participants from last year and have taken their constructive feedback and made significant changes to the Show format.

Award Ceremony: We've completely changed this focus on awards ONLY. This will not be a repeat of last year. We all agree that mixing auctions and awards at the end of a long day is not a good idea. A welcomed change for certain !

Professional DJ and Sound System: After we were reduced to a bullhorn last year, we've contracted for a professional sound system and DJ to make this an enjoyable and understandable event for everyone.

New Sponsors: We've added new Sponsors and vendors that will help make this years event even more special.

Please encourage your Club to participate in this year's Show. We are asking that you have members register and pay on-line at www.CorvettesForChip.com as soon as possible so that we get a good count on how many Corvettes we have for this year.

Remind everyone that the registration fee is a donation to a worthy charity – so there's no reason for folks to wait on the weather forecast to register.

Now is the time to show your Support !

For those members on Facebook, you can also search for Corvettes for Chip and join the group for updates, newsletters and up to the minute Show and related Corvette information.

If you have any questions about the 2012 Show, feel free to contact me or any of the Show Planning members that you may know.

Best Regards --

Scott Karlin
Business Manager, 2012 Corvettes for Chip Show
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The C5 Fan Trick

Background

While working to improve your driving at the drag strip, you may have an opportunity to make several consecutive passes without stopping to cool down the engine. This routine is called "hot-lapping," appropriately so, because it causes the coolant temperature to soar above 200F degrees, often above 220F.

On a C5 motor with a stock engine management computer (ECU/PCM), elevated coolant temps cause the PCM to retard timing, which reduces horsepower. None of us want that.

By using this "**Fan Trick**" both fans turn on and remain on low-speed, keeping the coolant temperatures close to an ideal 194F while hot-lapping. As always, it's a good idea to keep an eye on the coolant temperature shown in the Driver Information Center (DIC).

This Trick is free, requires nothing more than one piece of wire and a white marker. And results in no permanent change to the car.

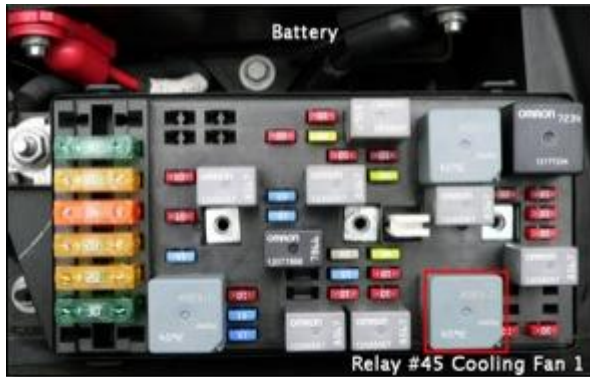
Here is the procedure for the Fan Trick.



You'll need one piece of wire, ideally 14-16 gauge, multi-strand copper. Cut a piece about six (6) inches long and strip the insulation from the last half-inch of each end. When not in use, I kept that piece of wire in the glove box inside my racing glove.



Pop the hood and locate the fuse relay center on the passenger side just forward of the battery.



Remove the cover and [confirm](#) the internal configuration is the same as the one pictured; if the car is a stock 1997-2004 C5, it should be. [Note: Smoke, once emitted, is hard to get back into [electrical components](#). So check this out yourself; I provide no warranty and bear no responsibility for consequential damage arising from following this procedure. But it works for me and others without incident.] Now, identify the lower right-hand relay. Note the orientation of lettering on its face is the same as the others. Maintain that orientation when you're finished.



Remove Relay #45 by wiggling it and then pulling it straight up. Drop a dot to mark the terminals shown. Drag strip window marker or office "white-out" work equally well for this purpose. Once marked, you won't forget the correct terminals.



Now insert the ends of the prepared wire into the two marked sockets. You should hear both fans turn on.



Replace Relay #45, being careful to keep the wire-ends in place. Once the Relay is firmly in position, you should still hear both fans.



Once you verify the fans are still running, reinstall the cover. You are finished.

The fans will [continue](#) to run at low-speed until you remove the wire. Using this procedure, I have run the fans of my 2002 Z06 for six-hours without draining the battery.

Winter Car Storage Tips..... by Jim de Ford

Regretfully the Corvette season will be coming to a close soon. For any car, inactivity can be as deteriorating as it is for human beings. Damage of nearly every kind can occur from just sitting. Rubber can rot, upholstery can mildew, metal can rust, precision-fit internal engine parts can seize, wiring can short circuit, paint can blister, fiberglass can crack, chrome can pit, brakes can lock up, and batteries can go dead. Many car owners patiently wait for spring in the anticipation of touring the countryside again, only to be dismayed by the car's deteriorated condition over what seemed to be such a short period of time. Here are some tips I can offer please only do at your own risk and ability. Many of the car owners obviously know this already but may be helpfulThis applies not only to Corvettes of course and some of my tips involve my current C5.

Wash all road grime and salts from the undercarriage as well as body parts. Give the entire car a good wax and don't buff off chromed surfaces until you remove from storage. Lubricate rubber. I do not use Armor All silicones that fog up the car (I like US Auto Supply in Philadelphia Detail Company and its all available on line)

1. **Once you have your classic parked for the winter, change or drain fluids.** Try to drain the fluids while the car is still warm. Oil, in particular, when it is heated and circulating, picks up and emulsifies chemical contaminants and particles. Just be careful and wear gloves; hot engine oil can cause burns. Note some cars have some pretty large oil pans so have the right size. I had one classic that took 10 quarts and fortunately had 2 pans. The C5 I have is 6.5 qts. You either have synthetic or conventional oil in the car you own. I always buy very good filters. My older car(s) I like Castrol used for years and the Napa Gold Filters. It's up to you. I add a small bottle of ZDPP a zinc additive with conventional oil not synthetic. The ZDPP is good for older cars and big blocks especially.
2. **Carefully fill the universal joints with fresh grease,** if your car has lube fittings. Pack the front wheel bearings and apply clean grease on all of the steering and suspension fittings.
3. **Bleed the brake system.** 6 month storage tip... The best insurance against brake deterioration is to drain your system of old fluid and refill with fresh. Or do it at least every 3 years if you use the car enough.
4. **Drain the fuel tank** if you are going to store your car for more than six months. Once you have drained the tank, start the engine and run the rest of the gas out of the lines. Old gas will clog carburetors and cause valves to hang up. If you are only going to be storing your car for a few months you can add a can of gasoline stabilizer to delay fuel deterioration. Most do not park cars for 6 months but if you do that is the recommendation. I am now using Startron or use Stabil in

everything even the Mower. Less than 6 months I fill the tank to top and add Startron or Stabil. Big worry now is the ethanol breakup in fuel.

5. **Drain the cooling system completely for 6 months** and leave the petcock open and the radiator cap off so air can circulate. Disconnect the heater hoses and drain the heater too. With all of the car's fluids drained at this point you should contact your local household and hazardous waste service for proper disposal. This is obviously for over 6 months. With Dexcool on Newer Ones change it every 2-3 years. the Dexcool is pretty harsh and common on the new GMs. Be careful to never mix the green with Dexcool ever. Older I use the Yellow Universal every 3 years in the cars with green antifreeze. On cars with Dexcool I stay Dexcool and do not even mix the yellow Universal. If you drain a C5 refill it through the thermostat opening to avoid air lock. I also vacuum out the outside of the radiator as it fills with pine needles etc. If you ever hit a newspaper on the road make sure you see it escape out the back and not up in the radiator. I sucked one up once.
6. **Remove the battery and store it carefully** if you want it to survive. Wash it down with a solution of water and baking soda, then top it off with distilled water. Store it on a shelf in a dry place, not on concrete. That is for 6 month storage. Leave it in the car otherwise and put on a 3 Amp Maintainer set for 12 Volt system if that is what you have. I went to Battery Warehouse Off Old Baltimore Pike and extended my cables with fuse by the battery. I put on black split cable harness connectors and fed through the grilles of my cars and truck. You may have to trim a bit of your end of the battery cable by the bolt to fit the added rings. Pull in and simply pull the connector through the grille and plug in. I got tired of opening the hoods all the time. The connector end is black and easily hidden through the grille for shows. The C5 I have hidden through the fender gap by the windshield. The typical cable that comes with the maintainers is usually too short. I extended mine and push it back down when not in use. It hides nice in the gap. Buy a maintainer not a battery charger for winter, It floats 3 amps on and off and keeps the charge up when it dips. I like the Battery Maintainer at Battery Warehouse. If you have a small battery like on a Motorcycle I set it at 1.5 amps at 12 Volts.
7. **Raise the car and place jack stands under the suspension points.** Be extremely careful when lifting cars. Do it right and take your time. You really need to have the pucks on the newer cars...be smart and buy a permanent set and always keep in the car. You have no spare and if lifted improperly you can do thousands of dollars in body damage. I found a company in Colorado and bought a set of 4 for only 80 bucks. On the road you can use a cell and call for a flat bed but even then I want pucks in my car. I do not trust tire centers using a block of wood with carpet on it to lift mine. Remove the tires and stack them in a corner placing cardboard between each one and cover. This is for 6 month storage. Otherwise I like to take my cars out every few weeks max due to flat spotting of tires. This is not a real issue on the modern cars and run flats as most drive their cars vs store on jacks. My cousin and I also put 6 mil poly sheets on the floor under the tire areas with the older car(s) regular radials or

older gen tires due to wicking through the concrete floors and accelerating dry rot.

8. **Depress the clutch and lock it in position** with a 2 x 4 pressed against the clutch and the front of the seat cushion or seat frame. Clutch plates often stick together in storage. This is for 6 months but can be done for shorter duration. Use the brake or chock the tires though
9. **Before you encase your classic in its winter cocoon**, the last things to do are;
 - o Roll down your windows to allow for circulation
 - o Place opened boxes of baking soda in various places to absorb moisture (I prefer a pan of charcoal Briquets on the passenger floor and one in the trunk)
 - o Put a plastic bag over the carburetor to keep moisture out
 - o stuff an old rag up the tailpipe to keep mice and spiders out
 - o Get out a few mouse traps or the green mouse bait away from your pets. I saw a seat with a big hole from a mouse eating a hole in a nice Challenger
10. **Now you can cover up your classic car**. The most important consideration when choosing a cover for your car's winter nap is selecting the right kind of fabric for your specific storage application. Cotton flannel fabrics breathe and allow air to circulate through them as well as being soft and easy on your cars paint and wax. Cotton/polyester fabrics have poor fluid resistance and trap heat and moisture. Plastic films should be avoided because they don't breathe.
11. If you decide to build a new Garage detachedconsider a wood frame building that is less prone to dampness vs masonry structures. Open your doors whenever possible on nice days and let the air circulate throughout the garage.
12. I like to drive my cars weather permitting to keep the seals from drying out and causing costly leaks
13. Drive a car 20 minutes on the road every month if weather permits. Avoid cold starts and immediate shutoff as it causes moisture in the oil on older cars. Not so much an issue with synthetic. Its still good to run them vs sit all winter
14. You can also rent a heated garage and avoid most of the above! The items below are items you will need to wrap up
 - Car wash and wax
 - 6 mil poly
 - Rubber lubricant avois silicones my suggestion
 - Old gallon milk jugs to store drained fluids Some places like Pep Boys will accept it or Recycle Centers can drop them off (oil filters)
 - Baking soda I prefer Charcoal Briquets and plastic containers
 - Grease to lube fittings if they exist and pack wheel bearings
 - Four jack stands
 - Appropriate length 2x4 to depress clutch
 - Tools to remove battery watch the metal surfaces when pulling out
 - A beathable car cover
 - Battery Maintainer Year Round Best 3 Amp Sears also has a decent one for around \$20 but I like Battery Warehouse

- Mouse Baits and traps a real must. You may think you have a spotless garage never a mouse and it only takes one to feast on your wiring harnesses under the dash. Mice have flexible Bones and can squeeze through a crack and you do not want them anywhere near your car. I keep baits in year round and have even had squirrels as an issue that run in while a door is briefly opened. They ate a neighbors underdash wiring as well with the windows open on a nice day!

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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CCND Club Store.....A Great way to support your Club!!

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)



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 .



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