



Vettester

The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware
April 2012

**Spring is here and...
Romance is in the Air!**



Featured in this issue:

- * ***Amelia Island Concours report***
- * ***Meet new member Sean Collins***
- * ***and More***

CCND MARCH MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:20 p.m. by **Steve Blanchies** on March 12, 2013.

- New Members:** Shawn Collins 2008 Z06
Joshua Fanelli Unknown (Not at meeting)
Dave Romasko 2009 Z06
- Vice President:** Mike Metcalf not able to attend. Steve reported 115 members and 65 paid memberships.
- Treasurer:** Harvey Smith gave the financial report. Motion seconded to approve report.
- Webmaster:** Bob Avery reported website is a "work in progress" - removed all old pictures - added new ones.
- Member at Large:** Jane Murray asked members to "like" CCND Facebook page
- Newsletter Editor:** Fred Krumm apologized for "birthday" error - Thanks to Steve Blanchies for answering "15 Questions" - will continue to do (If interested send Fred an email @ fredkrumm@comcast.net.) Looking for pictures of your car - would like a vette bio from new members. Looking for news of shows. **Note: Six Hours of the Glen - Fred emphasized that he is not an organizer of this event.**
- Social Chairperson:** Fran Pepeta reported the following activities:
Whip - CCND kickoff brunch - Sunday, 4/14, 10:30 am - meet at Lantana Sq at 9:30 am
Schaefer's Canal House - Friday, 4/26, 6:30 pm
- Co-Show Chair:** Jack Bianchino reported that the Sunday, 4/28 Concord Mall Show should be an "all corvette show" in honor of our 40th anniversary - need something firm on charity so that we can designate where donation will be going. If we do not get enough club cars to fill the mall, we need to recruit other corvettes. **Note: No fee for club members - non-members \$20.** . Looking forward to working with Mike Kiernan (Ruby Tuesday) and Charlie (Frazzberry) - this places us in a different formation that we're not used to seeing.
- Business Manager:** Bob Avery reported that insurance for 2013 has been placed and we're covered for the year.
- Club Historian:** Bob Cook had nothing to report.
- Old Business:** CCND Picnic (40th Anniversary) Saturday, 9/14 - to be catered either by Big D or Golden Apple Caterers (Frank & Theresa Ventresca, CCND members)
CCND Christmas Party - Marion Crank scheduled Greenville CC on Saturday, 12/7 - members want to look at other options such as Delaware Park (Jane Murray) or Riverview Inn, Pennsville, NJ (live music & dancing) (any other ideas contact Steve at stevebla@comcast.net.)
- New Business:** Charity for Cruise Nights - motion by Harvey Smith to limit donation to one (1) charity - motion accepted for Ministry of Caring
- 50/50:** Jim Henderson - \$61

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2013



Meeting Agenda for April 9, 2013:

Call to Order

Welcome

New Members

2013 CCND Officer Reports:

Vice President:	Mike Metcalf	Secretary:	Christine Carlantonio
Treasurer:	Harvey Smith	Social Chairperson:	Fran Pepeta
Webmaster:	Bob Avery	Show Chair:	Jack Bianchino
Member @ Large:	Jane Murray	Business Manager:	Bob Avery
Newsletter Editor:	Fred Krumm	Club Historian:	Bob Cook

Old Business:

- Planning for 2013 & 40th year for CCND
- 40th CCND T-Shirts

New Business:

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Adjournment

50/50 -- Jane Murray

Club "Swag":

- CCND Window Stickers (a): \$5.00 ea. Mount inside or outside
- CCND Window Stickers (b): \$5.00 ea. Mount inside - clear background
- CCND Coffee Cups: \$6.00 ea.
- CCND License Plates: \$25 & \$27 -- see Jim DeFord

Next Meeting: May 14, 2013

During the meeting can all members please put your **Cell Phones on VIBRATE**...thanks
Please be **generous** to your server.

40th Anniversary 1973 ~ 2013



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Street Rods, Classic, Antique, Race, Trucks, Motorcycles
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New location for 2013

Pike Creek Shopping Center

First Saturday of the Month

April through October*

April 6th, May 4th, June 1st, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, October 5th

4PM- 8PM

No Entry Fee

Music Food Fun

Sponsored by Ruby Tuesday and Frazzberry Frozen Yogurt

CCND indoor Concord Mall Shows for 2013 ~ April 28th, June 16th & October 20th

*Weather Permitting-check www.vetteclub.org for any show changes or updates

The 50th Anniversary of the 1963 Stingray

Story and photos by Bob Cook...

Bill Skinner and I attended the Amelia Island (Florida) Concours March 8 to 10, 2013. Each year several marques are honored and featured in the Concours. This year one of those was the 1963 Sting Ray – this year being the 50th anniversary of the Sting Ray. A special seminar was held on Friday afternoon where Peter Brock described his work with Bill Mitchell in the late 50's to design an all new Corvette.



Peter Brock, a 19-year old designer, started working for GM about the time that Bill Mitchell took over from Harley Earl as VP of Design for GM. Brock's first assignment at GM was in Advanced Design, specifically in "Research Studio B", a studio that worked directly for Bill Mitchell. Mitchell had just returned from the 1957 Turin Auto Show. He brought back pictures of Italian speed record cars and gave them to three designers, including Brock.

Mitchell asked the three to give him concept drawings for a new Corvette using the pictures as inspiration. He wanted a coupe design. The design of a new Corvette would have normally been done in the main GM design studio, but due to the political climate at GM in 1957, Mitchell decided to do the initial design in secret. Of the three designers, Brock's drawings were selected by Mitchell as closest to his vision.

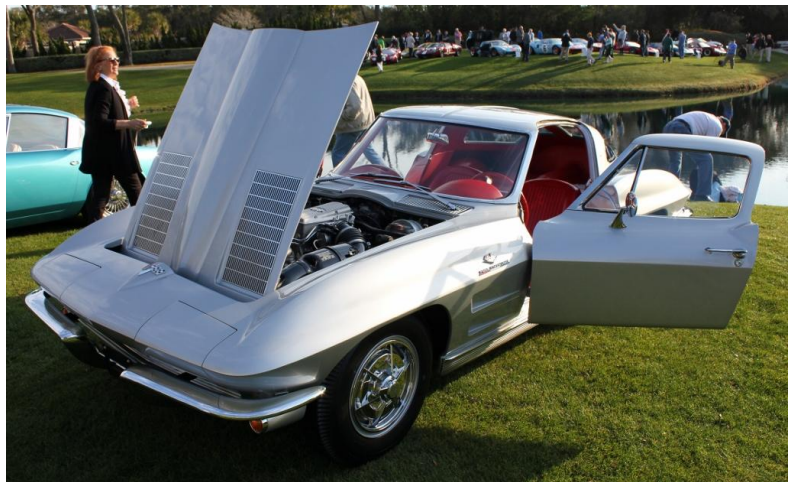


Due to efforts to develop the Corvair and other GM priorities, in the late 50's the new Corvette development was proceeding slowly. In the meantime Mitchell bought the mule used to develop the Corvette SS (the SS raced only once - at Sebring - due to the 1957 GM ban on racing). Mitchell had his design studio design and build a body based on the initial

new Corvette concepts. Along with Dr. Dick Thompson, Mitchell successfully raced the “Stingray” and received great response from the public on the design, which further cemented his plans for a similar design for the new Corvette. (The car tended to develop lift at speed and at times Thompson could barely keep it on the track. But he did win a C-modified national championship with the Stingray.)

During this time Zora Duntov, Chief Engineer for the Corvette, was pursuing a mid-engine concept, which he knew from his racing experience would be superior to the front engine designs of previous Corvettes. However, in GM the Design Division ruled and Mitchell continued his development of the front-engine Stingray (note – it was “Sting Ray” in the 63 Corvette rather than Mitchell’s “Stingray” racer) concept for the new Corvette. According to Mitchell’s replacement, Chuck Jordan, Mitchell would say to Duntov, “I’m the designer and you’re the engineer and engineering never sold a goddamn thing.” After the Stingray, Mitchell commissioned another concept car called the Mako Shark. It was built on a first generation chassis and shared the Stingray shape but with gills on the front quarter panels and was painted to resemble a shark Mitchell had caught on vacation off Bimini.

To further develop the design originally penned by Brock, Mitchell enlisted Larry Shinoda and Tony Lapine, two of his best designers. Throughout the design Mitchell insisted on a wind-split that ran from the windshield to the rear of the car, thus the “split window”. Duntov thought that the split window would obstruct vision out the back and fought against it. When he got nowhere with Mitchell, he went to Ed Cole. Cole agreed that the split window would obstruct view but said a redesign would add a year to the car’s development, which was not acceptable to either Duntov or Cole. So, they agreed (without Mitchell’s knowledge) that the 63 would have the split window and then it would disappear the following year – and so it came to pass...



Bill Warner, the founder and Chairman of the Amelia Island Concours, hand picks the cars to be displayed at the show each year. To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1963 Corvette, he chose ten cars. The next two pages show some of the most interesting of these cars. (Note that most are Z06 cars. The Z06 option included the big brakes, intended for racing, and also required that the car be equipped with fuel injection. Only 199 cars came with the Z06 option in 1963.)



The "Rondine"

***Built by Pininfarina;
commissioned by GM
for the 1963 Paris Auto
Show***

***The first production Z06
Raced in California***



Grand Sport # 4

***Totally Original
Convertible***



SEAN AND ANN COLLINS – “POWER COUPLE”

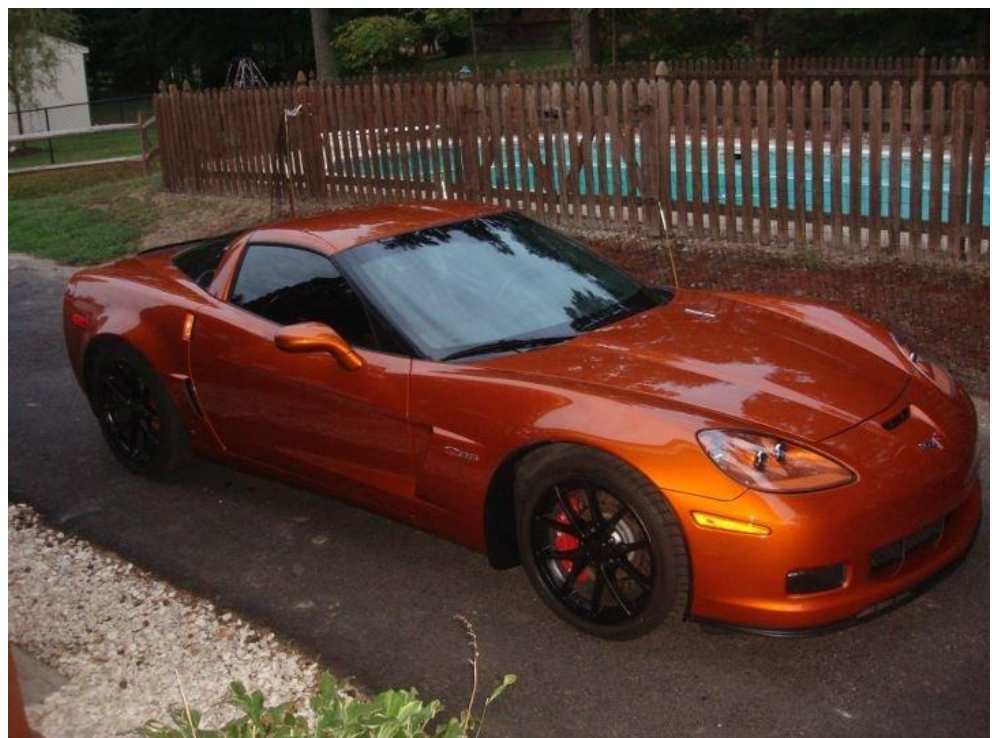
Sean Collins writes --

So here's a bit about me and why I joined the club:

I've been a car person since I can remember; I guess it started with video games and working on my neighbor's Merkur XR4Ti when I was younger. When I was old enough I got myself an XR4Ti and just kept moving up to better vehicles. I've been through various Merkurs, a sport motorcycle, and a newer GTO. I've also turned wrenches on more modern sports cars than I can remember. My wife Ann has supported my passion for cars; we actually first started talking as a result of a '79 Trans Am! Over the course of our years together she turned me from a Ford fan who laughed at the thought of owning a GM to a guy who ONLY owns GMs. She currently drives a Pontiac Solstice GXP (the very entertaining turbo model). We travel to the Detroit auto show every year or so and religiously follow new releases and powertrain technology.

I bought my 2008 Z06 last year after deciding that there's nothing comparable for the money. It has roughly 6000mi on the odometer and has been the best sports car I've ever owned so far. It has a few modifications, an upgraded cam (ECS custom profile), a Kooks/Corsa exhaust, and a Vararam intake. The last time on the dyno it pulled 540whp and I'm itching to know what it can do on a racetrack. I'm looking forward to meeting new people in this club, learning about Vettes, and going to shows.

**Sean Collins' 540
RWHP 2008 Z06 –
Putting the
“Atomic” in
Atomic Orange!**



THE BEGINNING OF CCND

By Club Historian Bob Cook

In the March newsletter, Fred mentioned the first meeting of CCND on April 26, 1973. Here are some facts from the next 12 months of CCND – April, 1973 through March, 74.

- The first club event was a caravan to Dover Downs in June, 1973 to see the Delaware 500 with 10 members attending. They met up with four other clubs and received free admission to the Corvette Corral.
- CCND front license plates were designed and ordered and were sold to members for \$2.25 each or two for \$4.00.
- Soft drinks were available at meetings, starting at about the third meeting.
- The first club discounts were available from Newark Auto Parts and Taylor Auto Parts, both in Newark.
- Shallcross Chevrolet in Middletown signed on as club sponsor. CCND members got a 25% discount on parts.
- Dues for 1974 were \$12.00.
- CCND held an economy run on November 11, 1973. (The cars were driven a given route and the car with the highest mpg won.) The winner, Don Olsen, won with a mpg of 25.39 and traversed the 58.4 mile route in 1 hour and 45 minutes. The biggest loser got 15.57 mpg. Winners in each of the 4 classes received a glass bottom beer mug with the Corvette Insignia imprinted on the side.
- Starting Thursday, Feb 28, the club added a second meeting the last Thursday of each month. The purpose of the second monthly meeting was “strictly for shop talk, with no formal business meeting”.
- The first show was held March 30, 1974 at Shallcross Chevrolet (in conjunction with Shallcross’ Spring Sale). There was no judging, but awards were made by drawing to those in the show. The local Nomad Club, the Historic Chevrolet Club of DE, the Vintage Chevrolet Club (New Jersey Region), and the First State Corvette Club of Dover joined in the show.

After a year of operation, the Club had 41 activities on the calendar (from March 14, 1974 through December 26, 1974). Although I have no membership list, I estimate that membership was between 20 and 30. Things were rolling....

Reminder – CCND 40th Anniversary Weekend

Don't forget, CCND's "official" 40th Anniversary is April 26. We have several activities planned for the weekend:

- April 26th – Cruise to Schaffer's Canal House
- April 28th – Concord Mall Show

Unfortunately, KSCC was forced to cancel their annual Poker Run, which had been scheduled for Saturday, April 27. HOWEVER, your intrepid Newsletter Editor has uncovered a number of (somewhat) local activities that day:

- [Wheels and Wishes](#) in Wakefield, NJ (near Elizabeth). 100 mile and 2:15 trip, but looks to be a mini Barrett Jackson as well as car/bike show. Could be a fun, if long, day.
- [Hershey Show and Museum](#). Looks like an awesome show. If you are a member with an "exotic" Vette (and CCND has a few) you can enter for only \$20 AND get free admission to the Museum plus breakfast (entry not required to attend). 30 miles and 20 minutes closer than Wakefield.
- [Amityville Scout Troop car Show](#) -- Near Phoenixville. Nice 1-hour cruise from the Hooter's on Route 1. They have specific Corvette classes if any interest in being in show...
- [Saturday Morning Cars](#) -- Cherry Hill, NJ. 8-11 AM so go early and have breakfast. Very informal. Looks like a nice mix of cars, including Vettes.

Let's discuss at Tuesday's meeting. If you cannot attend Tuesday night, but are thinking of doing one of the April 27 events, please contact Fred Krumm (302-563-3009) and I'll share that info with the members – perhaps a couple cruises will be set up!

April Birthdays:

Apr 3	Chris Carlantonio
Apr 4	Greg Jones
Apr 8	Christine Carlantonio
Apr 9	Doug Murray
Apr 10	Marian Maguire
	Fran Pepeta
Apr 11	JoAnne Metcalf
Apr 15	Jack Layton
	Steve Raign
Apr 21	Rob Guillen
Apr 27	Bill Skinner

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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