



# Vettester

The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware



January 2012



**Is this the 2014 Vette?**

***Featured in this edition:***

- \* **2014 Vette** – rumors, leaks and controversy
- \* **Corvette Postage Stamps** – can “snail mail” be sped up? ☺
- \* Pictures from **CCND’s 2012 Holiday Party**

# CCND DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by **Steve Blanchies** on December 11, 2012. **Steve** thanked everyone who attended. **Christine Carlantonio** brought dessert for all to share.

- New Members:** **Bob Farris** 2009 Z06  
**Scott Stewart** 2009 Victory Red
- Vice President:** **Mike Metcalf** reported that due to work commitments, he will email an update of membership.
- 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:** **Jane Murray** reported a total of \$113 for the 50/50.
- Newsletter Editor:** **Fred Krumm** asked new members to provide a short article about their car. Members thanked him for the great job he's doing with the newsletter.
- Secretary:** **Christine Carlantonio** read a thank you letter from Harvey Smith regarding flowers on the death of his daughter-in-law.
- Social Chairperson:** **Fran Pepeta** reported that he will send an email to members about a Wilmington Western Rail Road Christmas run for \$11.50
- Show Chair:** **Jack Bianchino** was not able to attend.
- Business Manager:** **Bob Avery** thanked Marion and Michael Crank for great job with Adopt-A-Family
- Club Historian:** **Bob Cook** looking for old newsletters that he can scan.
- Old Business:** **Christmas Party** – Marion read a thank you note from Greenville CC – made another reservation for next year on Sunday - \$44 pp – Fred Krumm thought more people would attend if it was on a Saturday night.  
**Homelife donation** - \$2,000
- New Business:** **Planning for 2013** – Board meeting at Carlantonio's on Sunday, 1/6/13 @ 9am to discuss ideas for the next year  
**Lantana Cruise Nights** – will need to find another venue – Lantana not cooperating – Jack Bianchino to come up with some options  
**Charities** – will discuss tabled motions at January 2013 monthly meeting (See November meeting minutes)
- CCND Officers for 2013:**
- |                     |                 |                    |                       |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| President:          | Steve Blanchies | Member @ Large:    | Jane Murray           |
| Vice President:     | Mike Metcalf    | Secretary:         | Christine Carlantonio |
| Treasurer:          | Harvey Smith    | Newsletter Editor: | Fred Krumm            |
| Social Chairperson: | Fran Pepeta     | Business Manager:  | Bob Avery             |
| Co-Show Chair:      | Jack Bianchino  | Club Historian:    | Bob Cook              |
| Webmaster:          | Bob Avery       |                    |                       |
- 50/50:** **"Rock" - \$56 (\$57 to club)**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, *Christine Carlantonio*, Secretary

**NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2013**



## Meeting Agenda for January 8, 2013:

Call to Order

Welcome

New Members

### 2013 CCND Officer Reports:

Vice President:	Mike Metcalf	Secretary:	Christine Carlanantonio
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:

- Motion to charge \$20 for Christmas Party and club to pay balance – tabled
- Motion of not charging for Concord Mall Show due to club receiving \$750 – tabled
- Motion of picnic expense paid by club – tabled
- Motion to support local veterans - tabled

### New Business:

- 2013 Board Meeting
- Planning for 2013 & 40th year for CCND
- Cruise Night

### 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 February 12, 2013

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

# 2014 CORVETTE TO BE UNVEILED 1/13/13

(by Fred Krumm)

The tail looks like a Camaro! It resembles a Ferrari! It's ugly! It's sweet! If you've been following the rumors, you have probably seen and heard it all (and likely have some opinions of your own.) Well, in less than 2 weeks, all the conjecturing will end -- and the analyses, pro and con, will flood the media.

Just to recap. In 2008, **Jalopnik** released a preview of the Corvette Centennial Concept, which made its public debut in the Transformers movie:



A radical design, with many cues from the C2 (split window!) and C3, this concept was considered interesting but way too radical for actual production

By 2010, **Top Speed** had released this image, which presents a more production-oriented interpretation. Most folks who saw this design exercise felt it was too busy, with mixed styling cues that did not work together harmoniously.

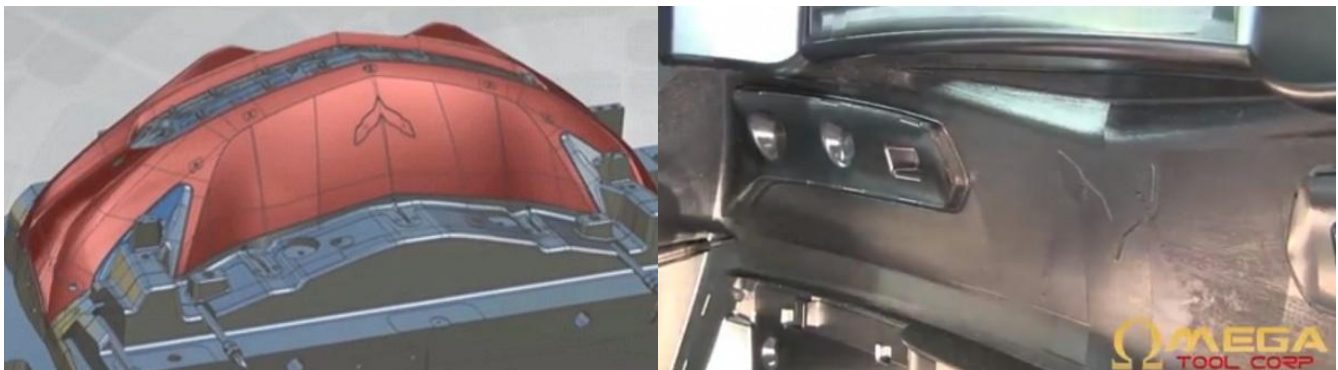


In late 2011, all heck broke loose when **Jalopnik** released these renderings, based (they claimed) on “...hours this weekend I (and our designer) spent in secret, poring over the completely uncamouflaged sheetmetal (sic) of two versions of the next-gen



Corvette.” From the “Camaro” tail lights, to the numerous (functional?) vents, to the “Nissan GTR” fender slash, to the “Ferrari” roof treatment, there was nothing that was not hotly debated all over the web. Perhaps the strongest opinion, however, was “no way.”

That is, of course, until July 2012, when **Omega Tool Corp.** released a video which inadvertently contained shots of molds for the C7 front and rear fascia. These outtakes



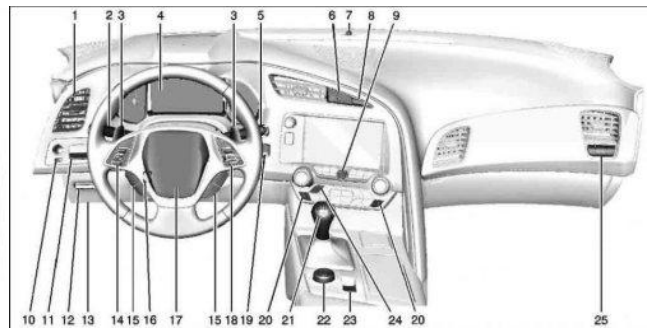
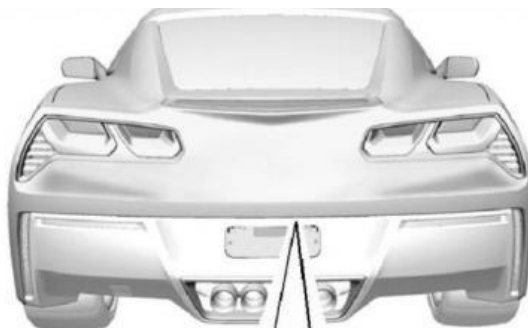
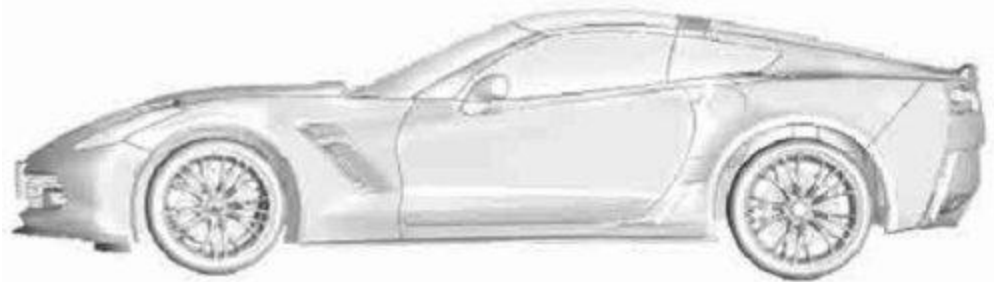
suggested that Jalopnik may have been close to the mark with their 2011 renderings. Omega certainly added to the intrigue when their lawyers sent a very strongly worded letter to Jalopnik demanding the shots be removed from their website. Of course, it was too late. The shots were already all over the web, and the debate intensified.



Enterprising photographers captured numerous C7 test cars on the road -- which added plenty of fuel to the fire.



And then, a Christmas gift for Vette fans, which first appeared December 24 on [Corvetteforum.com](http://Corvetteforum.com). Are these leaked photos from the owner's manual?



If so, Jalopnik was pretty close, and we've been looking at a 90% accurate rendition of the C7 for over a year! Can you feel the excitement building as 1/13/13 grows closer?

# CORVETTE "POSTAGE STAMP" ART

Did you know that in 2005, the US Post Office issued a 37 cent stamp featuring the 1953 Vette? This was part of a series on 1950's US sports cars.



Before that, in 2003 a number of national post offices issued 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary series, even though the USPS did not see fit to honor America's Sports Car at that time



If the Post Office decides it is again time to honor the Vette (and make a few bucks off Corvette enthusiasts), perhaps they can turn to stamp art created by automotive artist K. Scott Teeters (<http://www.illustratedcorvetteseries.com/index.html>), featuring Corvette pace cars from 1978-2012. Might be the only way these collector Vettes would ever see "...rain, snow, sleet or gloom of night..."



# CCND 2012 HOLIDAY PARTY

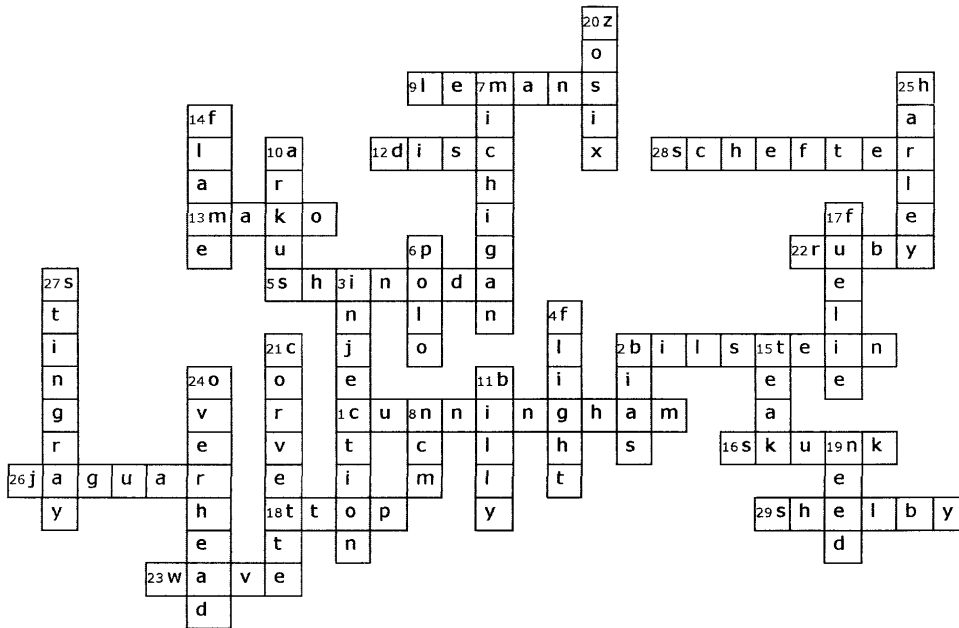
(photos by Bob Avery)



On Sunday, December 2, the Greenville Country Club again provided the elegant backdrop for CCND's annual Holiday Party. Great food, great camaraderie, and a classy setup made for a wonderful evening that, as always, went far too quickly...



## December Corvette Crossword Answer Key



**Across:**

1. Early racer Briggs (cunningham)
2. Maker of FX-3 shocks (bilstein)
5. Sting Ray designer Larry (shinoda)
9. Where C1's first ran the Mulsanne Straight (lemans)
12. Brake type introduced in 1965 (disc)
13. \_\_\_\_\_ Shark (mako)
16. 1996 Grand Sport nickname (skunk)
18. Shark's Lid? (ttop)
22. 40th Red? (ruby)
23. Do it to save it (wave)
26. Styling inspiration for the first Vette? (jaguar)
28. Wrote All Corvettes are Red (scheffer)
29. His Cobras were tough to beat on the track (shelby)

**Down:**

2. Pre radial: \_\_\_\_\_-ply (bias)
3. Tuned Port \_\_\_\_\_ (injection)
4. Top \_\_\_\_\_: NCRS judging award for factory originality (flight)
6. 1953 White (polo)
7. State where first Corvettes were assembled (michigan)
8. Home to many collector Vettes (ncm)
10. Zora \_\_\_\_\_ Duntov (arkus)
11. \_\_\_\_\_ Bob: FRC nickname (billy)
14. Blue \_\_\_\_\_ Six (flame)
15. Steering wheel wood (teak)
17. Nickname for early injected models (fuelie)
19. The \_\_\_\_\_ for speed (need)
20. The 2005 C6R was based on this model (zosix)
21. A swift WWII pursuit ship in the British Navy (corvette)
24. Cam type found only in the LT5 engine (overhead)
25. Famed designer \_\_\_\_\_ Earl (harley)
27. Is it one word or two? (stingray)



**Happy Birthday CCND Members**

Jan 1	Ken Hill
Jan 5	Nick Cervelli
Jan 6	Nancy Stewart
Jan 7	Sandra Lee Simkins
Jan 9	Brenda McKenzie
Jan 14	Jim McGoldrick
Jan 18	Mary Lou Gilbert
Jan 21	Elaine Rain



# 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](http://www.vetteclub.org)

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