



Vettester

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

Meet the Prez....



Featured in this issue:

- * ***40th Anniversary Weekend Is Coming!***
- * ***Get to Know Club President Steve Blanchies***
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CCND FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Steve Blanchies** on February 12, 2013. **Steve** thanked everyone who attended. **Christine Carlantonio** brought dessert for all to share.

- Vice President:** **Mike Metcalf** reported 106 total paid members.
- Treasurer:** **Harvey Smith** not able to attend. **Mike Metcalf** gave financial report. Motion approved.
- Webmaster:** **Bob Avery** on vacation.
- Member at Large:** **Jane Murray** created a CCND Facebook page and asked members to “like” and “share”. Working on a 40th Anniversary patch – the more we buy, less cost – each member gets one free – spouses will be charged – to be discussed at March Board Meeting.
- Newsletter Editor:** **Fred Krumm** needs articles for newsletter. Anyone who has any articles let him know. Member of the Month articles to be coming soon. Fred’s email is fredvkrumm@comcast.net.
- Social Chairperson:** **Fran Pepeta** reported that the CCND kickoff run to be at the Whip on Sunday, 4/14/13 – details TBD.
- Show Chair:** **Jack Bianchino** on vacation.
- Business Manager:** **Bob Avery** on vacation.
- Club Historian:** **Bob Cook** not able to attend.
- Old Business:** **40th Anniversary** – any ideas email **Fred Krumm** fredvkrumm@comcast.net, or **Mike Metcalf** mfmetcalf@comcast.net. **Steve Blanchies** would like to celebrate year long with different activities.
Peoples Plaza – interested in doing a cruise night
Mike Kiernan (Ruby Tuesday) has done Mustang show for 4 years and is enthusiastic about doing a CCND cruise night – outdoor food services – DJ – could do 1st Saturday – 4-8 pm – since CCND is non profit, we can use a charitable organization of our choice. Motion to do cruise night at Pike Creek 4/6, 5/4, 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7 rain or shine – **Mike** needs paperwork for charity of choice and Letter of Intent from IRS asap. Ruby Tuesday will also do another day that they will donate 20% to our charity even though it’s not a cruise night. Club to decide about charity – email ideas to Steve Blanchies at stevebla@comcast.net
Philly Car Show – great time – train ride painless and cheap!
- New Business:** **KSCC Poker Run** – Saturday, 4/27/13
Moose Club Comedy Night – 2/23 - \$15pp – cash bar & food – **Steve** needs to get tickets – will send out an email.
Six Hours of the Glen – **Fred Krumm** handed out a flyer and highly recommended as a great experience! (Watkins Glen International) – Corvette Owners Special Offer - \$30 – Friday, 6/28 – 6/30 – club special includes weekend general admission, corvette corral for all participants – on track parade laps – children 19 & younger FREE – Limited Tickets Available for this Special Price - offer expires 6/14/13 – call 1-866-461-RACE (mention “Car Club Group”)
Concord Mall Shows – Sunday, 4/28 (Open), Sunday, 6/16 and 10/20 (CCND only)
YMCA – Marion Crank read thank you letter
CCND Christmas Party – Saturday, 12/7 @ Greenville Country Club – could also do Riverview Inn, NJ or maybe Delaware Park
Board Meeting – Sunday, 3/3/13 at **Carlantonio's**.
- 50/50:** **Ed Pearce** - \$41
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Christine Carlantonio, Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2013



Meeting Agenda for March 12, 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
- KSCC Poker Run – April 27, 2013

New Business:

- Consider Charities for Donations from Cruise Nights
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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: April 9, 2013

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

40TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND SHAPING UP!

Mark April 26-28 on your calendars, as CCND will be celebrating 40 years of great times with great friends enjoying America's Sports Car – the Corvette:

- April 26th – Cruise to Schaffer's Canal House
- April 27th – how about we make a BIG showing at KSCC's annual Poker Run?
- April 28th – Concord Mall Show

Now why the weekend of April 26th? Well, here's a little early history...

"On April 26th, 1973, the first official meeting of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware was held at the home of Phil Davis of Newark, DE. Those attending were Phil, Clint Heath, Bill Evanco, Omar Boulden, Dave Massey and Don Olsen. A discussion centered on the objectives of the club and the willingness of those present to start a club from scratch. A rough draft of the bylaws was accepted, and the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware was born."

We'll look to share some more historical tidbits throughout 2013.



Meanwhile – think about all the cool Vettes that have come out since that first CCND meeting – not that what the members were playing with back then were all that bad...



40th Anniversary 1973 ~ 2013



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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

GETTING TO KNOW – STEVE BLANCHIES

Steve Blanchies has been an active member of CCND for over a decade. He spent a number of years in the VP's chair, and is now President of the club. Steve agreed to answer a few questions that enquiring minds want to know:

Your current occupation: Retired for 4 years ~ 35 years as a Letter Carrier for US Post Office. Own and operate Neighborhood Resources since 2004

Where do you live? New Castle DE

Are you married and do you have children? Married to Lynn -- will be 25 years in April 2013! 4 children -- and 9 grandchildren ages 3 through 18

Do you have pets? 3 ~ all rescued -- 1 Golden Retriever & 2 cats

What's your favorite vacation spot? Cruise Ships. We are planning an Alaska Cruise and land tour for June 2014 ~ anyone want to join us?

What's your favorite food and restaurant? Too many to list

What's your favorite music and entertainer? Adele

How long have you been a CCND member? 10 ½ years

What year did you purchase your 1st Corvette? August 2, 2002

What generation Corvette are you driving now? C5

What non-corvette related interests do you have? Traveling and power boating (*see below!*)

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

What is your most memorable Corvette moment? GM's 50th Celebration of the Corvette with National Corvette Museum Caravan, June 2003 in Nashville, TN

How did you hear about CCND? Went to a cruise night at Lantana Square in September 2002

So, Steve, any "words of wisdom?" Having a Corvette is a way of life! It certainly has been that for Lynn and me. We have meet and made friends from all over including all the wonderful members of CCND. It has been and continues to be a wonderful experience.



JUST MY OPINION!

(by Fred Krumm)

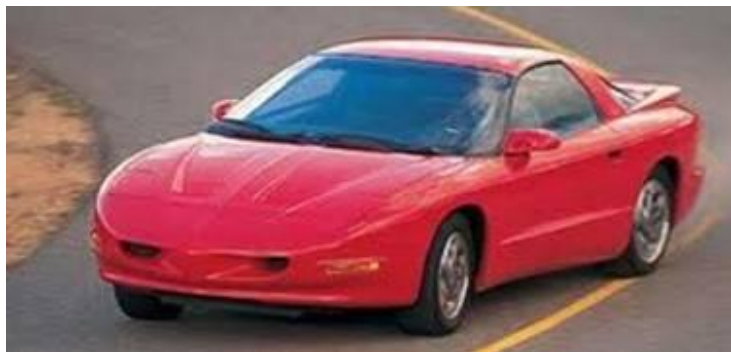


By now you've probably all seen the new C7 – and may well have gotten caught up in the whole “Camaro butt” controversy. Well, like religion and politics, this is an argument that will go on forever. Your newsletter editor does not see very much resemblance, but his wife and sons swear to it. Okay, let's ask ourselves 2 questions – is this something new? And, is it such a bad thing anyway? Some thoughts to ponder...

Can we all agree that the C7/Vette tail similarities (and not just the lamps!) are not nearly as blatant as what GM's designers came up with in 1970?



And how's this for family resemblance? What's worse (apologies to Firebird fans), a Pontiac!!!



Speaking of influences, there's been much of talk about Ferrari-like elements in the C7. Is that so bad? Hi-end Euro sports cars have always been a design influence on Vettes. The C4 designers openly credited the "Magnum, PI" Ferrari as an influence.



Decades before, the 1956 C1 redesign blatantly cribbed several 300 SL features in the front end (headlight/fender, "power bulges," blinkers):



Really into automotive archaeology? Who can doubt that Alfa Romeo's 1950's "Disco Volante" show car influenced the C2...



Grand Am Update --

Last month, we published some info about the June 28-30 Watkins Glen racing meeting and Corvette Corral. After a good showing at the 24 hours of Daytona, the DP Vettes are continuing to make a strong impression in 2013!



On Saturday, March 2, the GAINSCO/Bob Stallings Racing Corvette Daytona Prototype, driven by Alex Gurney and Jon Fogarty, won the inaugural GRAND-AM race at Circuit of The Americas.

Three other Corvette DP teams placed in the top 10, with

Stephane Sarrazin fourth in the 8 Star Motorsports car, Christian Fittipaldi fifth for Action Express Racing, and Max Angelelli 10th for Wayne Taylor Racing.



Happy Birthday CCND Members

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| Mar 1 | Dolly Gustafson |
| Mar 4 | Joanne Husfelt |
| Mar 6 | Janet Taylor |
| Mar 8 | Elouise Wolos |
| Mar 27 | Barry Kimmelman |
| | Larry Maguire |
| Mar 29 | Ed Doyle, Jr. |



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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