



Vettester

The official newsletter of the Corvette Club of Northern Delaware
October 2013

Rocky Scores a Knockout!!!



CCND member Rocky Crisconi wins stunning C7!

Featured in this issue:

- * CCND's Annual Picnic*
- * Corvettes for Chip – CCND participates in a big way*
- * CCND's 7th Year*

CCND SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Minutes from the last CCND meeting



Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by **Steve Blanchies** on September 10, 2013. Lonestar lost power...meeting was a little warm...but cozy!

- Vice President:** **Mike Metcalf** reported 137 members and 80 paid memberships.
- Treasurer:** **Harvey Smith** gave the financial report.
- Webmaster:** **Bob Avery**-working some options to improve, comments appreciated.
- Member at Large:** **Jane Murray** reported that she has extra tee shirts and window 40th Anniversary stickers - any orders for shirts can be sent to www.dougemurray@hotmail.com.
- Newsletter Editor:** **Fred Krumm** appreciates all submissions - looking for more great articles. You can contact Fred at www.fredvkrumm@comcast.net.
- Secretary:** **Christine Carlantonio** -On vacation
- Social Chairperson:** **Fran Pepeta** nothing new to report. Was suggested dinner at Skipjack Cove-look, for email from Steve. October/November - tour of Rick Berry's massive corvette collection
- Co-Show Chair:** **Jack Bianchino**-Summary of club cruise at Pike Creek,, great turnout and 50/50. October 20 is the Concord Mall show. Please contact Jack if attending.
- Business Manager:** **Bob Avery**-Discussed the need for NCCC Governor, the position needs to be filled. NCCC dues need to be paid by Nov. 15th.
- Club Historian:** **Bob Cook**-discussed the past presidents able to attend the club picnic. Bob also commented about his ability to support the NCCC needs.
- Committee Reports:** **CCND Picnic (40th Anniversary)** - **Elouise Wolos**-About 80 people have signed up to attend Saturday's picnic at Harvey's house. Everything is ready to go.

CCND Holiday Party - Marian Crank-Saturday December 7th unavailable, Friday December 6th was selected as Holiday date. Marion will finalize pricing and additional details. Pay by check only please payable to Greenville Country Club.

New Business: Membership Renewals-Dues (\$35.00) to be paid by November club meeting. \$10 late fee applied as we have payment due to NCCC.

Diver Tech nights may resume in October/November due to vacation plans (Bob Avery)

Holiday Train "Cruise"-Jane will provide details

Corvette Caravan 2014-November Meeting discussion

50/50: Jim Davis - \$62.00

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Events:
Hagley Car Show-Sept. 15th
Corvettes on the Boardwalk, OC, NJ Sept. 22
Corvettes for Chip-September 28th at Thomas Chev
Pike Creek Cruise Night: Saturday, October 5th
Concord Mall Show: Sunday, October 20th

Respectfully Submitted, Mike Metcalf, Assistant to the Secretary

NEXT MEETING DATE IS TUESDAY, October 8th, 2013



PO Box 10132, Wilmington DE 19850

Meeting Agenda for October 8, 2013:

Call to Order

Welcome

New Members

2013 CCND Officer Reports:

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

Committee Reports: Picnic & Christmas Party

Old Business:

- NCCC ~ Governor
- Tour Rick Berry's Massive Corvette Collection 10/26 -- Dinner afterwards at Sambos in Leipsic (tavern ~ no one under 21) or Seafood City, Felton DE

New Business:

- Officers for 2014
- 2014 dues

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: see Jim DeFord →

Next Meeting: November 12, 2013

Concord Mall Show – October 20

During the meeting can all members please put your **Cell Phones on VIBRATE**...thanks

Please be **generous** to your server



CCND Annual Picnic – 40th Anniversary Version

By Fred Krumm, Jim DeFord and Bob Cook



Saturday, September 14 turned out to be a beautiful late Summer day – just perfect for CCND to “wind down” its 40th Anniversary year with a well-attended picnic at Harvey and Alice Smith’s lovely Odessa home. Some 80 attendees – members and Past Presidents (see Bob’s notes following) – enjoyed great food (catered by Jimmy’s Grille) and wonderful company. Special thanks to Elouise Wolos and the Smiths for all their efforts.





Jim DeFord commented: *"I am sure everyone had an equally nice time at Harvey's home and he deserves to be commended for his hospitality. The catered food was great! The setting backdrop even made our cars look better. I enjoyed hearing the past presidents discuss their early days with the club. I attended my first meeting myself in 1986 with my first Corvette -- and returned years later with new Presidents. All good! Thank You!"*

CCND Past Presidents Reconnect –

Because this is the year of the 40th anniversary of CCND, the Club voted to invite all of the Founding Fathers of the Club and all of the Past Presidents. Unfortunately, five of the six Founding Fathers have passed away, and the other one was not able to attend. CCND has had 26 presidents in its 40 years of existence. We were unable to determine who was president in 1982 through 84; three of the past presidents are deceased; three are living over 500 miles away from Delaware; two we could not find; and we talked with fifteen. Of the fifteen, ten attended the picnic and one had planned to attend, but was delayed at an earlier event and did not make it. Those attending included:

<u>Name</u>	<u>President in</u>
• Ken Petro	1976
• Matt Reyne and wife Lynn	1977
• Bob Cook and wife Linda	1979
• Rich West and wife Sharon	1990 & 91
• Dave Morales and wife Jean	1992
• Ron Godwin and wife Natalie	1993 (1 st 5 months)
• Peggy Hallowell and husband Don	1993 (last 7 months)
• Joe Kelly	1994 & 97
• Jack Layton and Janet Taylor	2001 to 06
• Steve Blanchies and wife Lynn	2011 to present

Everyone seemed to have a good time. It was good to see the past presidents and get caught up on what they have been doing since we last saw them.



From left: Dave Morales, Jack Layton, Rich West, Steve Blanchies, Ron Godwin, Joe Kelly, Peggy Hallowell, Bob Cook, Matt Reyne, Ken Petro



CCND plays a big role in the Success of the 7th Annual Show...



Pitching in – Organization, Registration, Voting, 50-50, Pictures and Awards:



Representing CCND in the Show Field:

CCND Members showed up in force, with some very nice Vettes. Several CCND'ers walked off with awards, including:

- Bob Avery's 1966 Roadster – Best C2 (Stock)
- Jim McGoldrick's 1995 Coupe – Runner-up C4 (Stock)
- Ken Woodcock's 1996 GS – Best C4 (Stock)
- Larry Gilbert's 1957 C1 ("His") – Best C1 (Modified)

A beautiful day for beautiful Vettes:



And then, there was Rocky!!!!!!

By now, you probably all know that our own Rocky Crisconi was the winner of the gorgeous Cyber Gray C7 which was raffled off by County Corvette Association to benefit The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. The drawing was held right after the Chip Show awards ceremony. Lance Miller drew the winning ticket.



And here was the reaction:

The CCND contingent was almost as excited as Rocky to see a fellow CCND'er win one of the first C7's in the US.



Rocky picked up his new C7 at Thomas Chevrolet Wednesday night, October 2. "The Vettester" got Rocky's thoughts on his good fortune:

When did you decide to buy a chance? After we all got to the show and I detailed up my car, I realized there were only a few chances left (*ed. note – only 999 were sold at \$80 each*) so I went up to the table and bought one – probably around 9:00.

Did you do anything for "luck?" Well, I was able to pick my number. I went for 844 because my Nissan's tag is 8443. I felt pretty good – I'm 63, the last Sting Ray came out in '63, and the VIN was xxx063! I was telling everybody that 844 was the winning number...

Were you a C7 fan before? When did you first see one in person? Yes – saw my first one up at Carlisle.

What was your very first thought when you won? I really can't remember – I just went nuts! It really only sunk in tonight.

Who went up with you when you picked up your car? My wife, daughter and grandkids came up with me. The Averys and Bianchinos also came along.

So what are your first impressions? Very nice car. It drove really well – deeper sound than my C5. It took a while to get used to the 7 speed – I didn't notice at first that the gear I'm in shows up on the instrument panel. There's a minor issue with the passenger seat that needs to be fixed. Pleasant surprise -- when I pulled into my driveway, the air dam did not scrape!

CONGRATS ROCKY FROM ALL YOUR FRIENDS IN CCND!!!!

Picking Up Our New Corvette

By Jane Murray

While we are all excited about the new C7, the C6 remains a superb example of America's sports car. With continued refinement and upgrades since 2005, the 2013 is a spectacular ride – especially the Grand Sport. Jane Murray shares with us her and Doug's adventure as they traveled north to pick up one of the last of these brand new beauties to leave a dealership...

After owning our first Corvette - a yellow 1976 Stingray - for just over a year and a half, earlier this summer we started searching for a newer model. I was in the market for a new car to replace my aging Oldsmobile, but was extremely frustrated after pestering car salesmen with test drive after test drive and not finding anything I liked.

My husband, Doug, started off looking for a used C-6 but couldn't find the right car at the right price. After hearing about fellow CCND member Bob Avery's great deal on a new 2013 Grand Sport, Doug started investigating that option, mostly on the internet.

Sure enough, the rebates and deals offered on the '13s were awesome and too good to pass up! He narrowed his search down to two cars, one in Columbus, Ohio and the other at MacMulkin Chevrolet in Nashua, NH. After much discussion, we decided to go with the Night Race Blue Grand Sport LT2 in New England.

The MacMulkin staff was great to deal with and the whole purchase experience from start to finish was the least stressful of any car we've ever purchased. One important decision to be made was how to get it home to Maryland. The dealership offered a shipping option (approximately \$800) or we could pick it up. With enough Southwest Airlines Rapid Reward miles to use or lose, we booked a one-way flight and flew out of BWI on Saturday morning, August 3 for the hour and 20 minute flight to Manchester, NH.

Our salesman had given us the cell number of his driver, Nico, who we called when we got off the plane. He almost instantly appeared curbside in a brand new Cadillac as we walked out of the terminal and drove us the short 20 minute ride back to the dealership. There we were introduced to Ron Ignelzi, their Corvette "guru" who walked us through the paperwork (painless!) and then through all the details of

our new ride. And there was a lot to learn! Ron drives a Vette, too, and his knowledge of the mechanics, electronics and maintenance were outstanding. Overall, we spent almost two hours with him, which included getting our key fobs set up and programming On Star, Sirius and hands-free calling.



So with Doug behind the wheel on an absolutely beautiful New England summer afternoon and exactly four miles on the odometer, we set off for Maryland. We had previously decided to veto the more direct route of I-95 south in order to cut across the back roads of southern New Hampshire and Vermont, through Albany, NY, across to Scranton, PA and down to Baltimore to pick up our other car we had parked at the airport.

And it turned out to be the perfect choice, as the twisty roads were well-maintained and varied between beautiful mountain vistas and quintessential New England small towns. After a stop for a late lunch at a micro-brewery on the Connecticut River in Brattleboro, VT, we pushed on across Vermont and through the Green Mountain National Forest.

The car ran great and handled the mountain curves like a high performance sports car should. We had fun playing with the satellite radio and getting used to the “heads-up” display. No high speeds here – just great handling on the twists and turns!

We couldn't leave Vermont without one last stop for ice cream in Bennington! After crossing over into New York State and Albany, we merged onto the interstate towards Pennsylvania. Doug took pity on me and decided I deserved some fun too, so we switched drivers and it was my turn to experience – yes, for the first time in my life! - the marvels of Corvette engineering.



It was then that I discovered the car I have been waiting for all my life! The interstate traffic was almost non-existent, pavement smooth and with no speed traps to be seen, it was time to push the speedometer and have some fun.

We pulled into Scranton, PA around 8:00 that night, checked into a hotel (using more hotel rewards points) and then went for a nice dinner and a couple of beers at a small, locally-owned Italian restaurant. After a good night's sleep, we were back on the road for the final push down I-83 to Maryland.

It seemed like every time we came out of a restaurant or hotel that weekend and saw the lovely deep metallic Night Race Blue, I found myself wondering if this was a dream or if it was really true and it was actually OUR car.

August 3-4, 2013 will definitely go down in our memory banks as one of the best weekends of our lives!

A summary:

- Airfare and hotel: \$0
- Gas, Tolls, Parking, Meals, Ice Cream: under \$200
- Souvenir jug of Real Vermont maple syrup: \$13.95
- Time: 32 hours start to finish
- Cost of bringing home our very own beautiful new Corvette: Priceless!!

CCND's Seventh Year

By Club Historian Bob Cook

Last month we looked at CCND's sixth year – 1978. This month we will review 1979 – the seventh year of CCND's existence.

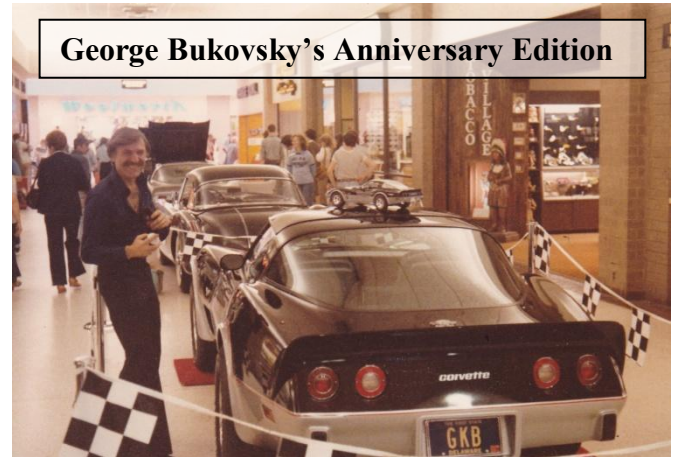
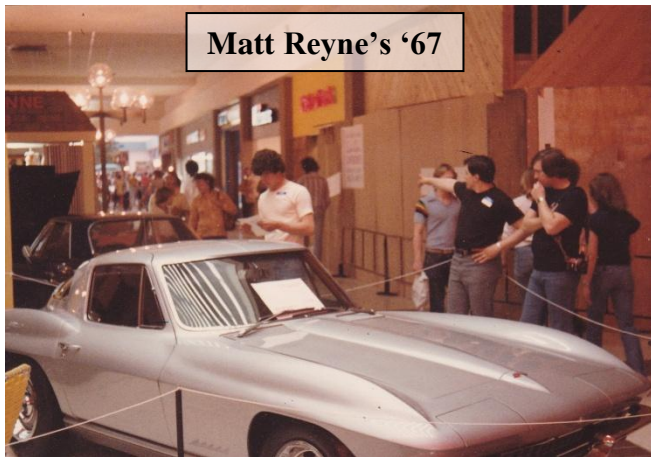
- The annual spring Awards Banquet, held April 7, was moved to the DuPont Country Club in 1979 – and was advertised as “an elegant affair”, which it was. Fees were \$11.00 per person. A disco party was held after the banquet at Club member George Bukovsky's house, only a couple blocks from the Country Club. Reports say that a good time was had by all....
- The Club supported a number of local car shows with members attending including:
 - Bel Air Corvette Club's “Concours IV” at the Hartford Mall (March 31 – see pictures)
 - Corvette Club of Delaware Valley's “Cavalcade of Corvettes” held at Bryner Chevrolet in Jenkintown (May 6 – see pictures)
- Harry Martin of Martin's Metals gave a long presentation at the February Club meeting with a follow-up caravan in June to Martin's Metals in Philadelphia for a tour of the facilities. At that time Martin's was “the” place to get your re-chroming done.
- The sixth anniversary of the club was celebrated at the June Club meeting with a cake. It was also a cruise-in where members were encouraged to bring their Corvettes. (see pictures)
- A spring tune-up was a tradition by the seventh year of the Club. It was held April 28 at a member's house. The day was marred by rain early, but it cleared up early enough to allow a successful event.
- The Club picnic was held at Lums Pond State Park. To simplify picnic preparations, the Club provided beer, soda, and charcoal. Members were to bring their own food. Of course, games were played and the 30 plus members who attended had a good time.
- A contest was held to choose a design for CCND license plates. Al Knystautas won the contest with the design that we still use on our web site and newsletters.
- The biggest event of the year for CCND was the “Fourth Annual Corvette Concours” held at the Christiana Mall. Plans were started in January and work on the show continued until the event on September 8. A “Preparing for Concours” and judges meeting was held at George Bukovsky's (show chairman) house on August 5. Discussions of how to prepare your car for a concours show were held as well as instructions on how to judge a car. The show was a great success with a large turn-out of cars – cars filled the Mall on a first come-first served basis and the large overflow was judged outside. Entrants were happy with the “elegant” surroundings of a new Mall and the Mall was happy with the large number of people who came to see the cars. (see pictures)

- Howard (Bear) Ulmer came to the December Club meeting to talk about the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). The vote to join NCCC would be held January, 1980.
- The Club meetings throughout 1979 were held at the Delcastle Inn. A vote would be held in January, 1980 concerning moving to a new location since the rent was going up significantly.
- The Club ended the year with a treasury of \$382.28 (vs. \$272.87 at the end of 1978).

CCND had another good year in 1979 with a fantastic show and an active membership.

What 1979 Looked Like:

Bel Air Corvette Club's "Concours IV" –



CCDV's Cavalcade of Corvettes –



CCND's 6th Anniversary Celebration (*and we STILL like our cakes 35 years later!!!*) –



Christiana Mall Show –

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Saturday, September 8, 1979 at the Christiana Mall
Exit 4 off I-95 — Wilmington, Delaware

- Classification and Judging per MCCC rules — Concours and Street Classes (Concours classes indoors — space allocated to earliest registrations — Street classes in roped off area at main entrance)
- Trophies awarded in all classes plus Best of Show, Entrant's Choice, People's Choice
- Dash plaque, certificate, coffee, and donuts to each entrant
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SCHEDULE

Tech. Check 7:00 am
Entry into Mall 7:00 to 8:00 am
Show opens 10:00 am
Clean-up ends 11:30 am
Judging starts 12:00 noon
Trophy presentation 6:00 pm
Show ends 9:30 pm (street classes and outside cars may leave early)

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1968 Buick Wildcat

Name _____
Address _____
City, State _____
F. _____
Year _____ Coupe Convertible
Color _____
Class (if known) _____

ENTRY FEE: \$2.00



OCNJ -- A great cruise as Summer fades out...

Did Rocky suspect anything when he took this shot??



OCNJ September 22, 2013. Photos by Rocky

Hanging out with our gang on the boards.....



OCNJ September 22, 2013. Photos by Rocky



OCNJ September 22, 2013. Photos by Rocky



October Birthdays:

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| Oct 2 | Emily Pinder |
| Oct 3 | Nancy Skinner |
| Oct 6 | Elizabeth Pepeta |
| Oct 14 | Janice Chandler |
| | Ed Wolos |
| Oct 15 | Gary McKenzie |
| Oct 18 | Patty Avery |
| Oct 21 | John Cooper |
| Oct 28 | Jim Henderson |



40th Anniversary 1973 ~ 2013



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Music Food Fun

April 6th, May 4th, June 16th, July 6th, August 3rd, September 7th, October 5th

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

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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