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CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB  
Board Meeting - April 19, 2011

**Attendance:** George Bobb, Bob Bowen, Joan Bower, Jim Fusco, Bill Grove, Skip Gutshall, Ed Hare, Larry Kiser, Mike Ludt, Gary Miller, Jack Priestner, Bill Sangrey

**Guest:** Dave Walter

**DISCUSSIONS:**

- 1) Pocono Race School - Dave has been able to contact most everyone. He is suggesting for everyone to leave their money with the club, for next years event. He also suggested that the club send in the Track Rental to the Pocono's by December 15<sup>th</sup> to ensure that the rental price will remain the same.
- 2) Ventures in the Valley - Jim reported that the map is full of sponsors. We should make a nicer profit than last years \$16.00! Some ideas and suggestions were tossed around and will be welcomed to the chairperson.
- 3) Bob Bowen discussed the Fund Raising kickbacks that local Restaurants offer to organizations for eating there. Different restaurants were discussed. **NOTE:** For the board eating at Hosses on this Tuesday evening, they earned \$28.55 for the clubs charities. If you would like to eat at Hosses, Mechanicsburg, the same Tuesday night as the Board meets, the club welcomes the money that would be earned.
- 4) Contact Brian Demnicki if you can drive for the Auction at the Spring Car Show, (April 28, 29 & 30).
- 5) Discussion on the giving of floral arrangements in the event of hospitalizations, death in the family Or others. The Board will make the final discussion. If you know of a club member who is in the hospital, broken their body in some way or a death In their family, **PLEASE contact BOB BOWEN.**
- 6) A discussion on what we would like to see in the Distributor. If you have any suggestions contact Bud Long or a board member.
- 7) Brief discussion on insurance for the clubs trailer.
- 8) Club Radios (used at Pocono's and other sporting events). Gary Miller sent them back to the manufacturer, but due to age they were unable to repair. He purchased three new ones. A motion from Bill Grove and seconded by Jack Priestner that Gary be reimbursed for their purchase.
- 9) Larry Kiser ask for a tentative date of September 24<sup>th</sup> be added for a Corvette and Classic show. More to follow.
- 10) **CLUB PICNIC** - Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup> has been scheduled at Mike and Elaine Ludt's home. This will be in place of our regular Thursday night meeting and everyone brings a covered dish.

Respectfully Submitted by:    **Joan Bower**

**Dear Joe,**

Pocono is cancelled!  
That is very disappointing for me.  
I was planning on using the Driving School to improve my track skills for the upcoming season. Do you have any advice on driving techniques? Thanks.

Tom, Carlisle, PA

# Ask Joe Vette

“Corvette Know-It-All”



**Dear Tom,**

Unfortunately, Pocono track improvements caused CVCC's cancellation and has disappointed many like you who find this great event very important in their skill development. To answer your question, I will turn to my good friends at Wiregrass Region of the SCCA who have developed a great guide for becoming a better track driver, and provide an edited version of their "Top 10 Basic Driving Mistakes". Due to its length, I will cover the first 4 this month and the last 6 next month. **Read, Think, and Practice** as you compete:

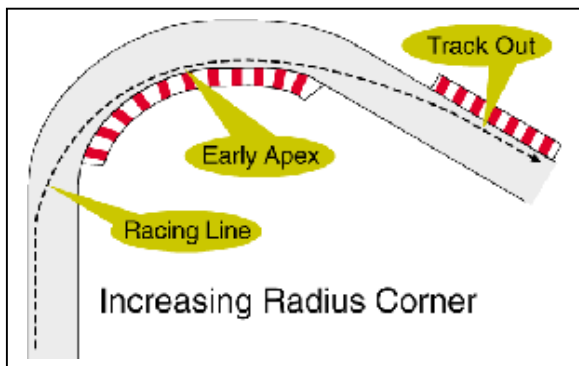
## Top 10 Basic Driving Mistakes :

### Mistake #1: Improper Driving Position

The proper driving position is important because it helps you get the optimal feedback from your car's chassis while also keeping you from getting fatigued.

First, your seat should be adjusted so that you are able to depress the clutch completely and perform heel/toe braking without banging your knee on the steering column. You should also be able to use the dead pedal for support through high-g turns. Your shoulder harness should be tight so that you do not need to rely upon the steering wheel for support.

Next, you should have a 90- to 120-degree bend in your elbows with your hands in the proper 3 and 9 o'clock positions on the steering wheel. This will allow you to make a 180-degree turn of the wheel when you need to correct an oversteer slide. Ideally, your thumbs should be in contact with the 3 and 9 spokes on the steering wheel. This gives you more direct feedback from the front suspension in case of an understeer situation. Finally, your butt should be tucked firmly into the seat back so that you can get feedback from the chassis and up through the seat. This will give you a better feel as to what the rear end of the car is doing. In keeping with the Zen philosophy of racing, you should become one with your car.



### Mistake #2: Failure to Look Ahead

The most common driving mistake in both autocross and road racing is failure to look far enough ahead.

As street drivers, many of us become lazy and look only between the A pillars (those down posts which border the edges of our windshield). On a race track, because of the planning and high speeds involved, this will not get the job done. You must condition yourself not only to look much farther ahead, but out the left and right side windows as well. Entering a corner, as you are doing your braking and downshifting, you must be looking ahead to the apex of the corner. Before you reach the apex, you should be looking ahead to your track-out point. In "S" turns, often you

have to be looking ahead to the second apex, rather than the corner you are in. In this case, you must trust your peripheral vision to take care of the first apex. The rule of thumb is, "The faster the car, the farther you must look ahead." The malady of "driving off your hood" is one that relegates many race drivers to slower cars while other competitors make the transition to higher powered cars with ease. If you are limited in terms of track time, practice looking much farther ahead and out your side windows as you negotiate off-ramps and corners on back roads. If looking ahead becomes habitual, you are much more likely to use the technique on the race track. And no, I am not advocating that you adjust your street driving speed upward to match your newfound, long-range vision. That ticket is on you.

### Mistake #3: Improper Braking Technique

If you often brake too early for a corner, you may find that looking ahead will cure your problem. When you know where the apex and track-out points are located, it is much easier to know when to ease off the brake pedal and precisely how much to release it.

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However, you may have other braking problems which do not vanish so easily. Some drivers brake hard enough in a straight line to slow their car down for the corner, but then they totally release the brake or go to the throttle before they get to the apex of the corner. They transfer the weight off the front tires and onto the rear wheels just when they need their steering the most. This can cause the car to go into an understeer skid. In order to keep the weight on the front and the tire contact patches expanded for optimal steering, you should use trail braking. Trail braking is simply continuing to apply a diminishing percentage of braking until you complete your turn into the apex. The transition from trail braking to the apex and the application of throttle to the track-out point should be smooth and seamless so as not to upset the chassis.

#### **Mistake #4: Improper Downshift Technique**

More correctly, this should be called "Improper Brake and Downshift Technique," since it is difficult to separate the two. I would like to explain the entire sequence of heel-and-toe braking and downshifting; that would be an article in itself, however, so I will not. Simply put, the theory of the heel-and-toe downshift is this: When braking and downshifting prior to a corner, you must brake in a straight line while simultaneously clutching the car, revving the engine to match the speed of the drive wheels, putting the car into a lower gear and then releasing the clutch without upsetting the tire contact patches and suspension.

For those of you who do not know how to heel-and-toe downshift, you may want to go to Bob Bondurant's or Skip Barber's driving schools. For those of you who know how to heel-and-toe downshift, but are still not doing it as smoothly as you would like (i.e.: you are chirping the tires when you downshift), here are a few tips:

- With your car in neutral and with the engine running, practice putting pressure on the brake pedal with the ball of your foot while swinging your heel and the outside of your foot over onto the gas pedal. Please, do not touch the shift lever!
- Using constant brake pedal pressure, try to rev the engine up to a reasonable rpm and hold it there. Repeat the process, pivoting your foot from left to right until you feel you can do this with consistent repeatability. Your tire chirping problem is probably due to your lack of revving your engine up high enough or blurring the throttle and downshifting too slowly.
- Practice your downshifts at your next autocross event or on an uninhabited back road. Better yet, take a refresher driving school course until you have your heel/toe downshift perfect. Good braking and downshifting is essential if you want to improve your lap times.

Next Month I will cover Apexing Too Early, Premature Acceleration, Not Using the Entire Track, Failure to Compensate for Slip Angles, Killing Your Momentum in Traffic, and Poor Weight Management

**Joe Vette, Corvette Know-It -All**

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# CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB

## Meeting Minutes - April 7, 2011

President Skip Gutshall opened the meeting with a moment of silence for our Military, those who are grieving, those who are ill and anyone else needing prayer.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Lynn Stone was still in the hospital. Brian & Cristin Demnicki welcomed a baby girl. EJ Andreas has a broken heel.

**MARCH MINUTES:** Motion to approve by Karen Priestner and seconded by Judy Ludt.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Motion to approve by Bill Sangrey and seconded by Jim Staver.

**GOVERNORS REPORT:** Motion to approve by Ron Wolf and seconded by Dave Deer.

**SPEED REPORT:** None

**CRUISERS/WAXERS REPORT:** Tom Mitchell gave a brief overview. Refer to Google Group for more info.

**SECOND READING:** Dave Feldgus [crazycars@comcast.net](mailto:crazycars@comcast.net) sponsored by Dick and Joan Bower. Motion to accept by Paul Ezzo and Seconded by Marlin Ludt.

**BOWLING CHALLENGE:** George Bobb reported that CVCC has retained the loser trophy by "one" pin!

**AWARD:** Bob Bowen presented one award that was missed at the March Meeting. With great 'HONOR' he presented the "**Fractured Fibers Flying Fickle Fingers of Fate Award**" to **Harry Baker**.

### **REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS:**

**Most of the up and coming dates are listed on the "HAPPENING CALENDAR" of the Newsletter. Unless there is open discussion regarding an event, please check the calendar for details.**

- 1) March 19 - Comedy Club - Gary Wolf reported that a great time was had by all.
- 2) Pocono Driving School - Dave Walter reported that problems may force cancellation of the school.
- 3) Discussion on how the club wished to donate \$795 that we had from Parades and Home Comings. Barbara Breen spoke about Project Share and how the money would be used. After some discussion, a motion was made by Mike Hurley and seconded by Dave Walter, to raise the total amount to give, to \$1,000 dollars. Motion passed.
- 4) Venture in the Valley - Jim Fusco is still in need of help to complete the sales of ads for this project.
- 5) Carlisle Events - Spring Auction - In need of volunteers to drive cars through the auction on April 28, 29 & 30.
- 6) Monthly Cruises - Tom Mitchell has plans for more cruises. (see Happenings Calendar)
- 7) Judges School Training - May 15 at Ed and Mary Hare's home.
- 8) Graham Show - July 23 - Marlin Ludt is in need of Silent Auction items.
- 9) A Thank You card from the Chip Miller foundation was read for the donation of \$500.
- 10) Bud Long extended a invitation to see the "Route 66" shows that were filmed in the area over 50 years ago. This presentation will be presented at the Cumberland County Historical Society, North Pitt Street.  
The Carlisle Episode will be - Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 and 7:00 pm.  
The Boiling Spring Episode will be - Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> - 1:30 and 7:00 pm.
- 11) May 6 - Lance Millers Quest will be presented at the downtown Carlisle Theatre.

A motion to adjourn was made by all.

Name Tag Drawing: \$20.00 to Charles Wirt 50/50 Drawing: \$49.00ea to Lynn Novinger and Dave

**Respectfully Submitted by:**

**Joan Bower**

## *The “Dream”*

Lance Miller’s February 26<sup>th</sup> , 2011 the #3 Le Mans Corvette Presentation

Carlisle, PA. Outside the Fairgrounds. Cold. Most of the snow is gone. And here it comes down the street. Rumbling right out of the past. The 1960 Le Mans class winning car – the #3 Le Mans Corvette then driven by John Fitch and Bob Grossman. Now driven by Lance Miller who after a four year “Quest” returned the car to Le Mans in June 2010 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of that event and to fulfill his father’s – Chip Miller – dream.

45 Corvette enthusiasts were there in Carlisle including several CVCC members and representatives from the Central PA and York County clubs.

Not only did we get to see and hear the car run but we inspected the fantastic 3750 hour restoration up close. Then we adjourned inside the Empire Friendship Fire Department Social Hall for Lance’s presentation. He told the history of the car, the intrigue of how it was located and purchased, details of the restoration, the planning that went into the travel to Le Mans and the events leading up to the 2010 race. He told of driving through the streets and getting lost then hooking up with a Corvette caravan to the site where the #3 Corvette was the featured car. And the high speed, police escorted return to Le Mans, heat soaking the engine and almost frying the clutch in the Driver’s parade.

And then Lance described the thrill of the lap of the “Circuit de Le Mans” he took in the car with 92 year old John Fitch driving. All on authentic NOS 50 year old race tires. The audience quietly sat listening to the emotion in Lance’s voice as he described that occasion when he commented “It was crowded in the car – with my Dad in there too.”

The event raised \$561 through the kind donations by the attendees to benefit the Chip Miller Charitable Foundation to increase awareness of Amyloidosis, the disease that took Chip’s life in 2004.

I encourage CVCC members to attend the May 6<sup>th</sup> premiere of the Michael Brown feature documentary film the “Quest” – the film story of the journey to return #3 to Le Mans. All the proceeds of that one time showing of the film will benefit the Chip Miller Charitable Foundation. More information on the premiere is available at

“The Quest” World Premiere – Register online today by visiting: <http://questdocumentary.com>.

See the trailer for “The Quest” documentary at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PTfr6jaP1zI>.

by Bill Sangrey



# CVCC 2011 HAPPENINGS CALENDAR

## **UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED:**

**Membership Meetings** are First Thursday of the month at the Elks in Carlisle, 7:30pm (PA-100)

**Board Meetings** are Third Tuesday of the month, Hoss's Steak & Sea House, Mechanicsburg, 7:00pm

## **May**

**Saturday, May 7.** Repeat cruise to Havre de Grace, MD. We'll meet across the street from the Deer Lodge in Mt. Holly at 9AM and depart at 9:30. Lunch will be at the Tidewater Grille. There will be plenty to do after lunch like shopping. Skipjack rides, visit the Decoy and Maritime museums, or walk the Promenade. Check out their visitor website at [www.hdgtourism.com](http://www.hdgtourism.com). Overnight lodging is available in the area if you want to stay overnight.

**Contact:** Tom Mitchell RSVP Tom NLT May 6 at 571-217-4651 or [t.e.mitchell@gmail.com](mailto:t.e.mitchell@gmail.com). (50)

**Sunday, May 15.** CVCC concurs judging school at the home of Ed & Mary Hare, 120 Rehobeth Rd, Shippensburg starting at 1PM. Several of the sanctioned concours we will be conducting this year will be judged shows vs. fun shows, and we need all the judges we can get, What better place to get them but from trained CVCC members. Come out and find out what it's all about. There's a good chance refreshments will be served. (50)

**Saturday, May 20.** Matt Newman has asked CVCC to provide as many cars as possible for a student outing at the Yellow Breeches Educational Center, where Matt is a counselor. The plan is to give the kids Corvette rides, answer questions, and just provide some one-on-one time. We've done this in past years, and the kids really enjoy it. We'll meet at the Cracker Barrel in Carlisle for breakfast between 9:15-9:30 and head over to the school when we're done. Matt will be providing more details soon. (50)

## **June**

**Saturday, June 4.** Our cruise master, Tom Mitchell, has organized another fun cruise for us. This time to Penn's Cave in Centre Hall. More info to follow. (50)

**Sunday, June 26.** This is the date for our annual sanctioned Cannonball Run rallye through the Gettysburg battlefields. Karen Priestner is again chairing this event. The plan is to depart from the Gettysburg outlets along Route 15 and end at the Appalachian Brewing Company. Karen will have additional info. (PA-75)

**Sunday, June 26.** CVCC has been asked to put on an autocross for the Cosworth Vega club during the GM National meet at Carlisle. Dave Walter is organizing this event and will have more info at upcoming meetings. (75).

## **July**

**Friday, July 1.** CVCC has been invited to participate in the Carlisle Summerfair Parade. All the particular information will be provided at a later date. (50)

**Friday, July 8.** This month we'll have our annual picnic meeting at the once again at the home of Mike & Elaine Ludt. Please bring a covered dish to share with the club, your lawn chairs, and swim suits (optional). CVCC will provide the meat and beverages. (PA-100)

**Saturday, July 9.** This date is a place holder for now. Tom Mitchell is hoping to put together another cruise for us on this date, but for now the destination is TBD. (50)

**Saturday, July 23.** This date will be a double sanctioned judged show at Graham Motors in Carlisle. Marlin Ludt is again chairing this event, and will have more info as the date draws closer. Contact Marlin if you want to enter or work the event. (PA-75 per event)

**Sunday, July 24.** This will be a double sanctioned autocross at Big Spring High School. Gary Wolf is again chairing this event and will have move info as the date draws closer. Contact Gary if you want to enter or work this event. (PA-75 per event)

## August

**Saturday, August 6.** Jim Staver is planning a repeat trip to the Adams County Winery. There will be a concert featuring island music and lots of fun and activities. We'll have a private tent again, but this year there will not be a charge. Jim will have more info as the date draws closer. (50)

**Sunday, August 7.** Jim Fusco has organized a sanctioned Corvette fun show to be held at the Appalachian Harley dealership on the Carlisle Pike (near CV high school). Jim will provide more details at our upcoming meetings. (75)

**Tuesday, August 23.** Come out and help the club set up the trailer and canopy for the Corvettes @ Carlisle weekend. The fun starts around 5:00. There may even be some cold beer. (50)

**Friday, August 26.** CVCC will be holding an autocross school or practice session for all those who plan on entering the competitive autocross on Sunday. More info in the future. (75)

**Friday-Sunday, August 26-28.** This is the annual pilgrimage to Corvettes @ Carlisle for all Corvette lovers. CVCC will have our trailer and canopy set up at the same location as in the past. Come and hang out for a fun-filled Corvette weekend. (50 per day).

**Sunday, August 28.** CVCC will once again be conducting a competitive autocross for anyone interested in trying their skills. We'll need some help from our members in working this event. Dave Walter will have more info as the date draws closer. (75)

## September

**Saturday, September 10.** This will be one of our annual sanctioned Fun Show at H&H Chevrolet in Shippensburg. Ed & Mary Hare will again be chairing this signature CVCC event. Ed will have more info as the date draws closer. (PA-75)

**Saturday, September 24.** This date is a placeholder for now. The Elks has asked CVCC to put together a car show (all types welcome) for them. Larry Kiser is chairing this event and will have more info to share as the date draws closer. This will be a non-sanctioned event. (50)

**Sunday, September 25.** Dave Walter is working with the Porsche folks to put on another Corvette/Porsche challenge. It will again happen somewhere in the Hershey area. Dave will have more info as the date draws nearer. (50)

## October

**Saturday, October 1.** This date will be a sanctioned Fun Show at Lawrence Chevrolet and will be our last sanctioned event of the year. Dave Walter and Jerry McKinney will again be chairing this event and will have more information as the date draws nearer. (PA-75)

## ----CVCC MAY CRUISE-----

**When:** Saturday, May 7, 2011. **Meet 9:00am; Depart 9:30**

**Meet At:** Across the Road from the Deer Lodge, Mt Holly

**Where To:** A 90 mile scenic ride to **Havre de Grace, MD**. We will have lunch at the Tidewater Grille ([www.tidewatergrille.com](http://www.tidewatergrille.com)), which sits on the water's edge at the mouth of the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay. It's a great destination...lots to do after lunch, shopping, skipjack rides, visit the Decoy and Maritime Museums, or walk on the Promenade. Lodging is available if you want to stay over. Plan your own afternoon or weekend. Check out their visitor website:

[www.hdgtourism.com](http://www.hdgtourism.com). **RSVP: NLT May 6th:** CALL -- 571.217.4651 or [t.e.mitch@gmail.com](mailto:t.e.mitch@gmail.com)



## BOWLING CHALLENGE REPORT

George and I thank every one that came out for the last Bowling Challenge of this year held on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We believe every one had a good time. The food was great and the company wonderful. I would like to give a big thank you to George & Melissa's grand daughter Mattie for all her help. SO Mattie thank you. Can I just skip over the scores? OK CVCC \_\_\_\_\_ YCCC \_\_\_\_\_ Can't you see it? That's ok I can.

Ej

OK George cvcc 127.65 YCCC 137.50

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A calendar of events for CVCC can be found on our club website: [www.cvcc-vette.com](http://www.cvcc-vette.com)