

Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

CORVETTE COMPETITION

Competition Report



We just completed our third autocross primer class and event for this year and our members burned up the course at Lincoln Tech. They were joined by many other non-Corvette owners including a Cobra replica, several Subaru's, an M3, a Camaro and an MR2 just to name a few. The weather cooperated and we had a great event. We had a road course instructor who instructs at VIR and Summit Point (Tom Joyce) who ran our event in his new Camaro and had a great time. If you don't come out to these events and give them a try, you'll never know how much fun you are missing. In the future we are planning to start an intermediate autocross primer course for those who have some experience under their belts and want to find out how to improve, so stay tuned. Below are several pictures from the event.

Ray Sykes Performing Tech-in



Tech-in Crew on the Job



Al Hegarty on the Starting Line



Cobra Replica is Now a Regular



The Subaru's Ran Well on the Course



Several Cars in the Staging Area



CCA Registration & Timing Crew



Upcoming Events

The next major competition event is the Baltimore Grand Prix in downtown Baltimore. This is a great opportunity to see some great racing up close and mingle with the racing teams and drivers. Many of our members will be going and parking in the Corvette Coral. Jon Thorn has provided more information on this event in his section of the newsletter.

The following weekend we will put on the CCA Muscle Car Mania Drag Race and Fun Show at Capitol Raceway. This event will be held on Sunday, 9/11/11. We will try to get some of the Wounded Warriors out to ride down the track with the racers. It should be a great fun day.

There are several of our members who will be participating in some or all of the following non-CCA or NCCC sponsored events throughout the year. These events are High Performance Drivers Education (HPDE) events on various road courses. You are put into groups depending on your level of experience and driving skill and instructors are provided to ride along with you. This is a great way to learn how to get the most out of your car in a safe and controlled environment. These events combine classroom time with track time to teach both the theory and physical control aspects of high speed driving. We will also be participating in a few Friday at The Track (FATT) events at Summit Point Raceway throughout the year. Here is the link to the FATT schedule:

<http://www.summitpointfatt.com/>. For those who aren't familiar, Summit Point is near Charles Town, WV and is very convenient to those who live in the Baltimore/Washington area. If you'd like to see photos from any of our past competition events, please go to the CCA web site and open the photo album link on the left side of the page.

Remaining 2011 HPDE Planned Events

Aug 19 Friday at the Track Summit Point

Aug 20-21 NASA at Summit Point

Sep 5-6 Chin Watkins Glen Int'l Labor Day at the Glen.

Oct 7-9 NASA Octoberfest VIR Full

Oct 30-31 Chin Virginia Int'l Raceway This popular annual event follows the 13-Hour race at VIR

2011 CCA Sponsored Competition Events

Here is the current complete listing of CCA sponsored competition events for the remainder of the year:

September

September 2-4, ALMS Baltimore Grand Prix - Corvette Corral – For more information and to register for the Corvette Corral, go to <http://baltimoregrandprix.com/>

September 11, Muscle Car Mania Returns to Capitol Raceway – Sponsored by CCA/Tony's Corvette Shop. This is a test and tune session plus bracket races. We will also have a fun show for Corvettes and American Cars.

November

November 5, Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD

November 6, Double NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD

As you can see, there are still a lot of opportunities for you to enjoy your car for the purpose for which it was designed, **To Go Fast**, so if you have an interest in driving your car in a competitive event, please feel free to contact me to discuss your interests and find out what events will satisfy you desires. I look forward to seeing you out on the track with a big smile on your face.

Living Life in the Fast Lane

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