

Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

# CORVETTE COMPETITION

## Competition Report



We recently completed our second successful autocross event in as many months at Lincoln Technical Institute on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. It was preceded by an autocross primer class for those who are new to autocross or who want an opportunity to try it out before making a commitment. We had five students in this class and Lincoln Tech instructor Jaime Goffeaux did an outstanding job of leading the instruction both in the classroom and out on the course. Several of the experienced CCA members also went out with the students in their cars to provide some additional feedback and instruction. If you are thinking about participating in an autocross event in the future, this is a good way to try it out before making a decision. Our next autocross primer is on August 6<sup>th</sup> followed by an autocross on August 7<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you there. See the pictures below.

**Participants registering**



**Cars staged and ready to run**



An ACR Cobra came to run



Bill Bachman carving up the course



Ask Fred Long if C4s can autocross



New member Tom Schillo having fun



Andrej Balanc of NVCC showing us how it's done



Autocross student Charlie Taylor



For more photos visit the photo album on our web site at [www.corvetteclubofamerica.org](http://www.corvetteclubofamerica.org)

### Fun at the Glen

Several CCA and non-CCA members participated in a HPDE at Watkins Glen on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. It was the first time at The Glen for all of us and it quickly became our favorite track for many of us. There are a lot of fast sections and tight corners, uphill climbs and off camber curves, not to mention the ever present blue Armco guard railing that constantly reminded us that we did not want to go off

track. We had two full days of high speed fun and got all of the track time that we could handle. There were no major incidents and we all returned home with our vehicles intact. There are several more HPDE events planned for this year, so contact me if you would like to join in on the fun. See the pictures below.

**Bob Couse on the uphill section of the track coming out of turn 7.**



**Tom Armstrong with Pat Roney in pursuit**



Dan Wendling scorching the track in his supercharged Calloway



Yours truly in Supercar having a ball



**Our track event leader, Gary Noubarian running away from the competition**



## **Upcoming Events**

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.

## **2011 HPDE Planned Events**

Jun 4-5 Trackdaze VIR

June 25-29, NCM HPDE at Virginia International Raceway, Track Day School

Jul 4-5 Chin Virginia Int'l Raceway (VIR) Summer holiday Monday/Tuesday, TracQuest format

Jul 22-24 NASA VIR Full Course

Aug 25-26 Trackdaze 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 Racing Events**

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

### **June**

June 25-29, NCM HPDE at Virginia International Raceway, Track Day School

June 25<sup>th</sup>, NVCC Car Control Clinic at Old Dominion Raceway in Manassas, VA. Sponsored by NVCC and supported by CCA

## August

August 6, Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD

August 7, Double NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD

## September

September 2-3, 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

As you can see, there are 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 your 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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