

Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

CORVETTE COMPETITION

Competition Report



Another month has gone by and several of us have been enjoying the club's competition events in our cars. We conducted a successful autocross primer class and two autocross events and had great participation from both our club and several other East Region NCCC clubs. Saturday's weather was very damp, but several people participated in our expanded primer class. Sunday's weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the competitive driving experience. I've included a few photos to whet your appetite, but you can find many more on our web site in the photo album.

Al Hegarty carving the cones



Rich teaching the primer class



Don operating the timing equipment under the watchful eyes of Jon



Fearless Fred Long attacking the course



Another major competitive event was our Muscle Car Mania Drag Race and Fun Show at Capitol Raceway. The weather started out good and we had a decent turnout. We completed the car show and test and tune session but the rain came in and required us to cancel the bracket racing portion of the program. However, everyone had a great time and we issued rain checks to our fall drag race for those who wanted them. The highlight of the day was the runs down the track that several of us provided to a photographer who was wounded in Afghanistan. He was there from Walter Reed Hospital with his brother and Sergeant Richard Brown from the U.S. Army. The racers, including myself, were very enthusiastic about providing runs in their cars for those who ensure our freedom. Check out the photos below and in the album on our web site.

Rich & wounded Warrior ready for takeoff



Great looking Camaro



Overview of the Fun Show



Nice burnout



There is a large group consisting of CCA and non-CCA members who are travelling to Watkins Glen Raceway in NY May 8th through the 11th to participate in an HPDE event. This should really be a blast and a new track experience for most of us. If you are interested in joining us for future events, please see the listing of upcoming events below.

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

May 9-10 Chin Watkins Glen Int'l The springtime visit to another one of America's most historic tracks

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:

May

May 21st Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD

May 22nd Double NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD

June

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

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

June 17th – June 20th (Tentative), We are planning a group cruise to Deals Gap, NC to drive the famous Tail of The Dragon road. This is an old logging road with a lot of twists and turns that make it fun to drive in our Corvettes.

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

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

That's all for now, but if you have an interest in driving your car in a competitive event, please feel free to contact me to discuss your interest and find out what events will satisfy your desires.

Living Life in the Fast Lane

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