

Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

CORVETTE COMPETITION**Competition Report**

Happy New Year to everyone. Now that I have been elected as CCA President, this will be my last competition article. However, I'll still get to communicate with you in the President's section of the newsletter. I've enjoyed my time as Competition Chairman and will continue to be actively involved in setting up and competing in our competition events. Gary Maul has volunteered to take on the position of Competition Chairman and his appointment has been confirmed by the Board of Directors. Gary has been a big supporter of and participant in our competition events, especially the autocross events, and has really developed his autocross skills. I will still be providing support for Gary until he adapts to his new role, so please feel free to contact me regarding competition events until Gary gets up to speed.

Now that winter is upon us, there are no competition events to report on, so I will just repeat the lineup of events that we are planning for 2012. We will start the season off with our annual Go-Kart Race on February 25th at Allsport Grand Prix in Dulles, Virginia. We have four autocross events planned starting in April including four Autocross Primer classes for beginners and possibly a couple of intermediate autocross classes for the more experienced drivers. We are also planning to hold one Muscle Car Mania Drag Race in August, so start practicing your shifting and reaction time skills. For

the road racers, there will be group participation in several High Performance Drivers Events (HPDEs) at tracks such as VIR, Summit Point, Watkins Glen and maybe even Sebring or Road Atlanta. This includes Chin and NASA sponsored events. I've included the 2012 Chin Motorsports and NASA event calendars for your planning purposes. Also, the National Corvette Museum (NCM) is again sponsoring an HPDE at VIR that has been confirmed for June 25th and 26th. Registration will open in February and a reminder will be sent so that you don't miss out, as this event fills up fast. One other major event is the Baltimore Grand Prix which was a major success this year. This is a major event on the ALMS racing calendar. We attended as a club this year and had a great time. If the city of Baltimore is successful in finding a financial backer for the event, this event will be held the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September 2012.

CHIN MOTORSPORTS ANNUAL CALENDAR RELEASE: 2012 EDITION

Here it is: The largest calendar of non-competition track events offered in the country!

- Jan - **Sebring** - No event scheduled. American LeMans series is using the dates we used in 2011.
- Feb 25-26 - **Homestead/Miami** - First event in '12 - Saturday/Sunday at HMS. A TracQuest event
- Mar 03-04 - **VIRginia Int'l Raceway** - Kick it off in the Mid-Atlantic region! Full Course. Sat/Sun
- Mar 12 - **Road Atlanta** - First 2012 visit to RA is the 2nd Monday in March. A TracQuest event
- Mar 17 - **Homestead/Miami** - Return to Homestead on the 3rd Saturday of March. One day only.
- Mar 24-25 - **Sebring Raceway** - FINALLY! Our first 2012 visit to Sebring is Sat/Sun after the 12-HR race
- Apr 14-15 - **Atlanta MS Park** - *PROVISIONAL* Progressing nicely, but still contingent on completion
- Apr 21-22 - **Sebring Raceway** - Returning to Sebring for our 2nd springtime visit. Saturday or Sunday
- May 05-06 - **Sebring Raceway** - Like clockwork, we're back at one of the greatest tracks in the USA
- May 21-22 - **Watkins Glen Int'l** - Our Mon/Tues springtime visit to The Glen! A TracQuest event
- May 28-29 - **Mid-Ohio** - Memorial Day, Mon/Tues, one week after The Glen event. TracQuest format
- Jun 04 - **Road Atlanta** - Return to Road Atlanta on the 1st Monday in June. 1-day only
- Jun 09-10 - **Sebring Raceway** - The last event of the Spring season at SIR. Sat/Sun, TracQuest style
- Jul 02-03 - **VIRginia Int'l Raceway** - It's our summer visit to VIR; Mon/Tues, before the 4th. TracQuest
- Jul 14 - **Homestead/Miami** - For our FLA enthusiasts, returning to HMS for a Sat only event
- Jul 14-15 - **Barber MS Park** - Our first visit to Barber this year is mid-summer. Sat/Sun, TracQuest
- Jul 28-29 - **Road Atlanta** - The first of two summer weekends at Road Atlanta. Saturday/Sunday
- Aug 18 - **Sebring Raceway** - The summer visit to Sebring. Not as hot as Road Atlanta! Sat/Sun
- Aug 25-26 - **Road Atlanta** - 4 weeks after our previous Road Atlanta event. Saturday/Sunday.
- Sep 03-04 - **Watkins Glen Int'l** - The Labor Day event. Mon/Tues. A HIGHLIGHT of the Chin calendar!
- Sep 22-23 - **Barber MS Park** - First event of the Fall season... Barber in September. Epic. Sat/Sun
- Sep 29-30 - **Road Atlanta** - Now, the fall season at Road Atlanta. Saturday/Sunday
- Oct 13-14 - **Sebring Raceway** - First big event of the Fall season, back to Sebring. Saturday/Sunday
- Oct 28-29 - **VIRginia Int'l Raceway** - Following the 13-HR race, Sunday/Monday it's Chin Motorsports
- Nov 03-04 - **Sebring Raceway** - Once a month in the fall, we're at Sebring... Saturday/Sunday
- Nov 10-11 - **Atlanta MS Park** - A Fall season visit to the new track north of Atlanta. Saturday/Sunday
- Nov 24-25 - **Road Atlanta** - A PEAK event of the Chin calendar. RA the last weekend in Nov. is HUGE!
- Dec 08-09 - **Sebring Raceway** - Yes, returning to our home track for the 8th visit in 2012. Sat/Sun

NASA 2012 Preliminary Schedule

<i>TBD</i>	<i>Lime Rock Park, CT HPDE ONLY</i>
<i>April 20 -22</i>	<i>NJMP Lightning Course</i>
<i>April 30- May 1</i>	<i>Watkins Glen, NY HPDE ONLY</i>
<i>TBD</i>	<i>Lime Rock Park, CT Full day HPDE</i>
<i>May 25 - 27</i>	<i>NJMP Thunderbolt Course</i>
<i>July 13 - 15</i>	<i>Pocono Long Courses</i>
<i>Aug. 10 - 12</i>	<i>NJMP Lightning Course</i>
<i>TBD</i>	<i>Pocono Long Courses</i>
<i>Sept.</i>	<i>NASA Natl. Championships - Mid-Ohio</i>
<i>TBD</i>	<i>Lime Rock Park, CT</i>
<i>Sept. 28 -30</i>	<i>Watkins Glen, NY</i>
<i>Oct. 26 - 28</i>	<i>NJMP Thunderbolt</i>

If you have any ideas for competition related events or would like to coordinate a track event, please contact me at anytime. Gary Maul's contact information will be provided in next month's newsletter.

Living Life in the Fast Lane

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