

**Competition Chair— Rich Taylor****CORVETTE COMPETITION****Competition Report**

It seems that change is the one constant in life. With that said, Pat Roney has decided to step down as Competition Chairman for CCA and I have been voted in as his replacement. This is in addition to me serving as your club Vice President. Pat did a great job and I will try to keep the competition fires burning strongly within our club. Club members participate in a variety of competitive events including car shows, autocrosses, drag races and high performance driving events on road courses. No matter what your competitive interest, it can be satisfied within our club.

In addition to competing in events, we also watch events at tracks such as Mid-Ohio Raceway. A group of seven Corvettes including CCA members and friends of CCA members made the trip to Mid-Ohio this past week to watch the American Lemans Series (ALMS) sports car races and Indy Car races. The Corvette racing team with drivers Jan Magnussen and Brian Kubinski placed second and first in their respective races. There were some disappointments such as in the main GT event on Sunday when the second place Corvette developed transmission problems while chasing the first place Porsche and fell back to finish ninth. The weather was great with temperatures in the upper 70's with low humidity, and the racing action was even better. I've included some photos at the end of this article and plan to upload several more in the racing section of our web site.

**Upcoming Events**

- 1) There was a group of about 10 CCA members and other racers who attended the Friday at the Track event at Summit Point on Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. These events are a great way to be introduced to high speed driving in a safe environment. Each participant is assigned an instructor and there are classroom sessions preceding each session on the track. If you are interested in

participating in future events, please contact me.

- 2) Our next major club sponsored event is the Fall Drag Race at Capitol Raceway on Sunday September 12<sup>th</sup>. See the flyer on the front page of our web site for details. There will be online registration set up shortly with a \$5.00 discount offered to register in advance of the event. We have a new partner in addition to Tony's Corvette Shop to help us sponsor this event. They are the Mason Dixon Corvette Club. This will be a special event dedicated to Steve Row, one of our long time members and avid racer who passed away recently. The King of the Hill trophy will bear his name and we will also present his wife and family with a specially inscribed brick from the National Corvette Museum. In addition to the drag race, we will have a Fun Show and a swap meet. So bring all of those parts that have been taking up space in your garage and turn them into cash. There is no charge for the swap meet booths. We will need workers to help with the gate, in the tower and at the Fun Show. Please contact me to volunteer to help out.
- 3) On Sunday, November 7th CCA will sponsor a dual NCCC sanctioned autocross at Lincoln Tech. We plan to partner with the Bel Air Corvette Club just as we did for our successful event in July. Mark your calendars, and I will provide more details as the date approaches.

There are many events being discussed for the rest of the year and into next year, so make sure that you read the news letter and visit our web site to keep up to date. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas that you have for competitive events and I will be glad to help you organize them and to get the word out.

Enjoy the photos,

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Jon Thorn & friends in the Corvette coral



Pat giving Jan Magnussen some driving tips



Pat & Bill catching some rays in the grandstand



**Brian Kinch & son in the Corvette Coral**



**We found the perfect waxer job for Pat. Every team had someone polishing the wheels, and the Penske team had three guys waxing the car before the race. Who said that waxers can't be racers.**



**An Indy car being pushed to the inspection station.**