

Competition Chair— Pat Roney

# CORVETTE COMPETITION

## COMPETITION REPORT June 2010

May 14<sup>th</sup> Friday At The Track (FATT) on the Summit Point main course.

We had 3 of our competition group enjoying their Corvette's at the May 14<sup>th</sup> FATT. They all did great and had a fun day. Gary N. was back at it again after a 5 year rest. Vic B. had his C6 Z06 out and has really come a long way over the past year. Congratulations to Vic for graduating to Group 2. Dan W. was there with his beautiful 2010 Callaway Grand Sport 606 hp beast. I enjoyed the day watching and taking a few pictures.



Gary N. with his C5 between track times.



Vic B. with his C6 Z06 between track times.



**Dan W. with his new Callaway Grand Sport**

**LET'S ENJOY A SAFE DRIVING SEASON.**

It is spring and we should all be out enjoying our Corvettes so I figure this would be a good time to remind everyone about keeping it safe on the road. We have all heard the stories about drivers doing 100 mph or better on the road. I would like to remind you of all of the things that you can't control on the public roads that make it very dangerous, even at the speed limit. How many times have we seen a driver not paying full attention to their driving due to texting, not checking mirrors before changing lanes, dozing off, being intoxicated or drugged not to mention the animals dashing out in the road? The road is just not the place to be finding out how fast your car can go.

We do, however, offer a reasonable alternative that is much safer. We have events throughout the year that offer you a chance to get your car on the drag strip and feel the acceleration, or to a High Performance Driving Event (HPDE) or autocross to see how it corners and brakes. One of the main reasons that I hear from members for not doing this is that they don't want to make a fool of them-selves. There are not many mistakes that either myself or others haven't already made. We all start at the same place and have to learn the lessons together.

**NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM HIGH PERFORMANCE DRIVING EVENT AT VIRGINIA INTERNATIONAL RACEWAY (NCM HPDE @ VIR)**

The tab stands at 10 CCA members participating in this years event. We will be caravanning to VIR on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Schooling and track days will be June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or would just like to hear more about what we do. For all of those interested you can read more by clicking on the following link:  
<http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/HPDE/virinfo.shtml>

**Corvette Corral for an American Le Mans Series races (ALMS).**

We have chosen the Mid Ohio ALMS on Aug. 6 – 8 for the Corvette Corral that we will attend. IMSA Corvette Corral weekend passes are \$110. Please let me know if you would like to attend

as soon as possible. Several of us have signed up and booked our hotel rooms at the Econo Lodge (OH444), 1017 Koogle Rd., Mansfield, OH 44903, phone (419) 589-3333. These hotels fill up fast, as a matter of fact, all of the closest hotels half way down the list were booked as soon as registration opened. Please don't wait if you are interested in this event.

## **AUGUST 20<sup>TH</sup> SUMMIT POINT Friday At The Track (FATT)**

Several of us are signed up for this fun event. If you are interested in trying your hand at high speed driving, please talk to one of us about this event. You can run at your own pace and see what it is like on the main course at Summit Point. You will have an instructor with you and will get some classroom time before hitting the track. Please let me know if you are interested as soon as possible as the beginner group fills up quickly.

## **A GREAT PLACE TO PURCHASE TIRES FOR YOUR CORVETTE**

I recently did some shopping around and found a great place to buy tires. Thanks to Terry Popkin for steering me in the right direction. I talked to Paul, the owner of Radial Tires who is a professional road racer, and he made several recommendations for my varied styles of driving. He beat the price of all of the places that I had checked with including Tire Rack, but the thing that impressed me the most was the service. I brought my tires and wheels in off of the car and had the tires put on and balanced. Paul mentioned to me that I needed the high speed tire balance and that I should bring the car back and he would high speed balance the tires on the car. The high speed balancers are the same type that I used in the 1960's for balancing tires. They don't make these machines anymore, but Paul had purchased 3 of them when they stopped making them so that he could keep his racing customers with the best balance. Speaking of racing, in the short time that I was at his facility, 3 sets of racing tires, Toyo and Hoosier, were delivered to customers and there were several more stacked and ready for delivery. You know that when the road racers choose the place to get their tires, that is a good sign. After getting my tires high speed balanced, my tire sensors recalibrated and a spare tire checked I asked Paul how much I owed him, and he said "nothing, that is the service that we give here. I had a chance to watch his staff working on the cars and tires and they are a really professional team. I will not go anywhere else for tires from this point forward and I highly recommend that you check Radial Tire out before purchasing your next set of tires.

To get the best price, tell Paul that you are with the Corvette Club of America and that Terry Popkin sent you. Feel free to mention my name also. Here is the contact information:

Radial Tire Company  
9101 Brookville Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20910  
301-585-2740

**Ps. After sending this info out in an email to my competition list, I received numerous emails and calls from members that have been using Radial Tire for years and noting that they had the same great service. Some of the emails came from our most experienced road racers.**

**SCHEDULE OF COMPETITION EVENTS FOR 2010**

June 28 NCM HPDE at Virginia International Raceway.  
 July 11 NCCC Dual Autocross (CCA, MCC & BACC) **Workers needed for registration front gate, staging area. Contact Rich Taylor 301-519-5370, 240-460-9797, or [Richard.j1.taylor@lmco.com](mailto:Richard.j1.taylor@lmco.com)**

July 23 NVCC HPDE at Summit Point Main Circuit  
 Aug 6-8 Corvette Corral at Mid Ohio ALMS  
 Aug 7 NVCC Car Control Clinic -see flyer  
 Aug 20 Summit Point FATT (several CCA members signed up already)  
 Aug 22 LCCC Double Autocross  
 Sept 12 Drag Race & Fun Show (CCA, Tony's Corvette Shop & Mason Dixon NCRS)  
 Sept. 26 rain date. Not NCCC sanctioned.

Sept 19 LCCC Double Autocross  
 Oct 30-31 NVCC Spooktacular Event at Summit Point Shenandoah Circuit  
 Nov 7 Dual Autocross (CCA & ???)

NJMP Members day HPDE date not set yet.

Porsche Club of America's autocrosses are scheduled as follows:

<b>Baysox Stadium</b>	<b>Summit Point</b>	<b>Sykesville, MD</b>
July 3	August 14	July 10
July 24		August 21
September 26		September 11
October 24		
November 13		

The Northern Virginia Mustang Club has invited us to several Test and Tune sessions as follows: June 26, 2010

August 21, 2010

October 16, 2010.

All these dates are Saturday mornings from 8am-12 noon (track time) at Mason-Dixon. Cost is \$52.00 via Pay Pal ([www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com)) A \$2.00 service fee is applied by Pay Pal to use this option). More information is available at <http://www.northernvirginiamustangclub.com/>  
 Please let me know which of these that you plan to attend.

The following are some of the ALMS racing events that you may want to watch this year.

Jul 11 ALMS series at Utah Grand Prix shown on Speed Channel

Jul 24 ALMS series at Lime Rock, CT shown on Speed Channel

Aug 7 ALMS series at Mid Ohio shown on CBS

Aug 22 ALMS series at Road America shown on Speed Channel

Aug 29 ALMS series at Mosport shown on Speed Channel

Oct 2 ALMS series at Road Atlanta shown on Speed Channel

**Summer is here and I hope to see you at our shop night, meetings and events.**

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