



# Corvette Club of America

## the **Corvette** Courier

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### The Worlds Oldest Corvette Club Est. 1956

The Presidents Corner-Mark Croson

#### The Prez Says

Hi Everyone,

What a couple months we've had. Corvettes of Carlisle, Funkhana, Crab Feast and our Annual Fall Race sponsored by Tony's Corvettes and CCA. It just does not get much better then that for corvette enthusiasts. Well maybe that is not true, October we have Ocean City, St Clements Island Blessing of the Fleet Parade and probably more that I am forgetting. Followed by our Annual Toys for Tots Charity at Hooters Rockville in November. Be sure to see the events section for all the details.

We want to thank everyone for hosting and working the events this past month. Everyone truly enjoyed each and every event because of your time spent. I would also urge all other members to step up to the plate and sponsor or work an event this next year, the club needs your support. We want to keep the club events as all volunteer to put on and work the events. Each year it tends to get harder to find new people to work these events, so please step up and help your club so some of the folks who do it year after year can have a small break.

Lastly, many of you know that Gus Bartoli had been caring for his sick mother over the last year or so. Gus' mother passed away the last week of September. Gus our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Mark*



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#### Newsletter Spotlight

Big thanks to the Goldbergs for hosting the Crab Feast, Flo for running the Funkhana, Charlie and Tony for hosting the Annual Drag racing, and a special thanks to all those who worked the events this past month.

Do you have something to spotlight? Let me know, this will be the place to spotlight an event, or recognize someone for club activities etc .

**Jeff**

From the Vice President and News Letter Editor-Jeff Mendenhall

Dear Members,

We are in need of people to step up and run for office. Please support your club and help us move forward for next year. It's not to late, we have all hit our two years and need your support. I will continue next year doing the newsletter, so please support us finding people for the other board positions.

October brings more fun with Ocean City going on, should be a fun time for all.

I am trying some new looks with the newsletter. If you have pictures or articles that you would like to share, please provide them by shop night so I have a week to get it finished, earlier is always better and is appreciated. For you web surfers, if you find something interesting, let me know and we can see if it is okay for the newsletter.

**Jeff**

Here is a note from the Goldberg's:

Crab feast was a big success...restaurant was ideal - easy to find and parking great - lots of room for everyone - they were all set up and ready for us when we got there. Would definitely have it there again. Rather than go to Dairy Queen, we invited everyone to our house for dessert. Just about everyone came...some stayed on 'til late. We enjoyed the whole day. Was fun. Nice group of people.

Linda

From Your Membership Chair-Jean Wade

## MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Welcome New Members

Matt & Jennifer Melito Mt. Airy, Md.

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### Sponsor

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### **Club Status**

Members 188 - 28 new members join us since Jan.

## **Can you run for these board positions?**

**Vice Pres. – Treasure – Secretary**

**Contact Jean Wade to fill these slots. [vettehon@aol.com](mailto:vettehon@aol.com)**

**Sept. Shop night.** Larry Spilman drove in with another Historic beautiful Corvette that he just bought. We all wish we had one too. Larry is always full of surprises. Members were able view videos on the Sept. races. All completed with that roaring sound. 50/50 winner (\$26) was Drew Callimahos. Drew has been in the club since 1974. He owns two 66 coupes and 04 conv.

**CCA Club logo Md. License Plate:** CCA club Tag leader, **Jim Snyder** 301-948-5766

**CCA windshield banners.** Contact **Mark Croson**, 301-947-0179. \$12 each

**CCA shirts Polo's - Contact Jean Wade. These shirts have increased to \$32.**

**Events coming up (details in newsletter) Flyers for events can be found on our web**

Oct. 8	St. Clements Island "Blessing of the Fleet" <a href="http://www.co.saint-marys.md.us">www.co.saint-marys.md.us</a>
Oct. 13-15	Corvettes in Ocean City, Md. Chair Freestate Corvette club
Nov. 11	Toys For Tots at Hooters in Rockville Chair, Dan Girardi
Jan	Mid winter awards dinner event

**St. Clements is expecting us to be in the Corvette parade. It is a real fun day. Afterwards we will go to Bert's 50's diner for ice cream.**

**Need a CCA windshield banner for Ocean City Boardwalk parade?**

**Have an event you would like to sponsor Contact Jean.**

**Make it a point to attend at least more than half of your clubs events. Support your club in 2006 & 2007. We need member's support.**

**Want to join the racing team?** To be added to the e-mail list on racing events contact your competition chair, **Charlie Geis** 301-854-2014 or [cgeis@drc.com](mailto:cgeis@drc.com)



**Jean Wade - 2000 Red Coupe  
Membership Director 301-253-6074  
[vettehon@aol.com](mailto:vettehon@aol.com)**

*Keep that smile on your face, your foot down on the pedal, and give me a curve. Blast the radio.  
Wow, what a life. Don't you just love driving a Corvette!!*

## The NCCC Governors Corner-Don Haller

### Renewal Month is Upon Us!!!

Last month I mentioned some of the benefits of NCCC membership and handed out pamphlets that described those benefits in more detail. Primary benefits of NCCC membership are the insurance that is offered to all NCCC members and Clubs that belong to the organization, Blue Bars Magazine, the camaraderie and communication between regional clubs, and sharing of events participation. With this said, NCCC requires that our annual dues be paid, and in order before the end of the calendar year. To accomplish this task we must get an early start. Jean Wade, our Membership Director will be mailing out "renewal packages" very shortly. Please fill out the required information and return your renewal fees as soon as possible. Please don't sit on these, as we need to have all the renewals and money back to Region by November 3<sup>rd</sup>.



I hope everyone that attended the club events last month had a great time. I know that the Drag Races at Capitol were a lot of fun with a lot of Corvettes turning out for a great day of racing.

In the months to come, I plan to expand the Club website to include a Calendar of Events that will include links to all of the NCCC East Region events. As a NCCC member you are welcome to participate in any of these regional events, that include Autocross, Drag Races, Car Shows, Funkhanas, Rally's and more. Additionally, I want to see if perhaps there are one or two people that would like to help me brainstorm, and plan at least one or two new NCCC sanctioned events for the CCA for the 2007 calendar year. If you are interested please let me know.

Lastly, this is a reminder about the Free State Corvette Club's Ocean City weekend on October 13th through the 14th. Registration for the event is still open at the Free State Corvette club website at this time. This event hosts several NCCC sanctioned rallies and shows.

Until Next Month

Thanks, and Save the Wave

Don Haller

NCCC Governor

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## Event Information:

### Ocean City

Don Haller will be heading up the ocean side fun for CCA members that would like to get together while in Ocean City.

CCA members that are going to Ocean City for the event and want to meet other CCA members at the beach have a few options:

- 1) We will meet for Lunch at Bull on the Beach between **12-1pm** on **Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>** at 94th St. & Coastal Hwy. 410-524-2455. [www.bullonthebeachoc.com](http://www.bullonthebeachoc.com) During lunch we can just relax and establish some plans for the boardwalk parade that is on Saturday.
- 2) Between **4:30-5 pm** on **Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>** our club will meet at Seacrets on the Bay. We will meet inside. Wear your CCA shirts so we can find each other. [www.seacrets.com](http://www.seacrets.com) Seacrets is located Bayside on 49<sup>th</sup> Street in Ocean City. Wear your CCA Shirt or Tee Shirts so you can find each other.
- 3) For those CCA members that are not registered for the Saturday Boardwalk parade, we will designate a place for CCA members to meet and watch the parade and cheer on other CCA members that are parading on the Boardwalk.

For more info about the Ocean City weekend visit [www.freestatecorvette.com](http://www.freestatecorvette.com)

For more information about the meet-ups at the Beach contact Don Haller on his cell phone at 443-939-1852

## Hooters Toys for Tots Sponsored by CCA, Chaired by Dan Girardi

November will soon be here. So again it's time for our Third Annual Marine Reserve Corps Toys for Tots run and fun car show.

The date this year is November 11, 2006, from noon until 3:00 p.m. at Hooters of Rockville, 1471 Rockville Pike, Rockville, MD. There will be designated parking for Corvettes only.

To participate bring a new, unwrapped toy valued at \$10.00. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Clothing or toy weapons will NOT be accepted. Once again the Hooters girls will judge our car show. Judging will be at approximately 2:15 p.m. Prizes will be awarded.

Plan to attend. Bring a toy. Have lunch and enter your Corvette in the fun show. The toys will be given to children who would otherwise not receive any gifts for Christmas. RSVP to Dan or Jo Girardi, 301-855-6945, or Jean Wade, by Sunday, November 5, 2006,

We need to know how many people are coming and also if you will be driving your Corvette. Thank you. Look forward to seeing you there.

Dan Girardi

## St. Clements Island. Md. has been changed back to Sun. Oct. 8th.

The Optimist Club of the Seventh District will host the 39th Annual Blessing of the Fleet on the grounds of the St. Clement's Island Museum in Colton's Point. This is packed with fun, food, entertainment, demonstrations, crafts, children's activities and more!

Sunday highlights include a noon parade on Point Breeze Road in front of the museum and will include high school bands, local organizations, political candidates, car clubs, etc. Another Blessing of the Boats will take place at 2 p.m.

Your day will include fabulous food vendors, crafts, petting zoo, demonstrations by SMECO, oyster tonging demo, and presentations by the Reptile Man.

There is small admission fee and shuttle parking is FREE! For more information and a complete list of program activities, log on to the event website at [www.blessingofthefleet.net](http://www.blessingofthefleet.net) or call the St. Clement's Museum at 301-769-2222.

**Any one that would like to lead a caravan to this event can contact me. Jean 301-253-6074 or [vettehon@aol.com](mailto:vettehon@aol.com) They are expecting us to be in the parade in our Corvettes.**

## Freedom Run Road Rally



The inaugural **FREEDOM RUN ROAD RALLY**, created specifically for owners of exotic and upscale cars, will be conducted in June 2007 and we'd like to give your members a pre-invitation opportunity to be part of this very special event.

This first-class 4-day/3-night, 1,200 mile extravaganza will run from Orlando to Philadelphia :

Your members will love our first special event -- a ½ day private run on the "Daytona Rolex 24 Hour Race" course at the **Daytona International Speedway** coupled with instruction by the internationally-known **Skip Barber Racing School**. To find out more, visit [www.freedomrunroadrally.com](http://www.freedomrunroadrally.com)