



Corvette Club of America

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The Presidents Corner-Charlie Geis

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The Prez Says

Having a Sizzling Summer!

We had a great time on Saturday, July 21st by cruising to Thursdays Steak and Crab House located in Galesville, MD to help celebrate CCA's 51st birthday (also known as founder's day). The weather was just fantastic. It was in the low 80's for the temperature and we enjoyed low humidity too. We had 10 Corvettes which met at the park and ride in Gaithersburg. Mark Croson organized the event and was the only person who knew where we were going, so he led the Corvette caravan. Mark said that we had nothing to worry about, since he just had a ticket for speeding two weeks ago and that he had so many speeding tickets that he couldn't possibly go over any speed limit any more. We should have suspected something when Mark's wife, Sue, wasn't there, but not knowing any better we let Mark lead. All I can say is that I bet Mark hasn't gotten his last speeding ticket yet! Anyway, we all arrived at Thursday's and enjoyed a very nice lunch together. A few club members came by boat and a number of others drove their Corvettes directly there. We filled-up about half of the parking lot with our Corvettes. We had about 31 people in attendance, which was more than the 20-people estimate that was given to the restaurant. But they had plenty of space for us and gave us the best outside seating that they had. We had a great view of the water and boats going by. It made for a nice and relaxing meal, which we enjoyed even more by being with our fellow CCA club members. Thanks for organizing such a fun event Mark!

We have had to change the location of our business meetings. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month to conduct the club's business needs. For years we have been meeting at the Lone Star Steak House but due to its closure we had to find another place to hold our meeting. This past month we met at the Red, Hot, and Blue. It was a nice change. The food is different, but good. Their BBQ sandwiches were very delicious. The waiters took very good care of us and made our visit enjoyable. I am looking to go back on August 14th. We have moved the starting time of the business meeting up to 7:00 PM since the Red, Hot and Blue closes at 9:00 PM. Please feel free to come and join us. The business meetings are open for all club members and it's a nice way to learn what's going on.

We also need to find another place to meet after we leave Criswell's on shop night. Joe's Pizza has closed their doors too. We plan to try a few different places before settling on one, so please stop by at Criswell's and ask where we are going afterwards, as it will likely change from month to month for a while.

Looking forward, there is always a group of CCA members who go to Carlisle every year for the big Corvette event there. Wear a CCA shirt or hat so that other club members can say "Hi" to you when they see you. Corvettes at Carlisle runs from Friday, 8/24 through Sunday, 8/26.

On Saturday, September 8th, the Maryland Camaro Club holds its annual All Chevy Car Show at Lincoln Tech Center in Columbia, MD located on Snowden Parkway. Registration is from 8:30 to 11:00 AM and the car show is from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM. This is a judged car show, costs \$15 to enter, and there are two classes for Corvettes. Additional information can be found at <http://www.mdcamaroclub.com/2006allChevy/default.htm> I had promised that there would be some CCA Corvettes there since they brought a bunch of Camaros to our car show, so please come out and bring your Corvette to enter their show.

Have fun, enjoy yourself, and drive safely!!

Charlie Geis

MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION

Welcome New Members

			Sponsor
Ron Post	Frederick, Md.	94 Black Conv.	Web
Bill & Debi Bachman	Gaith. Md.	06 Red Coupe	Web

Club Status for May 2007

21 new Corvette members have joined CCA this year
178 Members
170 Members on E-mail

July Shop - Our 50/50 winner won \$36. We had lots more door prizes we gave away. We had a big crowd and lots of pretty Corvettes. Afterwards we went to Zios Pizza. We must have had 24 of us gather there. I was the only gal. Please lets get some more ladies to attend.

Next shop night Aug 28th. We will see you there.

Events coming up (details in newsletter) Flyers for events can be found on our web Things to do with your Corvette

Aug. 4 th	18 Annual Corvette Cruise-in Big Joe's Pizza, Manassas, Va.
Aug 4th	Corvette Meet & Greet & Show. Blob Park.
Aug. 12	Summer Time Car Show at Bruster's Ice Cream 5-7 pm
Aug. 24th	Corvettes At Carlisle check site at www.carlisleevents.com
Sept. 16	Fall All Corvette Drags at Capitol, sponsor Tony's Corvettes & CCA
Sept. 29th	Open house on the farm. Western day, fun show, shoot out. Thurmont Md.
Oct. 12-13	Corvettes in Ocean City www.freestatecorvette.com
Oct. 27th	Crab Feast chair, Art & Linda Goldberg. Location to be announce
Nov. 10th	Toys for Tots at Hooters in Rockville. Chair Dan Girardi

New Events listed: Two on the same day, take your choice. Just go have fun.

8/4 Corvette Cruise-in 7787 Sudley Rd. Rt 234 Manassas, Va. Info. www.stillcruisincorvettes.com

8/4 Blob Park Corvettes show for more info. go to www.baltimorecoco Corvetteclub.com

8/12 Bruster's Ice Cream Car show in Gaith. Will be holding a car show. Our club has been invited. Trophies, and ice cream, pies to give away.

Make it a point to attend at least more than half of your clubs events. Support your club in 2007. We need member's support to make our efforts pay off.

Thanks for being a CCA member. You are the greatest.

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?
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Competition Report



August CCA Competition Report

Can you believe it? The July 29th race rain date got rained-out! That's two times in a row! Here we are in the middle of another drought and our race date is the only day that it rains. Yea, we might have gotten a few sprinkles in the late afternoon or evening a few times, but if that were the case on the 29th we could have still held the race. As it was, the roads were wet just about all day and multiple showers came down throughout the day. That is not racing or car show weather. That will wrap it up for the Muscle Car event for this year. We will pick it back up next spring and hope for the best weather-wise.

Looking ahead, in September (just next month) will be our Fall All-Corvette Drag Race Event on Sunday, September 16th 2007 co-sponsored with Tony's Corvette Shop. It will be held at Capitol Dragway, and yes, you guessed it! I am still looking for some people to volunteer and help at the gate. Please let me know if you can help us with this important event – my email address is siegc@verizon.net or give me a call at 301-854-2014. As for the particulars, the gates will open at 11:00 AM with practice runs starting at 12 Noon. We will start the competition at 3 PM and expect to be done around 4 PM. It costs \$40 to race, \$20 to enter the fun car show, or \$10 to just come and watch. Children under 12 years old can come in for free. All racers must wear long pants and those who have elapsed times (ETs) less than 14 seconds must wear a helmet. Being a track rental we can relax the roll-bar rule a little, but not too much.

Getting back to reporting about my '65 Corvette – I had a fuel leak at the fuel pump. This would not have made a difference in my running times, but it sure made my garage smell like raw gas. My wife, Jo-Ann, couldn't stand it, so I got it fixed as fast as I could. I also had my back-up light which was "on" constantly fixed too. And no, I'm sure that didn't have any effect on my ETs either. One more thing, I had my thermostat taken out since I had been running much hotter than it used to. I figured that I would take it out and see if it ran cooler. If so, then all I would need would be to get another thermostat, and if not, then I'll have to start thinking about getting a new radiator. As it turned out, the temperature came down a little but not much, so I see the need to get a new radiator sometime in my future. The bottom line is that I haven't done anything yet which will help my elapsed times (ET's) at the track, however, I hope to try a few things before the September 16th drag race event.

Until then, let's have fun, enjoy ourselves, drive safely, and keep the racing where it belongs – on the track! I'll see you there!

Charlie Geis
CCA Competition Chair

A special note about Jimmie Cone. Last month some of our members were given flyers and talked to about the upset residents and businesses surrounding the Jimmie Cone area. For those of us that have been there this summer there seems to be a significant rise in the number of folks doing burnouts and driving at high rates of speed in the area. The Mayor and Town Council are considering options. This is just an FYI, if you know people who are driving recklessly, please inform them of this problem. We don't want to loose Jimmie Cone over a few reckless drivers. Let's all respect the residents and businesses in the area.

As Charlie would say "Keep it on the track".