



# Corvette Club of America

## the Corvette Courier

### The Worlds Oldest Corvette Club

The President's Corner-Charlie Geis

December 2007

## The Prez Says

### Happy Hollandaise!

I can't believe that it's December already! Where did the year go? It went by much too fast.

It is great belonging to CCA because of the great people who make up the club, and being able to interact with so many Corvette-loving people. CCA members are what make the Corvette Club of America a winning club. We are so rich with our variety of likes, views, and activities. Thanks to all of you! I would also like to say a special thanks to everyone for allowing me to serve you as the 2007 Prez (Note – below is a picture of me driving into the proverbial sunset! OK, maybe for only a ¼ mile!)

May all of your lights be green!



On Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> CCA hosted its annual Toys for Tots charity car show event at Hooters in Rockville. Thanks goes to Dan and Jo Girardi for hosting this event.

Speaking of charities, the CCA board decided to give to our three most popular charities. Specifically, we gave \$500 to Hospice of Montgomery County. Hospice assists and comforts people, and their families, who are terminally ill. CCA gave \$500 to Wells/Roberson House. This is a halfway house located in Gaithersburg for those recovering from

substance abuse. CCA also donated \$500 to the University of Maryland, School of Engineering for a foundation grant in CCA's name. Once we complete the grant then the University will give the annual interest to a needy student each year

Going forward, we have a Winter Party planned for next month, on January 19<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendars. The party will be held at the Willow Tree Inn. There will be good food and great conversations about Corvettes. A flyer with additional details can be found later on in this newsletter. I look forward to seeing you there on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

I wish everyone a Happy Hollandaise (and yes, you may keep the sauce on the side)!

Remember, whatever you do, have fun, enjoy yourself, and drive safely!!

Charlie Geis  
2007 Prez  
Corvette Club of America

## MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Welcome New Members

Sponsor

**Gary & Sharon Quinter** Sykesville Md. 06 monterey red coupe

Web

**Membership Cards** will be given out at the next meeting and shop night. I've been mailing out all the long distance members. It would be nice if the Gaith., Germantown, Potomac, and local areas come pick up their cards to help keep the cost of mailing down. It would be less work for me also.

Any questions about CCA you can direct to me. [vettehon@aol.com](mailto:vettehon@aol.com) 301-253-6074  
Questions NCCC direct to our Gov. Don Haller [dhphotoz@verizon.net](mailto:dhphotoz@verizon.net) 410-551-5124

### Club Status for Nov. 2007

25 new Corvette members have joined CCA this year  
182 Members  
173 Members on E-mail

**Shop Night** for Nov. was a low turn out for a great evening. I know it was one week early, but we had a 50/50 winner for \$13. Afterwards we went to "Mangiare Bene for a bit to eat. Pizza was 1/2. We had a great time.  
Next Shop night Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>,

### New Corvette Clothing

**CCA Sweat shirts.** I should have a samples at shop night.

New CCA **race Tee** shirts. Great design by Mike Venor.  
Shirts are light blue with a wild graphic on the front \$20. All sizes. New low profile CCA hat designs. \$18.

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

**Dec. 11 -7:30pm** CCA membership meeting new place **Mangiare Bene** Italian Restaurant located at the Old Lone Star  
**Dec 18 7pm** Shop night, Criswell - Gaithersburg, Md.  
**Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> 08** CCA Winter buffet. Chair, Jean Wade details to follow

**Please note a new date has been set for the CCA winter party. Event to be held at Willow Tree, in Gaith. I'm working on getting a DJ. Depends on the price.**

Thanks for being a CCA member and your 2008 renewals.



*Jean Wade - 2000 Red Coupe  
Membership Director 301-253-6074*

*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 Editor's Corner— Jon Thorn

## CORVETTE RAMBLINGS

As I settle into my second month as editor, I'd like to thank several people for their help. I was not at all confident in the beginning that I'd be able to handle this job by myself but I've already seen that I'm not doing it by myself.

First I'd like to thank Larry Spilman for his help in providing excellent pictures of our Toys for Tots event in November. You'll see a number of his photos in the article starting on Page 9.

Next, I'd like to thank Dan Girardi for his article on the Toys for Tots event itself and of course for having organized it in the first place. I'd be saying these kind words even if I was not currently looking at the 1<sup>st</sup> place trophy sitting over on my shelf <g>. That turned out to be a huge surprise for yours truly by the way. Anyway, Dan did a great job again this year and he deserves everyone's thanks.

Be sure to check Jean's "Member News and Information" on Page 3. I want to thank her for getting me the pictures from the CCA Annual Crab Feast. Unfortunately due to business travel I was unable to attend this year. Also because of the timing of the event, the pictures didn't make it into last month's newsletter. It sure looks like the membership was enjoying themselves without me!

I'd also like to thank Charlie for his help and guidance as I got started with the newsletter. I may also be able to thank him sometime in 2008 for twisting my arm to take on this role in the first place but time will tell for that <g>.

I'd like to send out some special thanks to Keith Mordoff for the article on his experiences at the Jim Russell Racing School. My job is going to be really easy if more members follow his lead and provide articles for the newsletter.

As I get a little spare time at the end of the year I'm going to work on editing the video I took during the parade up the boardwalk at Ocean City. I had a camera mounted on the harness bar in my Z06. If I can get it short enough I may be able to have Don load load the video on the CCA web site. If you didn't get a chance to see the fun everyone was having at Thunder on the Boards perhaps the video will help convince you to participate next year.

**Please note that the schedule for Shop Night changes this month due to the holidays. Jean covered this information on Page 3. It would be nice to see you at Shop Night and at the Business Meeting as well.**

It's not Corvette related but, weather permitting, I'll bring my '95 Impala SS to the Business Meeting this month. Show up at the meeting and you'll be able to see an LT1 that is forced to drag around 4800 pounds behind it. This has been my project car since it was new. The LT1 is helped out by a Paxton blower and T-56 six speed behind it.

If I don't get a chance to see you at either of the meetings this month I hope you have a safe and happy holiday season. Drive carefully out there and save the wave!

-Jon

### Club Goodies....

#### CCA Windshield Banners

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#### CCA Club logo Md. License Plate

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*For those members who would like to shop for a new or used car at Criswell, the person to see at Criswell is **Neil Kopit**. Ask to speak to Neil and let him know you are a CCA member.*

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**CCA Meeting Schedule**

**BUSINESS MEETING** at Mangiare Bene Italian Restaurant, 808 Diamond Ave, Gaithersburg, MD (301-208-8880) second Tuesday monthly at 7:30pm to approximately 9:30pm.  
**Next Meeting Tuesday December 11, 2007 See Flyer on Page 9**

**SHOP NIGHT** at Criswell fourth(\*) Tuesday 7pm 'til 9pm. "Food Frenzy" afterward at Mangiare Bene. See Flyer on Page 14  
**Next Shop Night Tuesday December 18, 2007**

\* Shop Night is the **THIRD Tuesday in November and December** due to Holidays.