



Corvette Club of America

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The Presidents Corner-Mark Croson

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News letter
Spotlight

Hello!! I must be going.....

“All good things have a beginning and an ending” so the famous phrase goes. I find this is true about all things as I grow older and more feeble as time goes by. Well, another good thing for me is coming to an end. My last days as President of Corvette Club of America is at hand. Only a few days left now.....

CCA Spotlights all of our club members. Pat yourself on the back for your hard work this year and the clubs generous donations to 3 worthy charities.

It has been truly great these past two years and a very fine honor for me to help manage our club. I have met some wonderful people, enjoyed some really great club events and outings, have shared some good times with club members and dealt with your normal train wrecks that sometimes occur when a large group of people care about something special. I can honestly say that it has not been dull.... I will miss it too!

There are many people I would like to thank individually but our web page is only got so much free space. All I can say is that everyone I have met and worked with at CCA has made me remember how much I like our club and hope it goes on forever. Even if Chevrolet stopped making the vette tomorrow (and I hope not) we still have all the ones that already prowl the streets with owners that know a thing or two about a real sports car.

So all I will say is thank you to every member past and present for allowing me to contribute in some way. I leave the club in capable and experienced hands. Charlie Geis really loves our club and I plan to support him all the way this next year. I hope he can rely on your support too.

I will say a special thanks to **Jean Wade** who has spent so many years participating at all different levels within the club. She should be batty by now but she keeps coming back for more. I think the club really owes her a huge debt of gratitude. Please thank her when you get a chance.



Well I still get to sit in on some of the club decisions this next year as board member at large and I hope to volunteer for some events so I'll be around to chew the fat in 2007!!!

Have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and the Best New Year yet.

Mark

From the News Letter Editor-Jeff Mendenhall

Happy New Year everyone. There is lots of good information provided this month on up and coming events. We start off the New Year with the First Annual Mid-Winter Awards Dinner, then move onto the Valentine Cruise, then the many events coming up in late spring and early summer.

Jeff

The Prez Says

FROM THE INCOMING 2007 PRESIDENT

Have a Happy Corvette New Year!

Welcome to the New Year and another year of fun with our Corvettes. Have you made any New Year's resolutions yet? I have! I resolve to have lots more CCA club activities this year.

I hope that some of you will resolve to try something new or different with your Corvette in 2007. Maybe you have never tried your Corvette on the quarter mile drag strip. The perfect time to try it would be during one of our sponsored drag race events. Maybe you have never entered your car into a car show before. Well CCA has many members who could help guide you in how to clean and prepare your car, and instruct you on what is needed to be successful. Maybe you have never attended one of our great cruises where we visit a nice restaurant and enjoy great food. We all have fun during these events and there's always room for more to join us.

Our next club activity will be the Mid-Winter Awards Dinner Event on January 20th at the Willow Tree Inn. There will be good food and great conversations about Corvettes. This is a fantastic value at only \$15 per person (where else can you get a dinner this good in Montgomery County for such a low price?). A flyer with additional details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter. Please rush your check to Dan Girardi by January 13th to be included in this fun event.

CCA finished out last year by donating to some worthy charities. Specifically, we gave \$1,000 to Hospice of Montgomery County. Hospice assists and comforts people, and their families, who are terminally ill. CCA gave \$1,000 to Wells/Roberson House. This is a halfway house located in Gaithersburg for those recovering from substance abuse. CCA also donated \$1,000 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 in CCA's name. I also understand that the toys for tots car show that Dan Girardi hosted was successful and I'm sure many children received a shiny new toy that made their Christmas a little nicer.

I look forward to seeing you on the 20th at the Mid-Winter Awards Dinner Event! See you there!

Have a happy 2007!

Charlie Geis
2007 Prez
Corvette Club of America

MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION

Welcome New Members

Neil & Susan Smarte
Robert & Deborah Witten

Union Bridge, Md.
Chevy Chase, Md.

07 black coupe Z06 505 HP
65 red roadster

Sponsor

Web
Dennis King

Club Status for 2007

Members 154
Members on E-mail 147

Dec. Shop night turned out was outstanding. It must have been those Christmas Cookies the club provided. 50/50 winner taking \$32 was **Mike Siska**. Must be his lucky year he was also the winner on that sharp black Z06 he picked up from the Corvette Museum. Thanks again to **Nick Madary** for handing the 50/50 for half of 2006.

We will need a new member to handle the 50/50 at shop nights starting in Jan. Please contact me and I can set you up for Jan. 23rd. Jean 301-253-6074.

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**. \$32. Ea.

New polo shirts just for women Red or

CCA Sweatshirt available in most colors. E-mail me for pricing vettehon@aol.com

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

Jan 20th Mid. winter awards dinner event in Gaithersburg, Md. Willow Tree
Feb. 18th Valentine's Lunch John Hagan's Tavern, Braddock Heights, Md.

Don't miss our 1st event of the year in Jan. This is the 1st time in years we've hosted our awards dinner in Jan. We usually have this event in Nov. or Dec. Since every one seems to be so busy in these months we thought we would give it a try in Jan. in hopes to gain more attendances. Lets support the club.

Be there for us.

Have a door prize you would like to donate for the Jan. Event contact Jean Wade.

Do you have an idea or event you would like to share for 2007
Contact Jean. We would like to start getting dates or at least the month to start our events calendar.

**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.**

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



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

CCA ER-001. The First NCCC Club!



Happy New Year CCA!!!

This month I just have a few tidbits of information to share with you without taking up too much space here in the pages of the Courier.

Tire Raffle

I have received a couple e-mails asking about the East Region NCCC Tire Raffle that was held on December 3, 2006 at the ER Business Meeting. There were 300 tickets made available for sale at \$10 each, and CCA purchased 30% of those. I'm not sure how many were actually sold but I was told that not all 300 were sold prior to the raffle. The prize to be awarded was the winner's choice of any set of four Goodyear tires.

Drum Roll..... David Sandifer from G'Burg Vettes won the tire raffle.

I was disappointed I didn't win, but happy that a local person here in the area took away the prize.

East Region Corvette Spectacular in May

The East Region NCCC is planning a huge Corvette Event on the weekend of May 18th through the 20th at the Cal Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen, Maryland. Everything is still in the planning stages but it looks like it will be a fun time for all Corvette enthusiasts whether you are a "Waxer" or a "Greaser". There is talk of autocross and rally schools on Friday, with a Cruise In that night at a local Cruise spot. Saturday will bring several autocrosses, rallies, funkahanas and fun shows. Saturday may also include a parade of Corvettes in Aberdeen. There will be a party Saturday night with "Gazze" and a "Racing Theme", and food, BYB. Sunday will bring the weekend to an end with a Concourse show and potentially some more autocross that day. An award event is planned at 4PM on Sunday. All of these plans are tentative and may change as the wrinkles get ironed out. I am on the planning committee which has the first meeting on Saturday January 20th in the morning. If anyone would like to help out by riding up there with me, you are more than welcome to join in. Additionally CCA will be partnering with Corvette Annapolis to plan and work the Fun Shows on Saturday and the Concourse on Sunday. I will need some volunteers to help out on both of those days. Stay tuned for more updates. Please email me at dhphotoz@verizon.net if you would like to help out.

June Concourse and Fun Shows

We are still planning on hosting our annual Car Show at Criswell Chevrolet this year in June, on the 10th. Please mark your calendars and plan to help out. We can discuss forming a committee and making plans at the next monthly business meeting.

NCCC Membership Packets

Membership packets should be coming out shortly after the first of the year. I understand that some clubs have started to receive theirs already, but I have not seen mine yet. Packets should include a new Membership Card, Calendar, Hat Pin, Insurance Information, Blue Bars Magazine and Information about what NCCC does for the membership and clubs.

See Ya Next Year
Save The Wave
Don Haller
NCCC Governor