



# Corvette Club of America

## the Corvette Courier

### The Worlds Oldest Corvette Club

The Presidents Corner-Charlie Geis

Sept 2007

## The Prez Says

### I Hope You're Having as Much FUN as I Am!

I had an exciting opportunity this past month! The producer of the Pat Goss' Garage TV show sent me an email and asked if I would like to be on his Saturday morning show to talk about the then up-coming Corvettes in Carlisle event. Of course I said "yes"!

The show airs on News Channel 8 (DC local channel) from 9:30 to 10:00 AM. I was on the August 18<sup>th</sup> show. Pat was great and made me feel at ease (as much as possible). Since I have been going to the Corvettes in Carlisle event for about 20 years, I felt that I could say a few things about the many activities which take place there every year. It keeps growing and growing, and I feel that much more time would have been needed to paint an accurate picture of the greatness of Corvettes in Carlisle, but I did my best with the time given to me. I also was able to put in a plug for our up-coming drag race event on 9/16, so maybe a few more people might attend (I hope!). I also said a few highlights about the Corvette Club of America. I wore my CCA shirt and hat, and the TV station scrolled our web site address across the bottom of the screen.

I must have done OK on Pat Goss' TV show, because afterwards he invited me to also come on his radio show that aired the same day. I was given the opportunity to again discuss the Corvettes in Carlisle as well as CCA and our 9/16 drag race event.

I know at least one CCA club member watched me on TV. Bryan Kinch sent me an email and jokingly asked if I would give him my autograph, ha, ha! My sons had a great time watching their Dad on TV. It was truly a lifetime experience for me (my 15 minutes of fame).

For shop night this past month (August) we had great weather and a good turnout of CCA members. We went to Roy's Place in Gaithersburg for some of their famous sandwiches afterwards. The waitress couldn't believe her good fortune when she saw all of us hungry CCA Corvette people come walking in. We had the place to ourselves and it was very enjoyable.

Looking forward, please don't forget this coming Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 CCA Corvettes there since they brought their Camaros to our car show, so please come out in your Corvette and enter their show. That way they will be more willing to again support our car show next year.

I have already mentioned the CCA Corvette only (and Vipers) drag race event on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, but here I'm saying it again. Please come out even if it is only to watch. It is a super deal at \$10 for so much excitement! Bring your family and friends too!

Looking ahead to next month, I am in the planning stages for a CCA cruise-in and group photo event on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be more on this in a few weeks. Please check back to our web site and Jean's email messages. Also, the following weekend, 10/12 through 10/14 is Corvette weekend in Ocean City. Please reserve your room now before all of the best ones get booked-up!

Please have fun, enjoy yourself, and drive safely!!

Charlie Geis  
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## MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION

### Welcome New Members

Vernon Knarr Wash. DC. 1965 Black Roadster

### Sponsor

Bob Written

### Club Status for May 2007

22 new Corvette members have joined CCA this year  
179 Members  
170 Members on E-mail

Next shop night Sept. 25th

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

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Camaro club's all GM car show. Info. Charlie Geis 301-854-2014  
\*Sept. 14th Rockville car show and chili cookoff Civic Center 9-4  
Sept. 16 Fall All Corvette Drags at Capitol, sponsor Tony's Corvettes & CCA  
Oct. 12-13 Corvettes in Ocean City [www.freestatecorvette.com](http://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

\* For info. on Rockville car show [swhite79@cox.net](mailto:swhite79@cox.net) or 703-533-0386

**Please note the Western Farm has been canceled. This is a note from the Goldbergs**

Dear Friends,

Just wanted to let you know that we've had to cancel the planned open house at our farm and car building that was scheduled for Sat, September 29th. Will try our best to put something together next year and we'll keep you on the list! Hope to see you soon.

Linda & Arthur

Past member Bruce Jackson, won the 1988 Corvette at Carlisle. Bruce was a member for many years with his 40th Aniv. He now lives in Myrtle Beach.

**I need one nice member to help me with the membership table at the Sept. 16<sup>th</sup> races. Also need some one to walk around the racers and sell Race shirts. Call me 301-253-6074 or e-mail and use CCA for your subject vettehon@aol.com**

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.



*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!!*

# Competition Report



## September CCA Competition Report

The big event this month is our annual Fall All-Corvette Drag Race Event on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> 2007. This event, like past years, is co-sponsored with Tony's Corvette Shop and it will again be held at Capitol Dragway. The gates will open at 11:00 AM with practice runs starting at 12 Noon. We will start the competition at 3:00 PM and expect to be done sometime around 4:00 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. Also, we can relax the roll-bar rule a little, but not too much.

I am good shape with volunteers, but I can always use one or two more. Please let me know if you would like to help – my email address is [siegc@verizon.net](mailto:siegc@verizon.net) or give me a call at 301-854-2014.

There is nothing new to report on my '65 Corvette. I plan to run it on September 16<sup>th</sup> and hope that I can be consistent enough to win a trophy. I will just have to wait and see what can be done to improve the performance of the new engine.

There is an article in the latest Corvette Fever magazine (October issue) about one of our club members, John Armstrong (also known as "the Ranger") and a follow-up article is promised for the November issue. The articles are written by John and he explains his quest to turn the fastest ETs in stock Corvette Z06's. John consistently beats the published ETs from GM (11.7 seconds at 125 mph). It all came about by a lot of practice and perfecting his skills of lurching and shifting. John's best time in his stock 2006 Z06 (with drag radials) is 10.856 seconds at 129.50 mph. This is the fastest documented time known in the world on a stock Z06 Corvette.

John regularly attends CCA's monthly shop nights at Criswell Chevrolet. He uses the lifts to clean the "track dirt" from the underside of his Z06 and carefully inspect his tires and brakes for wear. John usually attends our drag race events too. He is approachable for advice and guidance, and he sure is fun to watch going down the track.

I found one thing missing from John's article, he didn't mention the Corvette Club of America even once in his article. Our club's heritage was built on our past members racing success and prowess. It would be nice to let the world know that we still have members who are racing and setting world records.

John, we all support you in your efforts. Please remember to make mention of us on your road to stardom. Thanks much!

Also, as with past fall drag events, we are inviting the Viper clubs and Viper owners to participate in our drag event (both for the races and fun car show). So if you know of anyone who owns a Viper please invite them to race or show their Viper in this event with us.

I hope to see a lot of our members at the fall 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 note about the event held at the Bruster's Ice Cream place in Gaithersburg.

People's choice 1st place winner was our Cal Milans with his "57". Cal will be on Bruster's web site.

Door prize, for a tasty ice cream cake was won by new member Jim Nomicos and his 04 Z06.

We had a great time and I understand we will do this again. The owner is trying to start a monthly cruise in to draw all kinds of good looking cars.

