

Life in the Fast Lane

As you all know, a driver's view from behind the wheel of a Corvette is exciting. It's even more so when that Corvette is at speed. In pursuit of speed, some club members are becoming more involved in high performance driving. From autocrossing to track days, club members are learning the finer points of car control. Want to see what your car can do too?

Jon Thorn peaked my interest last year with his story about his experience at the National Corvette Museum high-performance driving event. So I marked my calendar and signed up to join him for this year's gathering at Virginia International Raceway June 30 - July 1. I had my first driving school experience last year at the Jim Russell school in small formula cars. I'm very excited about getting my own big bad Corvette out there. Tim Minor is joining us as well.

The NCM schools are a relative bargain. Two full days of driving, with instructors - \$440 for NCM members, \$490 for non-members. You use your own car and are given extensive instructions and suggestions for inspecting and preparing your car for the event. There is extra support for beginners including two "novice" sections - one for absolute beginners and one for those who have completed a few events. Other sections are for intermediate, advanced and instructors groups. Students are required to drive a Corvette coupe or fixed-top car. Convertibles are only permitted if they have a SCCA-approved roll cage. Instructors are provided with the registration fee. All students in the beginner, novice and intermediate levels will have classroom instruction and will be accompanied by an instructor in the car while on the track. I'm particularly looking forward to this as the Jim Russell course I took used single seaters. Immediate feedback will be welcome - I think. "Did you even see the apex of that last turn?" Advanced students can be checked out for solo driving.

If I've raised your interest in this event, the bad news is it may already be sold out! If you don't want to watch or pit crew for one of us, the museum is holding a second event at Elkhart Lake - Road America in August. Check out www.corvettemuseum.com for additional information. You can also sign up for their weekly email. It's helpful to keep up with museum events. And while your at it, why not become a supporting member of the museum? It's a great place and a worthy destination with a sole purpose of supporting the cars we love and drive - particularly in the fast lane.

Keith Mordoff
Secretary - CCA
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Mark Your Calendars !!
 April 26th
 Cruise & Tour of the
 National Museum of the Marine Corps



If you haven't visited this beautiful museum, come join us for a day of driving and patriotism. The National Museum of the Marine Corps was opened in November 2006 and is one of the most striking buildings in the area. It houses an extensive journey chronicling the 231 year history of the U.S. Marine Corps from boot camp through all the important milestones of its history. The Marine Corps story is told by through top-notch exhibitions featuring everything from actual tanks and aircraft, to galleries filled with stories, movies and personal recollections.

What: Drive and tour of the U.S. Marine Corps Museum

When: Saturday, April 26, meet at 9:30am

Where: National Museum of the Marine Corps

18900 Jefferson Davis Highway

Triangle, VA 22172 877-635-1775 www.USMCMuseum.org

Meet: 9:30 am, Metro parking lot behind Criswell Chevrolet for group drive. Or you can meet us at the museum at 10:30am

Maps: Provided

Food: Tavern and cafeteria available in the museum

Host: Keith Mordoff, 240-686-0413. kmordoff@verison.net

Corvette Club of America Student Award Fund Pledge

At our March Business Meeting Ms. Radka Nebesky, Assoc. Director of Development, for the University of Maryland provided us with status information on a fund that we have been contributing to for about seven years. The aim of this fund is to provide an annual award to a deserving mechanical engineering student in the A. James Clark School of Engineering at the University of Maryland.

I don't want this article to sound like pledge week at your favorite PBS station but the fact is that we can use your help and we can use it now.

The way these funds operate, only the earnings from the fund are used for the annual award and until there is \$10,000 in the fund no money at all is distributed. The key here is that we still need to collect \$4500 in order to meet the endowment threshold. At the rate we have been able to contribute (\$500 last year) it will still be a VERY long time before a worthy student sees any benefit from this fund.

Your Board of Directors discussed ideas with Radka for accelerating our contribution rate during the March meeting. It is unlikely, and certainly uncertain at the moment, whether or not the club can increase the contribution this year. However, the University can accept **individual** contributions. There are a number of possible advantages of this. First, you get the tax deduction. Second, if you are **unfortunate** enough to still be working (like I am), but **fortunate** enough to be working for a company that matches charitable giving, there is an opportunity to leverage our giving.

I have already made a personal contribution to the fund. The company I work for will match it dollar for dollar. **This is a particularly good cause.** Once we reach the \$10,000 endowment minimum we will actually be helping a student. From that point on the club can continue to contribute to increase the endowment but the Board and yours truly would like to see us get to the minimum threshold as rapidly as possible.

The following page contains information on how you can also make an individual contribution to the fund. If you work for a company that matches giving but you are uncertain of what to do, Radka is in a position to be able to help. She can navigate the process used by your company. In my case I was able to provide all the forms. But, the **KEY** message here is that, if you know your company will match donations but don't know the details, be certain to pass this information along to Radka so that she can follow up.

If you are able to help, please do! Your club has every intention of continuing to contribute as well. But we need to get over the \$10,000 threshold as soon as possible.

Jon Thorn
Courier Editor



A. JAMES CLARK
SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING

Date: March 21, 2008

To: Corvette Club of America, Inc.

RE: Corvette Club of America N.C.C.C. #ER001 Student Award Fund Pledge

Total Outstanding Pledge Balance: \$4,500

Please make checks payable to the **University System of Maryland Foundation** and mail to:

Ms. Radka Z. Nebesky
Associate Director of Development
A. James Clark School of Engineering
University of Maryland
3214 Jeong H. Kim Engineering Building
College Park, MD 20742 -2831


Please indicate that your contribution is a pledge payment for the **Corvette Club of America N.C.C.C. #ER001 Student Award Fund (911-40574)**, either with a notation on the memo line of the check, or by enclosing a letter and/or a copy of this invoice. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at 301.405.8072 or radka@umd.edu .

Thank you for your support!

CCA Member's Forum - Hot Topics


This section is intended to help those who don't have access to the CCA Member's Forum. I'll include selected information from the forum and update it on a monthly basis.

J. Thorn, Editor

Author	Message
<p>2TONLT1</p> <p>Online</p>  <p>Joined: Mon Feb 18, 2008 10:55 am Posts: 23 Location: Gaithersburg, MD</p>	<p>Post subject: Lawride 2008 - May 11th Posted: Sun Mar 30, 2008 10:12 am</p> <p style="text-align: right;">quote edit X ↑</p> <p>We have been promised a flyer for this event but I wanted to get a note out on it as soon as possible since it is only a month away at this point.</p> <p>Here's what I have so far from the organizers: The Lawride starts at RFK Stadium, Sunday, May 11, 2008 at approximately 11:00AM. <Police> motorcycles lead the parade, as many as 1500, followed by antique police vehicles then followed by corvettes. Last year approximately 75 corvettes participated. It is a good opportunity for fellowship and to talk corvette talk. People will start gathering in the lot across from the National Guard Armory at 9:00 AM.</p> <p>I'll have more information on this as it becomes available. Hopefully I'll have additional details in the May Courier but at that point it will only be a week away. In the meantime if I get additional info I'll post it here.</p> <p>If you are interested in attending this event post a reply so that I can see if we are likely to have any members showing up.</p> <hr/> <p>Best regards, <i>Jon</i></p> <hr/> <p>2007 Black C6 Z06, stock 1995 Black Impala SS, heavily modified Corvette Club of America Editor, Corvette Courier</p> <p style="text-align: center;">profile pm</p>

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<p>RedSled90</p> <p>Offline</p>  <p>Joined: Thu Feb 21, 2008 3:32 pm Posts: 27</p>	<p>Post subject: Curry's Clash Car Show Posted: Sat Mar 08, 2008 10:52 am</p> <p>This April 5 event sounds like fun. Some local ZR-1 friends are trying to get a few folks together and go. Any interest?</p> <p>http://www.currysauto.com/</p> <hr/> <p>- Keith Corvette Club of America - Secretary '90 ZR-1 Red/Red '02 Mini Cooper S '00 Kawasaki ZX-6R</p> <p>profile pm</p>



2008
Saturday, April 5th
FREE Curry's Dulles
12-5pm
10 Year Anniversary Celebration

People's Choice Car Show
Enter YOUR car online today! [Click here](#)

DYNO Shoot-Out Contest
Register your car online; \$50 registration fee [Click here](#)

FREE Car Care Clinics
Two sessions available; register online [Click here](#)

FREE entertainment and snacks

Meet PAT GOSS of Goss's Garage
FREE

TONS of giveaways and Door Prizes
Win a set of tires, gasoline cards, Curry's gift certificates and lots more!

Showcase of auto products
featuring BG Products, AWE, Olympus, ATD, AAA

10 year anniversary specials
10% Discount on all prepaid services sold - featuring the Curry Gift Card!
 All tires sold during the event at 10% over cost (with future installation)

"Ask the Curry Technician" Booth
Hey, FREE advice!...Honest Advice to our customers

Hybrid Car Display
Visit with our new Courtesy car fleet featuring Hybrid cars

Corvettes & Accessories For Sale

Contact Jon Thorn if you'd like to have an item listed here.....

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Also note that we have a "For Sale and Wanted" area in the CCA Members Forum.