



Corvette Club of America

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The President's Corner - Don Haller

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The Prez Says

Another month closer to springtime!! As the snow all around me is hopefully melting I'm dreaming of warm spring days cruisin' with the top off the car and listening to some great Corvette tunes on the stereo. I bet you are having the same dream. Before I get on my soapbox, I want to thank Jean Wade for putting together the plans for our Valentine's Day Cruise to the South Mountain Inn. We had a great turn-out of members for the afternoon lunch and the weather was simply incredible for a February afternoon. The food was awesome and the Inn was great! After lunch some of us then took a little side trip to Boonsboro and then back to Frederick to hang out at the Brewer's Alley pub for a bit.

As the weather turns, springtime only means one thing and that is more Corvette activities for all of us to do together. The two closest springtime events will be the Muscle Car Mania drag races and show at Capitol raceway in Crofton, and the Corvette & Camaro Car Show Extravaganza to be held the end of May at Sport Chevrolet in Silver Spring.

We will need earnest commitments from members to come out and helps us for both events. Pat Roney will need help at the gate and during drag races, so you need to contact him to volunteer. As for the car show we need a strong body of members for judging cars, tech-in, membership table and general assistance during the show. Please contact Jean Wade to let her know where you can help out. Also, for anyone that might be gun shy about judging we plan to have two judging training sessions at the two shop nights prior to the show. (April & May.) Additionally, we will pair all new judges with an experienced judge. So, be sure to contact Pat and Jean and let them know you'll be there to help out.

Between now and the drag races the calendar is a little sparse, I hope we can get a cruise or two in before the weather gets hot, so If you have any ideas let us know.

The next business meeting is on Tuesday March, 10th. We plan to hold the meeting at 7:00pm instead of the customary 7:30pm so that we can get our regular business out of the way early; then we can use the remaining time to discuss the plans for the upcoming car show.

See you then,

Membership Director—Jean Wade

CCA Membership Update**MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION****Welcome new Members**

Member	Address	Corvette	Sponsor
Jim & Patricia Badolato	Derwood, Md.	03 Red R	Former member
Bob & Lynn Couse	Damascus, Md.	09 Cy gray	Web

CCA Questions or club clothing, membership and events can be directed to me, **Jean Wade**, vettehon@aol.com 301-253-6074

NCCC Questions direct to our Governor **Rich Taylor**, 301-865-6491 or Richard.j1.taylor@lmco

CCA License Plates contact **Jim Snyder** for complete information 301-948-5766 or jsnyder0623@hotmail.com

March 10th meeting will start at 7pm. We will start our regular meeting and go into the car show meeting. We need you there.

Feb. 24 shop night was just about a full house. **Pat Roney** was the 50/50 winner with \$25. Afterwards the group went to a Mexican restaurant.

Next shop night March 24th includes a Tech Session: “How to clean your Corvette for a car show”

CCA Events line up - Details & more events will be announced.

April	To be announced
May 3rd	Spring drags at Capitol raceway. Muscle Car Mania, Chair Pat Roney
May 31st	CCA all Corvette Car show. Need a chair and co chair
June 14th	CCA Picnic. Place to be announced
June 27th	Gburg car show Criswell
July 18th	Pool party, chair Joe & Angie Vaeth
Aug. 28-30	Corvettes at Carlisle
Sept.13th	All Corvette Races, Chair Pat Roney
Oct. 16-17	Tentative Date for Corvettes in Ocean City, Md.
Nov. 14th	Toys For Tots Hooters in Rockville, Md, Chair Dan Girardi

Anyone who wants to sponsor an event for April please call Jean Wade right away or come to our March 10th meeting.

Our Valentine’s Day luncheon was a success. We had about 30 people and everyone drove their Corvettes. What a fun day, Thanks to all that attended.

The Editor's Corner- Jon Thorn

CORVETTE RAMBLINGS

This may come as a shock, and I know it is hard to believe, but your editor is going to do his best to keep this month's *Ramblings* brief for a change. In fact, most of my comments this month will simply be reminders.

First, as Don and Jean mentioned in their articles, the business meeting on March 10th is going to start at 7:00PM rather than the usual 7:30PM. To add to the confusion we will be on Daylight Savings Time by then. It is going to be a very important meeting so I hope to see you all there. Don't miss it. May is right around the corner and we need your support for the two major events that month.

Don did not mention it in his article but he put a great collection of photos from the Valentine's Day Cruise on the CCA website. Be sure to check them out.

Pat asked me to say a few words about the two day HPDE at Virginia International Raceway on June 29th and 30th. I attended this NCM sponsored event in 2007 and 2008. If you are able to attend, I can promise that you will have the best two days with your Corvette that you have ever had regardless of your level of experience. Registration is set for March 12th at 9AM our time and the event will sell out in minutes. You literally will need to be leaning over your keyboard ready to punch the Enter key at 9AM. Don't be too quick though because I will be fighting for a spot too! Check out the NCM web site at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/HPDE/virinfo.shtml>. I will be posting more information in the Circuit Racing area of our CCA Forum too. Contact me directly if you have questions.

If you have seen the calendar, you know that we don't have a cruise event set for April yet. I'm in the process of setting up a cruise to the Flying Dog & Wild Goose Brewery in Frederick. It will probably be after April 15th. Let me know if you'd like to help me since this will be the first time that I attempt to chair an event.

It is time to change gears for a moment and this is a real pleasure for me. Instead of begging for help I want to thank you all for your support of the club's charity work. The list of charities that we support is on our website but one of them is particularly close to my heart. When I joined the CCA a couple of years ago I quickly came to the conclusion that we needed to complete the \$10,000 endowment at the University of Maryland. It has been sort of a pet project for me and I'm not even a Maryland graduate. I am very happy to say that we are in striking distance at this point. With a little bit of luck we will be able to reach the goal this year. On the next page you will see a letter we received from the University last month. It arrived too late for the February newsletter but I wanted to make sure that you all see it. It is a tough economy for us at the moment but it is even tougher on those in college. The CCA can feel proud that we will be making things a little easier for mechanical engineering undergraduates at the University of Maryland.

That's it for this month. I hope to see you at the business meeting. Be careful out on the roads...

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Competition Chair— Pat Roney

CORVETTE COMPETITION

COMPETITION REPORT February 2009

It is difficult to get excited about the new competition season when there is snow on the ground, but the reality is that we are almost ready to start. For the drag racers the season starts this weekend, March 7th and 8th, at Maryland International Raceway, Capitol Raceway and Mason Dixon Raceway. Even 75 – 80 Dragway is reopening on April 3rd after being closed since 2005. High Speed Driving Events at Summit Point’s Friday at the Track starts March 27th. Virginia International Raceway has already started their season and New Jersey Motorsports Park opens this weekend with a Porsche Club event. Autocrosses look like they will start next month. So lets brush the snow off of our Corvettes and get them on the road.

DATES ARE SET FOR MUSCLE CAR MANIA AND ALL CORVETTE DRAG RACES AND CAR SHOWS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
May 3, 2009	Muscle Car Mania Drag Race & Car Show	Capitol Raceway
Sep 13, 2009	All Corvette Drag Race & Car Show	Capitol Raceway

NOTE: The Muscle Car Mania Car Show will **NOT** be an NCCC sanctioned event. It seems there is a conflict with our date and other NCCC activities. This years drag events will allow non Corvettes, including trucks and foreign cars, to participate in the practice session only. Eliminations will include only American Muscle cars for the May 3rd event and Corvettes and Vipers for the September 13th event.

THE FOLLOWING ARE EVENTS SPONSORED BY OTHER EAST REGION NCCC CLUBS:

AUTOCROSS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>	<u>TYPE</u>
06/14/09	Lancaster County Corvette Club	double
08/23/09	Lancaster County Corvette Club	double
09/20/09	Central Pennsylvania Corvette Club	single
	Lancaster County Corvette Club	single
09/27/09	Tri-County Vettes	double
10/03/09	Culpeper Corvette Club	double
10/03/09	Northern Virginia Corvette Club	5 autocrosses
10/04/09	Hampton Roads Corvette Club	7 autocrosses

HIGH SPEED DRIVING EVENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
03/28/09	Summit Point Jefferson ckt	Northern Virginia Corvette Club
04/18,19/09	POCONO	Cumberland Valley Corvette Club
05/25,26/09	POCONO	Corvette Club of Northeastern PA

06/29,30/09	VIRGINIA INTL RACEWAY	National Corvette Museum
07/10/09	SUMMIT POINT main ckt	Northern Virginia Corvette Club

The following dates for Summit Point Friday at the Track are on the main circuit:
3/27, 4/24, 6/19, 7/24, 9/11, 10/16, 11/6 & 11/20.

Please let me know if you are interested in participating or attending Friday at the Track at Summit Point. Keep in mind that the novice class fills up months in advance.

PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA POTOMAC REGION INVITES CCA TO AUTOCROSSES.

The Porsche Club of America Potomac Region has invited the Corvette Club of America to participate in their local autocrosses. Most of their 8 total events will be held in the parking lots at Bowie Baysox Stadium, in Bowie MD. They charge \$40 for their events. The first scheduled event will be April 26th. Other autocrosses are scheduled for May 24, June 21, July 19, August 15, September 27, and October 18.

They also have an Autocross school on Sunday, April 5th, at the new "Washington Circuit" recently constructed at Summit Point Raceway, in Summit Point WV. The new facility is a large paved area with multiple skid pad configurations. Details will be up soon on their website, www.pcapotomac.org.

NEW JERSEY MOTORSPORTS PARK invites Corvette Club of America to check them out. I received the following email from NJMP:

I am pleased that a number of fellow Corvette owners are interested in exploring "Life in the fast lane", that is what NJMP is about, not to mention owning a Corvette. Included in a tour is an opportunity to drive on both of our tracks at a slow pace, check and drive on our karting facility, at a faster pace, and of course a full tour of our 700 acre park and it's amenities. We can also schedule a luncheon at our clubhouse where we can discuss our membership and hold a question and answer forum. Please look at our schedule and select a day that we don't have a major pro event and I will be pleased to make it a inspiring event for your members. Thanks.

Steve



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I am looking for a date when we can take a tour of NJMP. July 25th looks like the best date as far as

the NJMP schedule goes. Please let me know if you are interested in this event and date.

I have not seen any more info on Steve's claim that they will have an NCM event in July.

As you can see, there is plenty of activity to keep us occupied this year. Lets all get out and enjoy it.

Check out the new Racing section of the CCA homepage. Don Haller and I have been trying to keep it updated.

Pat Roney
Competition Chair
Corvette Club of America
<http://www.corvetteclubofamerica.org/>



NCCC Governor's Report



News From NCCC

At the May 2008 National Governor's meeting, Dick Yanko, NCCC President, appointed a new committee. In its short life, this committee has operated under a couple names, but the name of ***Vision Committee*** has stuck. When President Yanko appointed the committee, he charged them with developing a vision of what NCCC will be in the future. His goal was for the committee *"To gather information regarding finances, organization, rules, and our purpose, and make our great organization better. The committee is to present this information to the Governors in a form that is reasonable and ready to implement."*

The committee members are Joe Vasta, Kevin Milton, Dennis Patrick, Penn Pritchett and Jim Asbury. The committee will begin by collecting data about multiple areas of the current organization. After collecting the data, the committee will begin to design the organization for the future and will present its design both to the NCCC Executive Board and to the governors for their review and approval. Once the design has been approved, the committee will monitor the implementation of its recommendations.

Since the committee is to provide a vision for the future, they are seeking your input to build the organization consistent with the view of its membership through two separate paths. First, your input can be captured by taking a survey about selected areas of NCCC. Please look for the survey which will be posted soon on the NCCC site. The responses to the survey are anonymous – no personal information will be captured. As a second means to capture your thoughts, the NCCC Webmaster has created a group e-mail address – Vision-Committee@corvettesnccc.org. By clicking on this e-mail address, you can send a single e-mail that will reach all committee members. I urge all of our members to take this survey or send an email to provide your inputs on the future direction of NCCC.

East Region Club Sponsored Events

Here are some upcoming events sponsored by other clubs in the East Region. Please let me know if you are interested in coordinating a group of CCA members to participate in any of these events as a club.

G'burg Corvette Club

Date: 21 March 2009

From: 9:00am To: Completion

Category: Rallye

Location: Gaithersburg, Park-n-Ride at I-270N Exit 10

Event Description: Double Rallye

Email: gbv@ernccc.org

More info: <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2009/ER-190-001.pdf>

Sanction #: ER-190-001 & ER-190-002

Northern Virginia Corvette Club

Date: 28 March 2009

From: 6:30am To: 3:00 pm

Category: Driver School

Location: Jefferson Circuit, Summit Point, WV

Event Title: Driver School - NVCC

Event Description: Driver School

Non-Sanction: N-009

Email: nvcc@ernccc.org

More info: <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2009/N-009.pdf>

Corvette Annapolis

Date: 19 April 2009

From: 12:00 pm To: 2:00 pm

Category: Concours

Location: Ourisman Chevrolet of Bowie, 16610 Governor Bridge Rd, Bowie, MD 20716

Event Description: Concours (1) Peoples Choice

Email: ca@ernccc.org

More info: <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2009/ER-372-006.pdf>

Sanction # ER-372-006

Keystone State Corvette Club

Date: 25 April 2009

From: 9:30 am To: Completion

Category: Rallye (3)

Location: Shady Maple Farm Market & Smorgasbord 129 Toddy Drive, East Earl, PA 17519

Event Description: Triple Rallye

Email: ksc@ernccc.org

More info: www.keystonestatecorvetteclub.net

Sanction # ER-093-007, ER-093-008, ER-093-105

Central Pennsylvania Corvette Club

Date: 26 April 2009

From: 8:00 am To: 3:00 pm

Category: Concours

Location: ANTIQUE AUTO MUSEUM, 161 MUSEUM DRIVE, HERSHEY, PA 17033

Event Title: Concours (2) CPCC

Event Description: Double Concours - Peoples Choice

Sanction # ER-196-010 & ER-196-011

Email: cpcc@ernccc.org

More info: <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2009/ER-196-010.pdf>

Other News

I have ordered 25 of the NCCC 50th Anniversary Pins. I have firm orders from club members for 16 so far. If you are interested in purchasing a pin for \$3.00 each please let me know. I will be picking the pins up on Saturday, March 14th.

For any new or renewing members whose applications were turned in this year, there will be a delay in receiving your NCCC membership packets due to the death of the NCCC member who normally processes these. Her husband is trying to fill in, but mailings have understandably fallen behind. Please be patient.

For those who like to shop online at Mid America Motorworks, here's a special offer for NCCC members: If you go to www.mamotorworks.com/NCCC and provide your email address, the next time that you place an order with them, they will send you a special gift. Beginning April 1, they will begin emailing an advertisement that includes a "special code" to the email address that you provide. When you place an order and enter this code, they will send you the gift. Mid America Motorworks has been a big supporter of NCCC.

As always, please contact me with any questions or suggestions that you may have regarding NCCC.

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