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The President's Corner - Don Haller

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The Prez Says

It amazes me that I'm already writing the closing words for the 2010 CCA calendar year. It has been one packed calendar this year, from the Awards dinner in January, and Karting event in February all the way to this month with our last Cruise-In at FedEx field. I don't know how we could possibly have squeezed any more activities into our schedule and kept our heads above water. I really could not have asked for a better close to our year of activities than with the Toys for Tots drive planned by Dan Girardi in November and the "Redskins's Cruise-In" held just a week ago at FedEx Field in Largo, MD. Both of these events turned out record numbers of participants, especially for potentially cold weather activities. Dan did a great job as usual getting things organized with the Marine Corps for the Toy drive. Take a closer look at the photos here in this edition. A few weeks later I took a long shot and decided to do an early December cruise-in for our last outdoor event of the year and was rewarded with cool but sunny weather. On top of that we had some new friends from the Baltimore County Corvette Club visit us and participate in the fun show too.

Of course as the year comes to an end, that means that there are lots of individuals to thank for donating their time and energy to making all of this happen. Therefore, on January 22nd we will have our Annual CCA Awards/End of year Dinner at Alfio's In Chevy Chase, MD. This is the same location we have had the dinner for the past couple years. This year we also plan to have a great stand-up comedian perform during the early part of the evening prior to eating and giving out the awards. I hear the comedian is extremely funny and at the same time keeps his act G-Rated! So, I hope to see you all out there for this celebration of CCA success in January. Jean will provide all the details shortly.

Again this year we will be pitching-in with our dedicated sponsor Sport Chevrolet to bring Christmas bicycles and helmets to needy children from Montgomery County this Christmas season on Tuesday, December 21. This year CCA will be purchasing the helmets while Sport Chevrolet provides the bicycles, decorations and food. Oh yeah, Santa will be there too. If you want to help assemble bicycles, some of us from CCA will be at Sport Chevrolet on Friday, December 17th at 6:30pm in the shop to help put together bikes. Anyone is welcome to come out and help if you can fit it into your schedule. This is a fantastic evening just watching the kids and seeing their reaction to the unveiling of over a hundred bicycles meant just for them!

Lastly I wanted to end this message with a simple condolence to Barbara Huber and her family in the wake of the loss of her husband and another of our CCA friends, Carl Huber. We will miss Carl at our shop nights, meetings and other fun events he enjoyed participating.

I wish all of you and your families a Happy Holiday Season!



Membership Director—Jean Wade

CCA Membership Update**MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION****Welcome New Member****Sponsor**

Frank & Chris Abelson Brookville, Md. 01 torch red. Conv. Tony Corvettes

Correction on last month's new member's name. Henry Kramer is the correct name.

We will dearly miss member, Carl Huber who passed away Dec. 8th. He was a great guy and loved CCA. If you know a friend that hasn't been feeling well, please go visit them and spend some time. It may be just the last time you see them. We are all so busy in our lives we just need to take some time out for our love ones and friends. Our hearts go out to his wife Barbara.

New style membership cards are ready.

I will have them with me at the meetings and shop night, and Jan. Awards dinner party. If I don't see you at these events I will mail to you. **If you forgot to renew you can do so for \$65 at any time.**

T' shirts.. I still have some CCA shirts if you like to give one for a Christmas gift.

NCCC Questions direct to our Gov. **Ron Hamrah** 202-882-8157 rhamrah@gmail.com

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

Shop Night Nov. 50/50 winner was Larry Steinberg. Next shop night Dec.21st with a party in the show room. The service area will be open if you want to work on your Corvette

Coming up Events...

Dec. 21st **Shop night and Bikes for Tikes 6:30pm**
Jan 22nd 2011 Annual CCA Dinner Party and awards.

If you can donate a door prize for the Awards dinner In Jan. it would be very helpful. Just let me know if I can count on you.

*Keep that smile on your face, your foot down on the pedal, and give me a curve
Blast the radio. Wow, what a life.*

Jean Wade - 2000 Red coupe Membership, director 301-253-6074 vettehon@aol.com

The Editor's Corner— Jon Thorn**CORVETTE RAMBLINGS**

As I sit here, way behind schedule and with snow on the ground, I cannot help but think about the fact that the end of the year is as busy as the rest of the year has been. If you participated in even half of the club activities this year you had lots of fun and a packed calendar just like mine.

If you did not participate in at least half of the events then you should really think about a New Year's resolution to get more involved with your club next year. There are lots of ways you can join in on the fun. We had a broad mix of social get-togethers this year and if you enjoy just hanging out with a bunch of like minded Corvette fanatics you'll find plenty of similar opportunities next year. We also had a wide range of competitive (read as fun) activities ranging from car shows, to drag races, to autocross events. We even held an autocross school for the first time in anyone's memory. I can promise you more of the same for next year because we have been actively working on the 2011 calendar. If you have not been participating, a great way to start is to show up for a Shop Night or even a Business Meeting. Yes, even the business meetings are fun! This has been my first full year of "retirement" and I have way less time now than when I was working. I know how easy it is to run out of time. But you really ought to consider reserving some time to have fun with the CCA next year. It'll make a great New Year's resolution.

I have two important items for you this month.

First, later in this issue you will see a flyer and RSVP form for the Winter Dinner Party on January 22nd. You need to complete the form and get it back to Jean Wade no later than January 20th. Responding earlier would be ok too.

Second, as you may know, Grand Prix racing is coming to Baltimore next Labor Day Weekend (<http://www.baltimoregrandprix.com>). Indy cars and ALMS cars will be racing in the streets of Baltimore for the first time! We plan on showing up in force to cheer on the Corvette Racing Team in the ALMS series. Several of your club members (me included) attended the Indy/ALMS races at Mid-Ohio this past summer and had a fantastic time. Ticket sales have opened already on the website above but we want to suggest that you not get tickets yet if you want to join with other CCA members at this event. We will let you know when and how to obtain tickets if you want to attend with the club. See the message below that was sent to the NCCC Governors:

Governors: We are working on a package deal for the East Region with the Baltimore Grand Prix people. Please tell your clubs to refrain from buying tickets until we have our package plan in place. You will be offered either a two-day or three-day package with parking (corvettes all together in a corral), and our grand stand tickets will all be together so we can enjoy the weekend as a region.

We will have a special code to use to buy tickets on the BGP website, so as soon as that is in place, I will share the code with you so we can all begin purchasing tickets for this very exciting race. I am thrilled that Corvettes will be racing on the streets of Baltimore and hope to see all of you there!

Finally, I want to make just a brief addition to Don's comments about Carl Huber for the benefit of those few that may not have known him. You could not possibly ask for a more positive attitude in all situa-

tions, a more smiling face regardless of problems, or for someone who genuinely enjoyed life more. Carl was very proud to have made it to the Toys For Tots event. It was the last time that I had a chance to talk with him. He made a point of asking me to make sure that the picture below be published in the Courier. Carl, this one is for you.



Be careful out there and Save The Wave!

Jon Thorn
CCA Courier Editor



Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

CORVETTE COMPETITION**Competition Report****Upcoming Events**

The initial planning meeting for next year's competition events has taken place and we are scheduling six club sponsored racing events. This includes four autocross classes and autocross events and two drag racing events. In addition to our spring and fall drag races, we have scheduled an autocross event every other month starting in April and ending in November. Once all dates are finalized, I will include them in the events and racing sections of our web site and in the newsletter. We plan to start the competition juices flowing in February by scheduling a Go-Kart racing event at the same facility near Dulles Airport where we held the event this year. We will send out an email notification and post the details of the event as soon as it is nailed down. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas that you have for competitive events and I will be glad to help organize them and to get the word out. Competition events include car shows, road rallies, funkhanas, drag races and autocross events.

In the last newsletter I announced that there were no more planned racing events for the year. However, our good buddy and CCA member John Armstrong (Ranger) came out of hiding and scheduled an impromptu drag racing test and tune session at MIR on November 29th. Below is an article and photos of the event by Pat Roney. Several members set personal best times during this event.

Rich Taylor
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Test & Tune At MIR – Ranger, John Armstrong, is back and ready to race. Dick Link and I met Ranger at Maryland International Raceway (MIR) to share some old memories and to make some new. Ranger is visiting for about a month to get some driving practice in. During the month he is hoping to do a couple of track rentals, one of which happened Monday November 29th.



3 familiar faces in the pits.



Dick Link with his son Bill.

The Lingenfelter team drove in from Indiana to meet up with Ranger and try out their new Camaro. The goal was to get a run under 9 seconds. They were successful with an 8.99. I didn't think to take a picture until they had put the Camaro back in the trailer.



Ranger rented MIR Monday November 29th and hosted 7 drag racers.





Fun was had by all with a couple of new personal bests achieved. Ranger ran an 11.02 ET with his bone stock C6 Z06 on street tires. There was another personal best of 11.33 ET by Jim Parisi also with a bone stock C6 Z06 on street tires.

There will possibly be another track rental before mid December and Ranger is looking for more cars with drag radials this time. The total number of cars participating in the track rental is 8, including Ranger.

Pat Roney

NCCC Governor — Ron Hamrah

NCCC Report

Points of Contact Listing

NCCC Questions direct to our Governor **Ron Hamrah** 202-607-3399, rhamrah@gmail.com

NCCC Governor's Report



Wounded Warriors arriving in DC (WRAMC) from San Francisco (Pacific Ocean May 21, 2010) enroute to Virginia Beach (Atlantic Ocean July 24, 2010)

By Ron Hamrah, NCCC Governor for CCA

NCCC News

At our last East Region meeting on Dec 4, the leadership announced the changes which were made to the NCCC By-Laws and Competition Rules. You can see them at <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCHandbook.html> The changes are in timeline submission requirements for club events, changes to refine Group and Sub-Group classifications and others changes to modify terminology.

We have plenty of events (Drags, AutoX Training, AutoX, Car Show, etc.) registered with NCCC for next year. The NCCC East Region calendar is packed with regional club events almost every weekend

from April 10 through November 12, 2011. As usual, I will be providing detail on those events in my monthly column.

I am pleased to have submitted 190 CCA membership registrations to NCCC for 2011.

Also, be sure to check out the following informative websites:

East Region NCCC website at <http://www.ernccc.org>

Corvette Forum at <http://forums.corvetteforum.com/index.php>

EAST REGION NCCC Vette-work

All NCCC members are invited to join the East Region Vette-work, the heart and soul of Corvette enthusiasm. <http://ernccc.ning.com/?xgi=0o5HhRuMrv1zbl>

There is a new App that will handle classified ads better than the Forum did. You will find a new section called "Listings" where you can list items For Sale or Wanted.

CCA Members GET READY !!!

If you missed the 2009 National Caravan to Bowling Green, KY, you missed seeing 8,000 Corvettes from across the US and Canada as well as Corvette enthusiasts (without their Corvettes) from Holland, Germany and (23 of them from) Australia !!! Don't miss the next caravan. Check it out at <http://www.corvettecaravan.com/> Contact me or ask any of our CCA members who participated.

VERIZON CELL PHONE SERVICE DISCOUNT

If you are a military veteran and use Verizon for your cell phone service, you can get a 15% discount on your service. All you need to do is take a copy of your DD-214 to a Verizon store and tell them you would like to have the Vets Discount. Tell them the discount code is 117818. You should get a 15% discount off your monthly bill. You can even fax them your 214 for the discount.

East Region Club Sponsored Events

This section will resume in the March newsletter.

NCM Ambassador — Terry Popkin

National Corvette Museum Report

LG Motorsports Displays Corvette GT2 Le Mans Car

Lou Gigliotti of LG Motorsports in Dallas Texas has placed his GT2 car on display at the museum for up to a year. This is the only Corvette ever built for ALMS racing by someone other than Pratt and Miller. In addition, it is the only private team entry of a Corvette in ALMS racing. Lou and his team had several top five finishes in 2009. The car on display is chassis #001 and just one car was built for the series. Be sure to check it out if you are at the museum and see what can be done without Corvette Racing!



2001 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

The National Corvette Museum has announced the 2011 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductees. Each year individuals are selected in the areas of GM/Chevrolet, Enthusiast, and Racing. This year's GM inductee is Clare "Mac" MacKichan who was directly responsible for the design of all Corvettes from the first through the early 1960s. Ray Quinlan is this year's Enthusiast. He is NCM Lifetime member number 1 and donated the first car (a 1953) to the museum. This year's Racing inductee is Ron Fellows, who holds 27 Corvette wins, three ALMS Championships, and two wins at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. He also holds an unprecedented four "Most Popular Driver" award from ALMS fans. Full details on this year's inductees are available on the NCM web site.



Mac MacKichan



Ray Quinlan



Ron Fellows

Corvette Forum Cruise-In

Registration is now open for the 2011 cruise-in. Check the Events area of the NCM web site for details. The event will be May 26-28 and will include seminars, and local as well as long distance tours.

New Website Created For the NCM Motorsports Park

The NCM now has a dedicated website for the proposed motorsports park. You ought to check it out if you have not already seen it. The latest news is that the East Ohio Region of the NCCC is now a contributor to the One Acre Club. Here's the website: <http://www.motorsportspark.org>



Terry Popkin
 NCM Ambassador
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**Corvette Club of America Winter Dinner Party
Saturday, January 22 2011 at 6PM until 10PM**

**Alfio's Cucina Italiana
4515 Willard Avenue
Chevy Chase, MD 20815
301-657-9133
www.alfios.com
(Right off Wisconsin Ave. near Mazza Gallery).**

Parking: Free Valet Parking: or Free Self Park if needed.

6:00pm Happy hour with lots of Hot Appetizers.

**Open Bar 6PM until 9PM, Cash bar after that.
Choice of one of the following Entrees:**

Veal Parmigianino

Veal Piccata

Eggplant Parmigiana

Chicken Francese

Broiled Fillet of Flounder

Filet Mignon

Plus, includes the following: Fresh Vegetables, Bread, Dessert, Coffee or Tea

All this for only \$35.00 per person!

**Checks are to be made payable to CCA and mailed to
Jean Wade
24716 Tandem Drive
Damascus, MD 20872**

Please feel free to contact Jean by email at vettehon@aol.com 301-253-6074

***** Awards Banquet Reply *****

Please RSVP before January 20th

Member Name:

**Number of people to attend: _____ X \$35.00 per person =
\$_____**

Guest Name: (If applicable)

**Entrée Selection: (Pick one per person).
Choices Member Guest**

- Veal Parmigiana** _____
- Veal Piccata** _____
- Eggplant Parmigiana** _____
- Chicken Francese** _____
- Broiled Fillet of Flounder** _____
- Filet Mignon** _____

**Dessert Selection: (Pick one per person).
Member Guest**

Cake _____

Please make check payable to CCA for total amount due and send along with this reply form to:

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