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The President's Corner - Don Haller

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The Prez Says

I'm writing this message to you on the morning after two days of standing in the parking lot of our Fall Autocross event. Although my knees and back feel tattered and torn from the event, we once again had an awesome day. I thoroughly enjoyed acting as starter for the event. It's great watching the determination in people's faces before they hear the words "GO"! It's also interesting standing less than 12 inches from 400- 500 horsepower Corvette unleashing its fury from the line!!!

Wow, so much has been happening it seems like months since I last wrote this column for the Courier! (oops! maybe it has been!) I have so many things on my mind; I'll have to be brief on each point and try to cover some more territory in another article within the pages here. Since the last edition of the Courier we have participated in a lot of activities, starting I believe with Ocean City Corvette Weekend in the middle of October. We had a great turnout of club members and their cars. The weather worked out great for us as we hung out at most of the usual haunts and had a great time. I'll cover this in a little more detail in a subsequent article. We then wrapped up October with a drive into Southern Maryland on a cool autumn afternoon to visit the Running Hare Winery in Prince Frederick, MD. Taking a very long winding driveway off the main road through the woods of Calvert County we approached a beautiful property lined with rows of grapes and a large Tuscan like villa sitting at the top of the hill. After finding parking, a group of about ten of us spent the afternoon learning of some great new wines from a local Maryland vineyard. We were treated to a long list of tastings and then enjoyed some great food that was sold on site at the outdoor tasting room. A guitarist played a great selection of oldies but goodies while we sat back enjoying the afternoon sun and the company of CCA friends.

I might also mention that Rich Taylor and a couple other CCA members drove down to Manassas, VA on October 30th to participate in Northern VA, Corvette Club's Spooktacular Autocross Event. They held both high speed and low speed events. Rich came back with a grin on his face so it must have been good. If you are interested in participating in any of these competitive events don't hesitate to contact Rich about getting involved.

November brings us a couple more great events, beginning with the Double Autocross held at Lincoln Tech in Columbia. I'm not going to steal the thunder from Rich Taylor, but again we had a great time at the event co-sponsored with Bel Air Corvette Club! This will be covered in detail in the Competition Section.

Next weekend on the 13th of November don't forget the Toys for Tots Drive at Hooters in Rockville. Keep your fingers crossed for Indian summer and a great day at the Toys 4 Tots Cruise-In and Car Show. If you can make it, bring a new unwrapped toy for a donation and let Dan know if you plan to attend. I have posted a link and flyer on the home page of our website.

Just a couple weeks after Toys 4 Tots we will be hosting a totally new experience for CCA. We have been invited to attend a day at Redskins Park on Saturday, December 4th, to use their facilities to host any event of our choice and then take a guided tour of the "Bowl" and "Premium Products". We will be taken on a tour of the premium suites, seats and fun stuff that many of us don't get to see or even know exists. They will probably soft sell us little on some of these products but I understand it's a great tour worth seeing and which will end with some finger foods and drinks for all. A Redskins celebrity will also make an appearance to welcome the Corvette Club to Redskins Park. After the tour we will return to the parking lot and finish socializing, eating and judge the cars that show up for the cruise-in. I am also inviting any East Region NCCC Club that wants to attend, most notably, G'Burg Corvettes, Northern VA Corvette Club, Annapolis, Baltimore and Bel Air. There is a new NCCC club in Bowie I want to invite as well. I know it sounds cold...., but I'm hoping for a sunny nice day to give us one more fun day outdoors for the year.

As the year begins to roll to a close a few things are happening as far as club administration goes. First is trying to finalize all renewals for the upcoming year and second is the nomination and election of officers for the upcoming year. I think we are doing a great job on our membership renewal drive, but if you haven't sent Jean your check, please get it to her as soon as possible. I truly hope you find your membership to CCA a valuable expense in the laundry list of things we normally have to reach into our checkbooks to take care of each year. During the past two years I have tried to increase the number and quality of programs and activities our members have available to them. Additionally, I have worked hard to foster a stronger relationship with our sponsor at Sport Chevrolet. I urge you as members to take advantage of the benefits of your membership including shop nights and discounts at Sport when you need service or parts for your automobiles. More than those benefits are the friendships and good times that we have together. I have said it before and I'll say it again. "Your experience in the club is directly related to what you put into it". I urge you to come out and get to know us better at an event or social gathering. I really strive to ensure that every member is welcomed and made feel a part of this Corvette family we call CCA. I know this sounds a bit "Sappy" but I really mean it.

Lastly, the other big happening for our club at the end of the year is the nomination of a new board and election of Officers for 2011. In a few days you will receive ballot by e-mail or postal letter from Jean Wade. You will need to respond as soon as possible so we can tally the votes and have next year's slate announced at the December Shop Night. I hope to see you all again soon at a meeting, event or Shop Night!!

Take Care – Save the Wave and have a great Thanksgiving!!

Don Haller
President, CCA

Membership Director—Jean Wade

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

Henry & Dorothy Yoakum Alex. Va. 10 Torch Rd. R. Web site

Club Renewals are due to me by Nov. 15th -19th. We don't want you to incur a \$10 late fee. I mailed invoices in Oct. please make corrections on spelling, address, Corvette update, E-mail and phone. If you have not received your invoice for renewal you must contact me by phone or e -mail. Jean 301-253-6074 vettehon@aol.com

Are you receiving your CCA club e-mail? If not you need to let me know.

New CCA hats styles - Taking orders on colors to match your Corvettes.

Polo Shirt - Still haven't come up with a style to match our old Polo race shirts.

I have CCA T's and race shirts at the races all for sale. New T's any color can be ordered. With or without pockets.

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 Oct. 50/50 winner was Larry Steinberg. **Next shop night Nov.16th. Early this month due to Thanksgiving. For November and December Shop Night will be the 3rd Tuesday.**

Coming up Events...

Nov. 13th 12pm	Toys for Tots at Rockville, Md. Hooters Chair Dan Girardi
Dec. 4 th	Cruise in at FedEx field. Details in this newsletter
Jan 22 nd 2011	Annual CCA Dinner Party and awards.

*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

Well, I am freshly back from my vacation trip to Eastern Europe that I mentioned in the last issue of the Courier. My wife, sister and I took a riverboat cruise from Budapest to the Black Sea on the Danube. Almost ten years ago we rode the same boat the opposite direction from Budapest to Amsterdam. While it was the same boat and same river there is a huge difference between travelling through Germany and this recent trip through Hungary, Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia, and Romania. Space here does not allow going into detail but we met wonderful people, saw some spectacular scenery and gained a new perspective while filling a decade old goal of traveling the length of the Danube. Here is a photo of the riverboat and another of the three of us in the 2500 year old city of Constanta, Romania at the shore of the Black Sea.



Unfortunately I had to miss the Ocean City gathering this year because of the vacation trip but you'll find a nice article later in this issue thanks to Don Haller. I'll be at OC next year for sure! However, CCA activities have kept me really busy since getting back from the trip. We have a lot going on! The autocross turned out very well and the novice school was also a hit. Be sure to see Rich Taylor's article on competition. There is a lot of growth potential here for next year if we want to expand the autocross activity. This has turned out to be a fairly large issue of the Courier considering that I was on vacation and that things usually slow up about this time of year. You won't want to miss Larry Steinberg's article on Route 66 later in this issue. If you are a drag racer you'll want to see the message from John Armstrong (aka Ranger) later in this issue. He is back in the area and will be setting up track rentals at MIR again if you want to take advantage of perfect weather and a well prepared strip to set some personal bests.

This next comment is not Corvette related but it is drag racing related. As many of you know I was (and remain) an Impala SS guy. We can keep it sort of Corvette related since these '94 - '96 Impalas came originally equipped with the LT1. To make a long story short, the tenth running of the Southern Super Heavy Shootout was held on November 6th at the Atlanta Dragway in Commerce, GA. This is an annual gathering of my Impala gang and has evolved into a contest between heavy weight rear wheel drive cars from Mopar, GM or Ford. They run four bracket classes, Pro Street, and a Big Dog, all-out, heads up class. Just as it was very interesting seeing the Marauder on our autocross course, it is interesting seeing the big boys on a drag strip. Lest you get the idea that heavy has to be slow, check out this picture of the SSHS 10 Top Dog winner.... It is hard to spot the car in front of the two parachutes but that is an Impala

SS hiding up there! I hope you can see the result on the scoreboard! It takes a lot to get two and a half tons moving that fast but to quote a former F4 pilot, “with enough horsepower you can even make a brick fly.”



I'm going to close by asking you to be sure to get your annual dues to Jean and please remember to return the pink form when you send your check. Make sure all the data on the form is correct so that we have good contact information for you. The second important request is a reminder to respond to Jean's email and send in your votes for your CCA Board. Finally, I hope to see you all at our Toys For Tots event at the Rockville Hooters on November 13th at noon.

Save the Wave!

Jon Thorn

CCA Courier Editor

Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

CORVETTE COMPETITION**Competition Report**

Our final major racing event for the year was our dual autocross on Sunday November 7th at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD. We also conducted an Autocross 101 school on Saturday November 6th for those who wanted to try autocrossing with an instructor or who wanted to try it for the first time in a non-competitive environment. We had 10 students for the autocross class and they were all very excited about giving this sport a try. They got both classroom time and time on an autocross course both with and without an instructor.

On Sunday we had 34 participants in our two autocross events. Despite trouble with the timing equipment, we were able to complete both events successfully using stop watches. Next year the club will be considering the purchase of our own timing equipment since we have had three very successful events and it looks like we can recover the cost of the equipment in about one year.

If you weren't present at these events then you missed two great opportunities to enjoy your car. We are trying to get more people interested in participating in CCA autocross events and events put on by other NCCC clubs in the region. Sunday's event was co-sponsored by the Bel Air Corvette Club who provided the timing equipment for. Pictures from both the school and the autocross are at the end of this article.

While attending the Nostalgia drag races at Capitol Raceway on October 24th, I was talking to one of the racers in the staging lanes. It turns out that he won 1st place in his class during our 2009 All Corvette drag races. He told me that he never found his picture on our web site so I promised that I would post it in the newsletter and in the photo section of our site. So here it is:

Ken Bossett – 1st place class winner of the 2009 CCA Muscle Car Mania Drag Races



We also met Bob Glidden, the famous NHRA Pro Stock Champion, and Pat and I both took a picture with him. See Below.

Pat Roney with Bob Glidden



Rich Taylor with Bob Glidden



Supercar on the autocross course



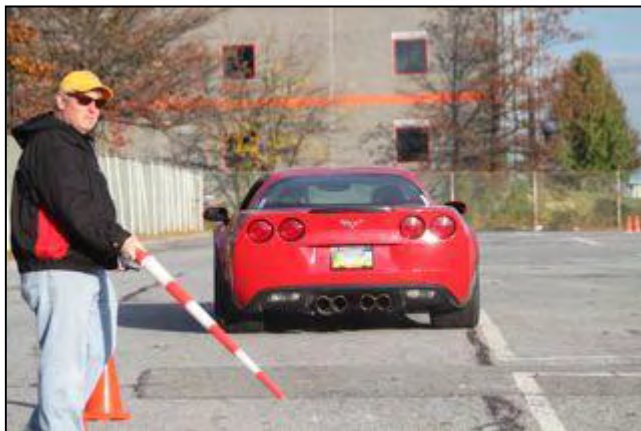
Roxana Hegarty attacking the course in her first autocross



Al Hegarty getting ready for his first autocross run



Don Haller working the starting line



Bob Couse carving his way around the cones



Our NCCC Governor, Ron Hamrah, running his first autocross



Tom Armstrong finessing his way around the cones



Tom Boyce is one happy autocrosser



Rich Taylor leading the Autocross School



Driver's meeting at the Autocross



Several club members attended the October 22nd FATT event at Summit Point. Congratulations to Dan Wendling who qualified for Group 2 which will allow him to run solo. We had cool weather, but it was a fun day and everyone came back in one piece.

Summit Point paddock area, October 22nd FATT



On 10/31 and 11/1 several more club members went to an HPDE at VIR sponsored by Chin Motorsports. The good thing about these events is that you get good instruction and many hours of track time.

Virginia International Raceway, paddock area, October HPDE



Upcoming Events

There are no more competition events scheduled for this year, however, we will soon start our planning for next year's competition events. When we do this, we take into consideration what other NCCC clubs are planning so that we minimize conflict with those events and improve our club's chances of attracting participants to our events. So make sure that you read the news letter and visit our web site to keep up to date. 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.

Enjoy the photos,
Rich Taylor

CCA Vice President & Competition Chairman

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NCCC Governor — Ron Hamrah

NCCC Report

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NCCC Governor's Report



Your escort just arrived.....

By Ron Hamrah, NCCC Governor for CCA

NCCC News

At our last East Region meeting on Sep 25, the leadership announced that several changes to the NCCC Competition Rules were in the process of being made and would take effect with the 2011 edition. Some changes concern timeline submission requirements for club events, some changes refine Group and Sub-Group classifications and other changes modify terminology.

You can find the proposed changes at https://93075438.domainhost.com/Handbook/NCCCRulebook2011_Proposed_Redline.pdf

Please let me know if you have questions.

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

Corvette Club of America (CCA ER-001) on East Region Vette-work:

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=0o5HhRuMrv1zb1>

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

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.

Central Pennsylvania Corvette Club

Date: Saturday, 6 November 2010

From: 8:00am To:

Category: Rallye

Location: Capital City Mall, 3605 Capital City Mall Drive, Camp Hill, PA

Event Title: Triple Rallye

Sanction # ER-196-06, ER-196-007, ER-196-140

Email : cpcc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2010/ER-196-006.pdf>

Pocono Mountain Corvette Club

Date: Saturday, 20 November 2010

From: 9:00am To:

Category: Rallye

Location: LaMer Beachfront Inn, Pittsburg & Beach Ave, Cape May, NJ 08204

Event Title: Double Rallye

Sanction #ER-390-077, ER-553-157

Email: pmcc@ernccc.org

More info: <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2010/ER-390-077.pdf>

Tri County Corvettes

Date: Sunday, 21 November 2010

From: 10:00am To:

Category: AutoX

Location: PP&L Service Center, Tannersville, PA

Event Title: AutoX

Non-Sanction #N-030

Email: tcv@ernccc.org

More info: <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2010/N-030.pdf>

48-State Run

Dennis King hosted Jack Panzica, a fellow Vette owner from Maine, while he continues his US tour in his restored '66 convertible. On Thursday October 21st we had a "Vette Together" at Dennis's home as Jack completed 15000 miles of his two month trip that will eventually take him to 48 states. His journey can be followed on Corvette Forum at <http://forums.corvetteforum.com/c1-and-c2-corvettes/2650649-the-car-is-packed-48-states-await.html> Here are some pictures from his visit.



