



Corvette Club of America

the Corvette Courier

The Worlds Oldest Corvette Club

The President's Corner - Don Haller

September 2010

The Prez Says

I'm not sure how to react to September! I used to think of September as cooling temperatures and getting ready for fall weather, but the way things are going these days I think we might have an extended summer this year, just a bit! I hope all of you are enjoying the days of nice sunshine we have been having despite warnings of impending hurricanes. Instead of storms, we came out with some rather spectacular weather over the Labor Day weekend. Let's ask the rain gods to hold out for the drag races next weekend.

It never fails, that I seem to hold up the newsletter as I try to juggle my time for doing all the fun things that this time of the year brings with it. That brings me to my first short topic and that is Corvettes at Carlisle. This year I almost didn't attend because my Corvette has been off the road since May and I have just had a hard time getting enthusiastic about anything that my car should participate in!! Well, some gentle coaxing from some friends got me off my duff and into the passenger seat of Jim Parisi's 2009 Z06 for the trip up to Carlisle. That was worth the trip in itself. The C6 Z06 is one fine machine. Wow, am I so glad I went to Carlisle this year. The weather was great and so many of my CCA friends were there soaking it up as well. I was fortunate enough this year to be able to participate in the Celebrity Judging on Saturday and the luncheon hosted by Bill Miller and Lance Miller. Participating in the Celebrity Judging had to be the high point of the weekend for me as I searched the rows and rows of Corvettes looking for the just the right Corvette to stick a Celebrity Award to the windshield. After an afternoon of searching I located what I was looking for. I wanted a car with a history and not just a "turn-key" Corvette purchased last week. I wanted something that the owner had evolved with, nurtured and spent some blood, sweat and tears over a period of years. That is what I found. From Massachusetts, Fred Kemmerer's 1963 Resto-Mod - Sky Shark! This car was a masterpiece developed over years beginning in the early eighties! What a work of art! See the photo below. The car was also featured in Vette Magazine in June of 2008. Congratulations Fred!!!

Furthermore, we had a great turn out of CCA members on both Friday and Saturday this year. I want to applaud Tommy and Nita Armstrong for lugging all the equipment, tents, tables and drinks up to the fairgrounds this year. It was well worth the effort as the shade was nice to get out of the sun and the chairs made a nice place to rest the feet after walking for hours. Transporting our stuff was a huge effort that they made for us and I want Tom and Nita to know how much we appreciate them going out of their way to help. Tommy also managed to somehow get the Meguire's guys to polish his new Grand Sport for him as the demo car on Saturday!!! Nice job Tommy. On Friday evening Jim Parisi, Capt. Kirk Ferguson and I stumbled into the little diner just outside gate 2 for some supper. We just happened to sit down at a table next to Gordon Killebrew, a well known Corvette expert and specifically an expert Guru on all matters of

Fourth Generation Corvettes. It was a real treat to meet and talk with Gordon that evening and over the weekend about my C4. If you can't tell by now, I had a great time in Carlisle and look forward to next year already! After looking back on the weekend I would love for CCA to really organize our departure and arrival plans better next year and get there together and secure parking in the Fun Field together. I saw several clubs with nice "yard signs" calling attention to their club's cars! It was a great idea and a nice way to spend some time together.

The second event that I wanted to emphasize, is the "Steve Row Memorial Drag Race" held this weekend on September 12th! This is going to be the year's best racing event with lots of interest already buzzing. Also present will be Nancy Row to accept a memorial NCM Brick in honor of her husband and our friend Steve's personal drag racing record!! This year there will be drags for Corvettes and American Performance Cars and Trucks, as well as a Car Show too. Added to the itinerary this year will be a swap & shop area where anyone paying an entrance fee to the track can bring auto related parts to sell at the event. We hope to see you out at the race track on Sunday!

Lastly, if you haven't made plans for Free State Corvette Club's Ocean City weekend, you better get started. As usual we will be meeting at Bull on the Beach, 94th Street at 12 noon for beef and beer!!! After that is off to our usual haunts or wherever the crowd wants to wander. It would be great to get a bunch of us and make Captains Table again or another restaurant on Saturday evening. Let's get planning!!

I'm off for a week of vacation in Florida but will return rested and ready to go. I think! Until then have a great month and see you in the next issue of Corvette Courier.

Don Haller
President, CCA



Membership Director—Jean Wade

CCA Membership Update**MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION****Welcome New members****Sponsor****David Jochum**

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New CCA hats styles & shirts. Taking orders on colors to match your Corvettes. Please call or send me an e- mail. This way you will get the perfect color. Jean 301-253-6074 vettehon@aol.com

Polo Shirt style we have been using is no longer available. I'm to meet with our shirt guy to pick something close to what we had.

I will have our **CCA T's** and race shirts at the races all for sale.

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 in Aug. was very busy with a great turn out. **Bill Bachman** was the big winner of the 50/50. Next shop night Sept. 28th.

Coming up Events...

***Sept. Sun. 12** CCA Corvette Races. Could use more workers and racers.

Oct. Fri. Sat.15-16th Corvettes in Ocean City. Register at www.freestatecorvette.com

***Nov. 7th Sun.** Auto Cross at Lincoln Tech.

Nov. Sat 13th 12pm Toys for Tots at Rockville, Md. Hooters Chair Dan Girardi

Sept. 12th will be the big race day. Please see the flyer in your newsletter and on our web site. Races, fun show, and swap meet all at Capitol.

If you want to sell items at the swap & shop we have spaces for \$10.

You don't want to miss this event big event.

***Auto Cross** – CCA will sponsor a Dual NCCC sanctioned at Lincoln Tech. We will partner with Bel Air Corvette Club. Come join us.

We had a great time at Antietam Gallery who sponsored the Mighty Mo event in Aug. Many of members arrived in their Corvettes to enter the car show. Great Food. If you missed it you will have to wait until next year. It is an annual event.

*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

I've been in a bit of a rush to get this issue of the Corvette Courier finished and distributed. There is a lot of important information here on our upcoming drag races this weekend. **Please be sure to check out Rich Taylor's competition article because we still need volunteers to help out this coming Sunday.** Please come out this weekend and help support your club with this major event.

Getting this issue out has actually been a good opportunity to practice for the October issue. Because of a vacation trip to Eastern Europe that I'm going to be making next month it will be a real challenge to get the next issue of the Courier out to you. Things are going to have to go like clockwork right at the beginning of the month or you may be receiving a really large November issue and no October issue at all <grin>. I'm going to do my best to avoid missing the first issue since becoming the Courier editor but I just wanted to alert you ahead of time that there may be a problem. On the other hand, I hope you will check into our CCA forum in October because I hope to be able to make a few posts during my vacation. We'll be going on a riverboat traveling the Danube from Budapest Hungary east to the Black Sea at Bucharest Romania. In 2002 we went the other direction on the Danube from Budapest to Amsterdam so after this trip we will have traveled the length of the Danube. Now that Don has made it easy to post photos on our web site I might even include a picture of a Corvette in Eastern Europe if I happen to spot one!

Be sure to check out Jim Wray's article in this issue. I also want to remind everyone about the newsletter contest that is running this year. You'll find details on it in the February 2010 issue which is located on our web site. There will be a NICE award provided for the best article this year.

I want to thank Terry Popkin for providing the artistic photos from Carlisle that you will see on the next three pages. I unfortunately did not get a chance to make the trip this year. Retirement was supposed to provide me with more free time but it just is not working out that way I'm afraid. Terry has some great photos here and I hope you enjoy them as much as I did. At least one of them may end up being the wall paper on my PC.

With the summer drawing to a close it is time to remind everyone that schools are back in session. Be careful driving because there are kids out everywhere now. If you have the urge to turn your Corvette loose be sure to contact Rich Taylor and Pat Roney and take your car to the track. We need good examples out on the streets not more crazies.

I'll close by including a picture of my 2007 coming off the assembly line in Bowling Green.

Save the Wave!

Jon Thorn, Editor
The Corvette Courier









Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

CORVETTE COMPETITION**Competition Report**

Since last month's report several club members have participated in a Friday at the Track event at Summit Point Raceway. Photos are included below. There were a total of 9 cars in our group. The weather was nice and we all had a great time trying to master the track and improve our driving skills. Congratulations to Pat Roney who did well enough to be moved up from group 1 to group 2i. This allows him to run with the more experienced and faster drivers. It is these types of goals and milestones that keep the competitive fires burning in all of us.

The major upcoming event is our Fall Drag Races which are being dedicated to the memory of our past member and Competition Chairman, Steve Row. Steve's wife and family will be present to award the drag race trophies which will bear a plaque that reads, "2010 Steve Row Memorial Drag Races." In addition, with donations from the club and from individuals, we have purchased a brick at the National Corvette Museum with a special inscription that recognizes Steve's best time in the ¼ mile of 10.89 sec. in his 2009 Z06. A duplicate brick will be presented to Steve's family at this event. As I mentioned last month, this year's event is jointly sponsored by CCA, Tony's Corvette Shop and the Mason Dixon Corvette Club. The events have been expanded to include all American performance cars and we have added a swap meet in addition to the drag races and Fun Show. So, bring all of those valuable parts that you have laying around the garage and turn them into gold. If you plan to participate in the drag races or Fun Show, go to our web site and pre-register by Friday, 9/10 in order to get a \$5.00 discount. **In order for this event to be successful, we need you to volunteer some of your time to help on the day of the event.** Below is a list of worker positions that are needed along with the names of those who have volunteered to work so far. All workers will get in free and will be able to enjoy the events when their assigned tasks are completed. Please contact me to be added to the workers list, at Richard.jl.taylor@lmco.com, or 301-519-5370 (work) or 240-460-9797 (cell).

September 12th Drag Race Workers List

(2) Cashiers

Don and Beverly App

(2) Tower Workers

Dan Wendling
Ron Hamrah

(2) Tech-in Workers

Tom Finzel
Pat Roney

(2) Photographers

Larry Spilman – Drag Races
Mark Croson – Fun Show

(2) Membership Table & Sales

Jean Wade
(1) More Volunteer Needed

(4) Swap Meet

Mason Dixon Club Volunteers

(4) Fun Show

Mark Croson (Event Chairman)
(3) More Volunteers Needed

(12)Front Gate Workers

Jim Parisi
Rick Aleshire
Jon Thorn
Al Hegarty
Fred Long
(7) More Volunteers Needed

Upcoming Events (CCA Sponsored Events are in Blue Font)

CCA Fall Drag Race at Capitol Raceway on Sunday September 12th. See the flyer on the front page of our web site for details. Online registration is live with a \$5.00 discount offered to register in advance of the event. Please contact me to volunteer to help out.

Friday at the Track event at Summit Point September 24th. Several CCA members have signed up. If you're interested you can sign up here <http://www.summitpoint-raceway.com>

Poolesville Day Classic Rod, Car, Truck and Motorcycle show, Saturday, September 25th. We have been invited by one of the City Councilman to come as a club. Here is the link to the flyer http://www.poolesvilleday.com/Car_show_registration_form.pdf. Please note that the date is incorrect on the flyer. Contact me if you are interested in going as a group.

HPDE at VIR, Sunday October 31st and Monday November 1st. Several CCA members have also signed up for this event.

On Sunday, November 7th CCA will sponsor a dual NCCC sanctioned autocross at Lincoln Tech. We plan to partner with the Bel Air Corvette Club just as we did for our successful event in July. Mark your calendars, and I will provide more details as the date approaches.

There are many events being discussed for the rest of the year and into next year, 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 you organize them and to get the word out.

Enjoy the photos,

Rich Taylor

CCA Vice President & Competition Chairman

Richard.jl.taylor@lmco.com

240-460-9797 or 301-519-5370

Pre-FATT Preparations & Cookout at Gary's Performance Garage & Grill



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Race Cars in the Paddock Area At Summit Point



Happy Racers At The End Of The Day



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NCCC Governor — Ron Hamrah

NCCC Report

Points of Contact Listing

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



Asking for a ride to the Metro...

NCCC Governor's Report

By Ron Hamrah, NCCC Governor for CCA

NCCC News

Be sure to check out the following informative websites:

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

http://ernccc.ning.com/group/cca?xgi=50Z3lZLJCorvw&xg_source=msg_invite_group

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

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.

York County Corvette Club

Date: 18 September 2010

From: 9:00am To:

Category: Concours

Location: Northeastern High School/Middle School Complex, 300 High Street, Manchester, PA 17345

Event Title: Double Concours - Peoples Choice

Sanction #ER-108-082, ER-108-098

Email: yccc@ernccc.org

More info: <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2010/ER-108-082.pdf>

G-burg Vettes

Date: 18 September 2010

From: 9:00am To:

Category: Funkhana

Location: Montgomery College Parking Lot 13, Mannakee Street, Rockville, MD

Event Title: Funkhana

Sanction #ER-190-083, ER-190-156

Email: gbv@ernccc.org

More info: <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2010/ER-190-083.pdf>

***** **Lehigh Valley Concours is CANCELLED** *****

Had been scheduled for September 19, 2010

Central Pennsylvania Corvette Club / Lancaster County Corvette Club

Date: 19 September 2010

From: 8:00am To:

Category: AutoX

Location: HACC Lancaster Campus, 1641 Old Philadelphia Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602

Event Title: AutoX

Sanction #ER-196-085, ER-266-084

Email: CPCC@ERNCCC.org or lccc@ernccc.org

More info: <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2010//ER-266-084.pdf>

Pocono Mountains Corvette Club

Date: 19 September 2010

From: 9:00am To:

Category: Drags

Location: Seaman's Airport, 727 Winsock Lane, Factoryville, PA 18419

Event Title: Funkhana

Sanction: Non-Sanctioned N-026

Email: pmcc@ernccc.org

More info: http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/no_flyer.html

Bel Air Corvette Club

Date: 25 September 2010

From: 8:00am To:

Category: Concours

Location: The Avenue at Whitmarsh

Event Title: Double Concours - People's Choice

Sanction: ER-263-038, ER-263-086

Email: baccc@ernccc.org

More info: <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2010/ER-263-038.pdf>

Tri County Vettes

Date: 26 September 2010

From: TBD To:

Category: AutoX

Location: TBD

Event Title: Triple AutoX with MTT

Sanction: ER-323-087, ER-323-088, ER-323-89

Email: tvc@erncc.org

More info: http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/no_flyer.html

NCM Ambassador — Terry Popkin

National Corvette Museum Report

Quick Look At The NCM:

Hours: Open every day, 8am-5pm Central time.

Closed on the following Holidays:

Easter, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve,
Christmas Day, New Year's Day.

Getting there: I-65 to Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Exit 28. Turn left at the first stoplight.

Current Special Exhibit:

Serene to Extreme: Modified Corvettes



New GM Corvette Plant Manager Named

GM Bowling Green Assembly Plant Manager Bob Parcell has been appointed Plant Manager, Lordstown Complex, effective August 1, 2010. Dave Tatman, current Plant Manager of Warren, Willow Run and Parma Transmission Operations, will succeed Parcell as Bowling Green Assembly Plant Manager.



Dave Tatman is ready to jump in and lead the ship at Bowling Green Assembly, the world's only producer of the Chevrolet Corvette.

"You only get so many blessings in life, and this is one of them—to be assigned to the plant in Bowling Green. In my opinion, it is the crown jewel of GM's assembly plants," Dave said.

Be sure to check the September/October issue of America's Sports Car magazine where there is a feature article and interview on Dave Tatman.

NCM is on Facebook

The NCM is on Facebook now. Members have a chance to showcase their prized rides and this is claimed to be like a virtual car show. Check out <http://www.hubgarage.com/mygarage/corvettemuseum>

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>



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