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The Worlds Oldest Corvette Club

The President's Corner - Don Haller

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The Prez Says

I have a short story to pass along that in the end makes a point to support my message.

Jon Thorn, our Newsletter Editor and Club Parliamentarian stopped by yesterday afternoon to help me put the recently rebuilt engine back in my '94 coupe. During one of our conversations about the club, I told him I really didn't have that much to discuss for the April newsletter column and didn't know what to say that I already hadn't said before. However, after thinking about it a while it occurred to me what I could write about! So, I want to spend the next couple paragraphs thanking Jon and addressing why it's so great to have a Club like CCA with so many helpful friends! First off, it's very difficult during the early spring to find anyone that doesn't have something else planned for their Saturday off of work, and can get away from the regular chores that the weekend brings with it. However, Jon did just that; he drove an hour from Gaithersburg to come visit and help me with a job that I could never had accomplished by myself without damaging both my ego and or something on the car. We spent the better part of the afternoon dressing the engine with the accessory bracket, power steering pump, various sensors and switches that provide data back to the cars computer for engine management. We also hung the headers and installed the spark plugs and wires. With the engine dressed it was only a short while and a little nudging to get the motor settled back on to its perches! It wasn't quite that simple and we did have a few "Oh Crap" moments, but overall the whole process went pretty smooth. It will still be a while before the key turns over, but the heavy lifting is over for now! We stopped for breaks and had some pizza and just had a good time doing what we love to do. This time hanging out with Jon and the help he provided will be with me for a very long time, and really cements the friendships that are important in our lives. I know that on the other side of town, up near Frederick, Gary Noubarian also frequently hosts friends and members over to his garage to work on their cars too. We recently got together at the Armstrong's garage to get things working for the Autocross event. It's times like this spent sharing work and play that make a club a worthy expenditure of time and effort.

The little story I just told is the catalyst for my line of thought about this month's column. It's just one of those benefits that come along with belonging to an organization like ours and stepping outside our comfort zones to make new and lasting friendships. The friends, camaraderie, and resources that are developed by membership and regular participation in the club and its many activities are just priceless. I know that there is a good group of guys that regularly attend HPDEs and other driving events as a group. These friendships and outings are a direct result of attending club functions and getting to know new people. It is this club that brought those guys together and continues to be the glue that holds us all together.

To finish this line of thought I'd like to again thank Jon for helping me yesterday; thank all the guys that attend the driving schools and HPDE's together and look out for one another when things aren't always going so great, and thank all the rest of you, the members that come together and help us out at all of our events!!

Ok... moving on, and speaking of events. This Saturday and Sunday, April 16th & 17th, CCA will be at Lincoln Technical Institute in Columbia, Maryland for our first Autocross weekend of the season. Saturday is a Newbie Clinic that is geared toward new autocross drivers and also good for guys that have driven before but want to hear some pointers that might make for a better experience later. The clinic is a combination of classroom and on-course driving; rotating between classroom and course to illustrate how the course is laid out and how the driver needs to visualize the course prior to even getting behind the wheel. The participants will be able to drive the course with an experienced driver to get the feel for how the autocross course and event will go the following day. Ten dollars of the \$15 dollar course fee is applied to the Sunday autocross events. Sunday CCA hosts two NCCC Sanctioned Autocross Events; one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We need drivers to come out! Drivers are also course workers, so you ARE needed. If you don't want to drive we still need you to help out in many ways the morning of the event. Please contact Rich Taylor to let him know you can help out on Sunday. Registration is online and available now.

Have a great month and see you next time!

Don Haller
President, CCA



Membership Director—Jean Wade

CCA Membership Update**MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION****Welcome New Members for 2011****Sponsor**

Tom Stevens	Arl. Va.	07 SilverZ06	Tony
John Hathaway	Reston Va.	00 Yellow coupe	Web
Gary & Sharon Maul	Pasadena, Md	04 Blue coupe	Taylor/Roney
Reginald Holly	Upper Marlboro Md	74 Red coupe	Friend
Abe & Liz Elmazahi	Rockville Md.	95 White coupe	Web
Ray & Joan Seitz	Ellicott City, Md	04 Black Z06	Web

We are looking forward to meet our new members. Don't be shy, please join us.
We have something going on every month and want to see you there.

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

March Shop night 50/50 winner for \$35 was Gus Bartoli. Next shop night April. 26th at Sport.

Coming up Events... for April & May

April 12th 7:30	Membership & Board meeting J.J. Muldoon's
April 16th	Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech Columbia, MD
April 17th	Dbl. NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech, Columbia
April 26th 6:30-9pm	Shop Night at Sport
May 1st.	Muscle Car Mania at Capitol Raceway, Crofton MD - Rain Date 5/15
May 15th	LAW RIDE/Details to follow
May 21st	Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD
May 22nd	Double NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech Columbia
May 29th	Shrimp Feast Cruise to Holland Point near Chesapeake Beach

For more information on events above you can go to our web site. www.corvetteclubofamerica.org

Join us on Facebook:

Our CCA Facebook page has been very busy with many members posting. It's a great way to stay current with the club's activities and share ideas with CCA friends. Our Facebook site is a closed group so you will have to ask to join. All posts are only seen by CCA members.

Click the link to join. http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_187926317895421&ref=ts

Keep that smile on your face, your foot down on the pedal, and give me a curve

Blast the radio. Wow, what a life. So much fun driving a Corvette

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

The Editor's Corner- Jon Thorn

CORVETTE RAMBLINGS

We have a large edition of the newsletter this time and it is a clear sign that winter is drawing to a close and the activities are starting to move into high gear again. It proves to me that this club has something for everyone. We have an article on the latest HPDE activities at Summit Point, one on our charitable program with the Wells Robertson House, and a report on a club trip to the NCM (with a stop at Maker's Mark to satisfy that taste as well.) Don mentioned his car rebuild and if you showed up at the April business meeting the waxers got to do some important planning for our annual car show where hopefully we will generate a large part of the funds that support our many charitable projects. Our first autocross of the season (with a school the day before) is this coming weekend. You have heard from me before that the club needs your support. With membership well above 150 and approaching 200 we ought to be able to have at least 30 people involved with each of our events on a regular basis. Whether your interests tend toward the social side, the charitable side, or you are a wanna-be gear head, waxer, racer, or collector, this club has many members and events in your area of interest. Over the past few years the World's Oldest Corvette Club has become something very special. We are giving back a lot to the community while having a ton of fun. If you happen to be one of the less active members why not come out and see what you have been missing? Check our event calendar on the web, pick something that looks interesting, and show up. Thus ends this month's sermon.

One event requires your immediate attention. If you have been thinking about joining us in the Corvette Corral at the Baltimore Grand Prix you need to purchase your tickets right away. The latest word from Suzie is that NCCC members have already purchased 74 of 150 parking spots in the Corvette Corral. The BGP folks will be opening up sales to other clubs very shortly and the limited number of spaces may be gone. I know that September seems a long way off but it isn't. There is information from Suzie on obtaining tickets on page 17 of this issue. Thanks to Suzie, the NCCC had first shot at the tickets but our exclusive access is coming to an end.

Terry did a great job on his article about the NCM visit. I really think everyone had a wonderful time. To reinforce one of the thoughts in Don's article, there is nothing like being on the road with a group of Corvette lovers for five days. We became better friends and made new friends as a result of this trip. Be sure to check the CCA photo album because I could only include a fraction of the pictures in this issue. I'm going to take up a little of my space with a few more pictures. One is a group of us with Mike Newlander's bench at the NCM. In case you cannot see the description it says "Everyone's best friend" Mike's handle in Corvette Forum is "Short Throw." He is the perfect example of a Corvette guy in my opinion. I had him as an instructor the second year that I attended the NCM school at VIR. Not only did his fan club come up with \$7K for the bench but there are at least a half dozen bricks in the walk at the base of the bench honoring him. I don't want to take anything away from Mike but we have equally great people in our own club. If you don't participate you won't get to know them. (Oops there is the sermon again <g>)



My one complaint about the factory tour is that photos are forbidden. I understand why they have the rule but it means that we cannot show you any pictures of this amazing factory. My wife and I had the good fortune to be able to spend a full day at the factory in August of 2006 walking the assembly line as my Z06 came to life. My GM tour guide arranged to have this picture taken as I started the car and drove it off the end of the assembly line. So here is one picture of the inside of the plant anyway. Maybe you will be able to join the group the next time the CCA heads off to Bowling Green. As a Corvette person, the plant tour is something that you should do at least once in your lifetime.

Save the Wave !

Jon Thorn
CCA Corvette Courier Editor



Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

CORVETTE COMPETITION

Competition Report



Hello fellow competitors. This past weekend was a good one to be on the track, and several of our club members took advantage of this and participated in the National Auto Sports Association (NASA) two-day event at Summit Point. In addition to class room time to learn about some of the finer points of racing from a seasoned racer, and spending time on the track, there were several competitive and timed events going on throughout the weekend. In between events there was plenty of time to talk with other racers and car owners and learn a lot about the world of competitive racing. We had an area set up with our cars and trailers where we hung out, relaxed and cooked hot dogs. It's a great way to learn about how to drive your car and to talk with other car enthusiasts. There were many Corvettes, but also lots of Porches, BMWs, Mustangs, Mitsubishi GTRs, and Miata's, and even a turbocharged Acura NSX. So take a look at the events below and plan to join us and have some fun driving your Corvette. Take a look at the pictures below:











Upcoming Events

Our first competitive event of the year will take place this weekend at Lincoln Tech. in Columbia, Maryland. We are putting on an autocross class on Saturday, April 16th for those who may want to try driving in a very safe competitive event to enjoy their car. On Sunday we will be conducting a dual NCCC sanctioned autocross that will give you an opportunity to practice the skills that you learn on Saturday. Even if you do not plan to participate, come on out and support us. We still need several workers for the front gate, technical inspection and the staging area. Please contact me if you are available to help. I hope to see many of you there.

There are several of our members who will be participating in some or all of the following non-CCA or NCCC sponsored events throughout the year. These events are High Performance Drivers Education (HPDE) events on various road courses. You are put into groups depending on your level of experience and driving skill and instructors are provided to ride along with you. This is a great way to learn how to get the most out of your car in a safe and controlled environment. These events combine classroom time with track time to teach both the theory and physical control aspects of high speed driving. We will also be participating in a few Friday at The Track (FATT) events at Summit Point Raceway throughout the year. Here is the link to the FATT schedule: <http://www.summitpointfatt.com/>. For those who aren't familiar, Summit Point is near Charles Town, WV and is very convenient to those who live in the Baltimore/Washington area.

2011 HPDE Planned Events

- May 9-10 Chin Watkins Glen Int'l The springtime visit to another one of America's most historic tracks
- Jun 4-5 Trackdaze VIR
- Jun 25-29, NCM HPDE at Virginia International Raceway, Track Day School
- Jul 4-5 Chin Virginia Int'l Raceway (VIR) Summer holiday Monday/Tuesday, TracQuest format
- Jul 22-24 NASA VIR Full Course
- Aug 25-26 Trackdaze Summit Point
- Sep 5-6 Chin Watkins Glen Int'l Labor Day at the Glen.
- Oct 7-9 NASA Oktoberfest VIR Full
- Oct 30-31 Chin Virginia Int'l Raceway This popular annual event follows the 13-Hour race at VIR

2011 CCA Sponsored Racing Events

Here is the current complete listing of CCA sponsored competition events for the year:

April

- April 16th, Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD
- April 17th, Double NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD

May

May 01, 2011 Muscle Car Mania at Capitol Raceway, Crofton MD - Rain Date 5/15
May 21st Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD
May 22nd Double NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD

June

June 25-29, NCM HPDE at Virginia International Raceway, Track Day School
June 25th, NVCC Car Control Clinic at Old Dominion Raceway in Manassas, VA. Sponsored by NVCC and supported by CCA
June 17th – June 20th (Tentative), We are planning a group cruise to Deals Gap, NC to drive the famous Tail of The Dragon road. This is an old logging road with a lot of twists and turns that make it fun to drive in our Corvettes.

August

August 6, Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD
August 7, Double NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD

September

September 2-3, ALMS Baltimore Grand Prix - Corvette Corral – For more information and to register for the Corvette Corral, go to <http://baltimoregrandprix.com/>

September 11, Muscle Car Mania Returns to Capitol Raceway – Sponsored by CCA/ Tony's Corvette Shop. This is a test and tune session plus bracket races. We will also have a fun show for Corvettes and American Cars.

November

November 5, Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD

That's all for now, but if you have an interest in driving your car in a competitive event, please feel free to contact me to discuss your interest and find out what events will satisfy your desires.

Living Life in the Fast Lane

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NCCC Governor — Ron Hamrah

NCCC Report

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NCCC Governor's Report



Matterhorn view in Switzerland at 12,736 feet without the Vette...

By Ron Hamrah, NCCC Governor for CCA

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 en-

thusiasm. <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 is an upcoming event sponsored by another club in the East Region. Please let me know if you are interested in coordinating a group of CCA members to participate.

Beachcombers Corvette Club

Date : Saturday, 30 April 2011

From : 9:00am

Category : Non Sanctioned

Location : American Indoor Karting, 2736 North Mall Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Event Description : Concours PC

Non-Sanction #N-016

Email : bcc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/N-016.pdf>

NCM Ambassador — Terry Popkin

National Corvette Museum Report

Bash Registration Closes This Week!

The 2011 C5/C6 Bash offers plenty of road tours to get you cruising' our country roads, candid seminars on what to expect from Corvette for 2012, special unveilings, lunch with Corvette Racing's program manager Doug Fehan, new Corvette driver Tommy Milner and crew chief Danny Binks and many other activities you'll only find at National Corvette Museum events. The Bash runs from April 28th through April 30th. Register on the NCM web site!



Last Chance to Submit Military Photos!

As an ever changing Museum, we not only change out the cars but also other exhibit areas. Within the Nostalgia area of the Museum is a panel of enthusiast photos. We will be trading out the current display with images of military personnel (preferably in uniform) with their Corvette. We will also accept photos of Corvettes in front of military landmarks or equipment.

We have just a few spots remaining. Email high resolution images for consideration to katie@corvettemuseum.org.



Pick Your Own VIN

Corvette customers are unique automobile aficionados who seek to differentiate and personalize their specific Corvette model. Chevrolet caters to their customers by offering a number of cool options, including National Corvette Museum delivery and the Corvette Engine Build Experience.

These options have proven to be very popular, but some customers have expressed a desire to have a unique ending number assigned to their Corvette's Vehicle Identification Number. For example, a customer may have a classic 1963 Corvette with a VIN ending in 1400, and seeks a new Corvette with the same matching VIN ending number. Up to this point, the VIN assignment for new Corvette would have been a random process; but under a new program called Customer's Selectable VIN Ending Option, customers can request a specific VIN ending number as long as the request falls within Corvette's natural production sequence.

This new option will cost you a cool \$5000.

Terry Popkin
NCM Ambassador
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Join the CCA on Facebook !

Your club is experimenting with an additional way to facilitate the flow of information about CCA activities. A closed group on Facebook has been set up that will only be accessible by CCA members. Because of the way Facebook sends out alerts to members, we hope this group will make the flow of information, images, and event changes much easier and faster.

Participation in this closed group will be strictly voluntary. You are being encouraged to join but our traditional methods of communication are still going to be in place. However, if you want to have quick notice of schedule changes, such as a meeting cancellation due to weather, or just a reminder of something new going on the events calendar then you will certainly want to give the new Facebook group a try. We hope this will be easier to use and more convenient than the forum on the club website.

To apply for membership in the CCA Facebook Group you need to follow this link:
http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_187926317895421&ref=ts Once you apply, your CCA membership will be confirmed and then you will have access to the group.



Baltimore Grand Prix

September 2-4, 2011

<http://www.baltimoregrandprix.com>

Ticket Information

There will be a large group from the CCA attending the first running of the Baltimore Grand Prix in September. Tickets have gone on sale for this event and they appear to be selling quickly. Below is information on obtaining the tickets. Come out and join us for racing on the streets of Baltimore and watch your favorite IRL and ALMS Teams!

Step-by-Step Instructions for Purchasing BGP Tickets for NCCC

Click on this link <http://www.ticketingcentral.com/V2/Home.aspx?l=BQROAAAAADb%2f%2f%2...>

In "Offer Promotion Code" box type NCCC and click the Submit button

That brings up your 2-day and 3-day ticket options—click on one.

Pick your package quantity at the top first.

The total quantity is set to "4" which means you can purchase any combination up to 4 tickets. Please remember that the vehicle pass is for Corvettes only—only display vehicles can park in Lot C.

Once you selected your tickets, click on the "Get Best Available Seats" button—for us, that button doesn't really mean anything since our tickets are general seats in a reserved section, but click on it to continue with your transaction.

Review your ticket purchases and then click the "Continue" button at the bottom

If you have never bought from Ticketfly click on "I Am a New User" and the "Continue" button and fill all that out and click the "Continue" button again.

That takes you to the page where you give them your credit card info. They will only mail to the billing address for the credit card. Everything defaults to the tickets being mailed out to you, since they will be laminated.

Once you pay for it, you will get a screen with your confirmation number. Write that down or print the page. Ta Da! You are done!

Additional BGP ticket information from the NCCC:

Your car corral package includes:

One reserved parking space in the BGP designated Car Corral area (Lot C) on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (Lot C is located next to the track and adjacent to the ALMS Paddock, which will be on Lot B.

One general admission ticket for Friday and one reserved grandstand seat in an exclusive grandstand reserved only for Corvette Corral participants at Turn 10.

One Pit and Paddock Pass

As long as we have 20 cars there, we are eligible for parade laps.

Ticket prices will be:

CCP1: Friday/Saturday/Sunday with three days of corral parking--\$250

CCP1a: Friday/Saturday/Sunday without parking--\$200

CCP2: Friday/Saturday with two days of corral parking--\$150

CCP2a: Friday/Saturday without parking--\$110

So, if you have two passengers and one corvette, you buy one ticket with parking and one without for the number of days you want to attend.

Each ticket purchaser will get one laminated ticket. If you purchased parking, your laminate will say VEHICLE on it to get you into parking. That same ticket gets you into the reserved grandstands, the pits, everything. The ticket mgr and I had a good laugh--he said that this really cool laminated ticket will fit into your lanyard. I started laughing and told him I think we all had one--or a hundred of them, lol!

