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The President's Corner - Don Haller

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The Prez Says

Happy 55th Birthday, Corvette Club of America!! I wanted to start this month by saying that 55 years is a very long time for any organization to continue in operation non-stop over the years. I'm not sure how many of the five or six original charter clubs from the NCCC are still in existence but it's a great thing that the "First" club is still going strong. Recently I was told by another club officer (not in our region) that every time they run into one of our members they are told; "I belong to the oldest Corvette Club in the World" or "I belong to the first Corvette Club". It is good to know that our membership is proud of the heritage of this club and is willing to spread the word about what a great group of people make up this organization. What is also amazing is that there are people all across this country that love the Corvette marque so much that they also want to be part of the "Original Corvette Club" and contact us from hundreds of miles away to become members. I am really very proud and honored to be the President and spokesman for this club over the past several years. I hope after me, the next CCA President in line takes the torch and moves forward with keeping tradition and keeping the passion alive. Happy Birthday 55 years - 1956 through 2011

Well, on that note, I also want to remind all of you that Corvettes at Carlisle is rapidly approaching at the end of the month. We now have 20 cars pre-registered for the Fun Field that will be parking together in the CCA designated area. If you are one of the twenty and have a Fun Field Pass I will be sending more specific information to your private email inbox later this week. However, if you do not have a Fun Field Pass, you are still welcome to park in General Corvette Parking and come visit with us and take a rest under the hospitality tent. We will have water, beverages and some snacks to munch on for when you need to get out of the heat or just take a "sit-down" break! You will find us on the Carlisle Map in Club Section "T". We look forward to seeing all of you.

And... Just when you thought the fun was over! The following weekend many of us will be converging on the inner harbor of Baltimore for a weekend of ALMS and Indy Racing Fun at the Inaugural Baltimore Grand Prix. This should be a climatic event for this summer's activities and I know that those of you that plan to be with us in the Corvette Corral are getting excited. Also, if anyone still wants to go, I have seen tickets popping up for sale on Corvette Forum and the East Region NCCC "VetteWork" website for Corvette Corral Passes. I only recommend that you be careful when buying tickets and make sure they are from a reputable source. If interested, you can email me and I'll try to put you in contact with one of those people.

See you in Carlisle!
Don Haller

Membership Director—Jean Wade

CCA Membership Update

MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION

Welcome Our New Member for 2011

Sponsor

Steve & Nancy Monteiro Olney, Md. 03 Red R Web

Looking forward to seeing our new members that have come on board this summer. We have lots of events for you to attend.

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

July Shop night seemed to be a busy one. 50/50 winner was Pat Roney with a big \$32. Next shop night Aug. 23rd.

Joe and Angie's pool party was sure a lot of fun. Lots of great food. Todd's famous pork bbq and Maryland fried Chicken was a hit. We took lots of pictures that you will find in the newsletter and on our web site. A Big Thanks to Joe and Angie for hosting the event once again.

Coming up Events...

- Aug 13th** G-Burg Vettes at Lake Forest Mall, 7 sanctioned fun shows
- Aug 20th** Corvette Annapolis City Dock Show
- Aug. 26-28** Corvettes at Carlisle <http://corvettesatcarlisle.com/ce/index.asp>
- Sept 2nd - 4th** Baltimore Grand Prix - See flyer
- Sept 11th** Muscle Car Mania Returns to Capitol Raceway -- CCA/Tony
- Sept 17th** Flying Dog Brewery Tour, Frederick MD 2:30PM - 4:30PM, Jon Thorn
- Sept 24th** CCA Fall Picnic and Photo Shoot—Gambrill State Park
- Oct. 14-15** **Corvettes in Ocean City**
- Oct. 22-23** NVCC Spooktacular high speed / low speed autocross

*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*

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The Editor's Corner— Jon Thorn

CORVETTE RAMBLINGS

We're 55, the club that is! As Don pointed out in his President's message we have reached a milestone. Clubs by their very nature have a lot of ups and downs. It is just the way of things. This club is going strong and it is something that ought to be a cause of pride for us. We have a full schedule of activities that range from all out competition events, to social gatherings and the events are well attended. While it is certainly not easy, we also continue to find ways to provide charitable support in difficult times. I don't have any doubt that the CCA founders would be very pleased with the way their club has grown. BUT, (and there is always a "but") things can always be improved. All it takes is people who care and are willing to put out some effort. I've been on this rant before so I won't drag it out. But, it is time to play "bad cop" for a few moments just as a reminder.

We have around 180 members. We probably have 10 percent who are very active and another 10 percent who frequently participate, and maybe another 10 percent who show up sometimes. I'd guess that the level of participation is not that different for most clubs. Think what we could do if we could come up with another 10 percent of the 180 who frequently participate! I believe that the active members are generally participating for the fun of it. Many things contribute to the satisfaction of membership but at the end of the day it is the people that make this a great club. Having an additional 10 percent of the members participating would spread out the level of effort and increase the fun for everyone. If you would like to be part of the "new" 10 percent that carries the club to the next level of fun and satisfaction please contact any CCA Board member, show up at an event listed on the website, or join us at one of our regular membership meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Try being more involved with the CCA. I'm sure you will be glad you did. OK, flame thrower off – for awhile at least.

Changing the subject just a bit, I'd like to share a comment I received at Sunday's autocross. It was from a non-member who has had extensive experience with SCCA events. He said he far prefers our events. This is quite a compliment because the Washington DC Region of the SCCA is known throughout the SCCA as being one of the best when it comes to SOLO II (autocross). We talked a bit about why he preferred our events. I believe it came down to these factors: good event management, a lower level of tension and pressure than found with the SCCA, and a really friendly group of people to hang out with. If we can continue that formula I think we will be very successful.

Rich provided a good summary of our third autocross but I have one additional picture that I think needs to be included. It illustrates the factors that made our event a hit with the non-member. This was a staged photo but bear in mind that it came at the end of a long, hot, humid day for the workers. As tired as we were we were still having fun! Check the next page... It is not your average autocross entry.



Official CCA Autocross Pace Car

Last month I had an article on the NCM trip to Le Mans in June. This month I have one on the NCM trip to Mosport. I'll save the details for the article but this trip was much more than just attending an ALMS race. The NCM did it again with a great event. Be sure to check out the article!

NOTICE: Street closures have started for the Baltimore Grand Prix. Be sure to check out the traffic website at <http://www.gptraffic.com/index.html>

Save the Wave!

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CORVETTE COMPETITION

Competition Report



We just completed our third autocross primer class and event for this year and our members burned up the course at Lincoln Tech. They were joined by many other non-Corvette owners including a Cobra replica, several Subaru's, an M3, a Camaro and an MR2 just to name a few. The weather cooperated and we had a great event. We had a road course instructor who instructs at VIR and Summit Point (Tom Joyce) who ran our event in his new Camaro and had a great time. If you don't come out to these events and give them a try, you'll never know how much fun you are missing. In the future we are planning to start an intermediate autocross primer course for those who have some experience under their belts and want to find out how to improve, so stay tuned. Below are several pictures from the event.

Ray Sykes Performing Tech-in



Tech-in Crew on the Job



Al Hegarty on the Starting Line



Cobra Replica is Now a Regular



The Subaru's Ran Well on the Course



Several Cars in the Staging Area



CCA Registration & Timing Crew



Upcoming Events

The next major competition event is the Baltimore Grand Prix in downtown Baltimore. This is a great opportunity to see some great racing up close and mingle with the racing teams and drivers. Many of our members will be going and parking in the Corvette Coral. Jon Thorn has provided more information on this event in his section of the newsletter.

The following weekend we will put on the CCA Muscle Car Mania Drag Race and Fun Show at Capitol Raceway. This event will be held on Sunday, 9/11/11. We will try to get some of the Wounded Warriors out to ride down the track with the racers. It should be a great fun day.

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. If you'd like to see photos from any of our past competition events, please go to the CCA web site and open the photo album link on the left side of the page.

Remaining 2011 HPDE Planned Events

Aug 19 Friday at the Track Summit Point

Aug 20-21 NASA at Summit Point

Sep 5-6 Chin Watkins Glen Int'l Labor Day at the Glen.

Oct 7-9 NASA Octoberfest VIR Full

Oct 30-31 Chin Virginia Int'l Raceway This popular annual event follows the 13-Hour race at VIR

2011 CCA Sponsored Competition Events

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

September

September 2-4, 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

November 6, Double NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD

As you can see, there are still a lot of opportunities for you to enjoy your car for the purpose for which it was designed, **To Go Fast**, so if you have an interest in driving your car in a competitive event, please feel free to contact me to discuss your interests and find out what events will satisfy you desires. I look forward to seeing you out on the track with a big smile on your face.

Living Life in the Fast Lane

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NCCC Governor — Ron Hamrah

NCCC Report

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NCCC Governor's Report



By Ron Hamrah, NCCC Governor for CCA

Check out the following informative websites:

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

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

Discounts for NCCC Members - <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Friends.html>

National Corvette Museum - <http://services.corvettemuseum.com/portaltools/ncmf/membership.cfm>

Insurance Link - <http://www.ncminsurace.com/>

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.

SADNESS WITHIN NCCC

We received news of the following NCCC members' recent deaths:

Candy Dunaway, a long standing active member of Free State Corvette Club, passed away on July 21. Per Jeffery L. Weiner, FSCC Governor, she was a very gracious and fun-loving lady who will be greatly missed.

Barb Bush, long time member of the Corvette Club of Michigan, passed away from illness peacefully on July 29.

I have sent our expression of sympathy to the respective Corvette Clubs on behalf of all our Corvette Club of America members.

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.

October 14 – 15, 2011

THE 25th ANNIVERSARY FREE STATE CORVETTE OCEAN CITY WEEKEND

And it's the 20th Anniversary of the Grand Boardwalk Parade. This part of the weekend event has grown from a small group of cars to hundreds of cars stretching from the Inlet all the way up to the end of the Boardwalk. This is the largest Club Corvette Parade on the East Coast of the United States.

The 2011 parade is scheduled to start at 4 pm on October 15. Corvettes will start gathering at the Inlet at 1:30 pm. Spectators will be in a good spot to see the parade anywhere along the route. In order to participate in the parade, Corvettes need to be registered for the weekend. Online Event Registration is available at www.freestatercorvette.com for the 25th Anniversary of Free State Corvette Weekend on October 14-15, 2011. Sign up to reserve your spot in our Grand Boardwalk Parade, Car Shows, Rallies and Dinners and order Event Apparel and Mementos by clicking on the Event Registration Tab.

For up to the minute event news, visit www.facebook.com/CorvetteWeekend. Check out the event video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7-ZNQJHbyME>.

G-Burg Vettes

Date: Saturday, 13 August 2011

From: 08:00am To:

Category: Concours

Location: Lakeforest Mall, 701 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Event Title: SEVEN People's Choice Concours

Sanction #:ER-190-064, ER-190-065, ER-190-066, ER-190-067, ER-190-108, ER-190-109, ER-190-110

Email : gbv@ernccc.org

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-190-064.pdf>

G-Burg Vettes

Date: Sunday, 14 August 2011

From: 07:00am To:

Category: Rallye

Location: Wyndham Garden Hotel, 805 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Event Title: SEVEN Event Rallye

Sanction #:ER-190-068, ER-190-069, ER-190-070, ER-190-111, ER-190-112, ER-190-113, ER-190-114

Email : gbv@ernccc.org

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ERX-190-068.pdf>

Tri-County Vettes

Date : Sunday, 18 August 2011

From : 08:00am To:

Category: Autocross

Location : PPL Service Center, Tannersville, PA

Event Title: DOUBLE Autocross

Sanction #ER-323-071, ER-323-072

Email : tev@ernccc.org

More info : <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-323-071.pdf>

Corvette Annapolis Club

Date : Saturday, 20 August 2011

From : 08:00am To:

Category : Concours - SOLD OUT

Location : City Dock, Annapolis, MD

Event Description : QUAD People's Choice Concours

Sanction # ER-372-073, ER-372-074, ER-372-152, ER-372-153

Email : ca@ernccc.org

More info : http://www.corvetteannapolis.com/flyers/2011_citydock.pdf

Lancaster County Corvette Club

Date : Sunday, 21 August 2011

From : 08:00am To:

Category : Autocross

Location : Weaver Market, Routes 272 and 897, Adamstown, PA 19501

Event Description : DOUBLE Autocross

Sanction # ER-266-11

Email : lccc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-266-118.pdf>

Central Pennsylvania Corvette Club and Revolution Corvette Club

Date : Sunday, 21 August 2011
From : 09:00am To:
Category : Concours
Sanction # ER-196-147, ER-196-171, ER-574-010
Location : City Island, Harrisburg, PA
Event Description: TRIPLE Concours – Peoples' Choice
Email : cpcc@ernccc.org
More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-196-147.pdf>

Pocono Mountains Corvette Club

Date : Sunday, 21 August 2011
From : 09:00am To:
Category : Concours
Sanction # ER-390-075, ER-390-076, ER-390-077, ER-390-078, ER-390-079, ER-390-080, ER-390-081
Location : Sussex County Community College, Newton, NJ 07860
Event Description: SEVEN Concours – Fun Show
Email : pmcc@ernccc.org
More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-390-075.pdf>

York County Corvette Club

Date : Saturday, 27 August 2011
From : 08:00am To:
Category : Concours
Sanction # ER-108-082
Location : Carlisle Fairgrounds, 1000 Bryn Mawr Road, Carlisle, PA
Event Description: Concours
Email : yccc@ernccc.org
More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-108-082.pdf>

NCM Ambassador — Terry Popkin

National Corvette Museum Report

See You at Carlisle!

We're just a month out from Corvettes at Carlisle and we hope you've been making plans to attend!



Carlisle is one of the largest and most fun-filled Corvette events in the world, featuring more than 5,000 Corvettes representing all generations. Participate in autocross, dyno testing, burnouts, and the parade through historic downtown Carlisle. Check-out the swap meet with a wide variety of vendors, an all-Corvette car corral, Manufacturers Midway and Installation Alley.

[Online registration](#) is now open for the 2011 Corvettes at Carlisle event. Pre-register and save \$10! If you'd prefer, registration is also available by calling 717.243.7855. Please note: refunds will not be issued less than 19 days prior to the beginning of the event.

If you're coming to Carlisle, why not volunteer to help the Corvette Store? We will have a large booth setup selling lots of great gear. If you are available to help contact marla@corvettemuseum.org.

NASCAR's Rick Hendrick Visits NCM

The National Corvette Museum was abuzz on Tuesday when NASCAR team owner Rick Hendrick arrived, taking delivery of not one but three



Corvettes! In addition to the 2011 Inferno Orange Carbon Edition (VIN 001), 2011 Black Carbon Edition (only black carbon in existence, and the last one made) and the 2012 Centennial Edition Z06 (VIN 100), Mr. Hendrick brought along three cars from his collection for display and photo ops, including the 2011 Le Mans Tribute Corvette the Museum auctioned at Barrett-Jackson to raise funds for the Motorsports Park.

After touring the Museum and taking a test drive of the simulators, the group enjoyed lunch in the Museum's Conference Center, catered by the Corvette Cafe. "If there's a Corvette junkie in the world I'm it," said Hendrick at the luncheon. Hendrick presented the Museum with two checks for \$2,500 - one from Hendrick Motorsports and the other from Hendrick Automotive Group. You can watch the video of Rick at the luncheon [here](#) on our YouTube channel, and there are a few other candid videos posted from that day. Also check out some photos we've shared online from the visit [here](#).

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.

