



Corvette Club of America

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The Worlds Oldest Corvette Club

The President's Corner - Don Haller

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The Prez Says

Happy New Year! I bet you knew I was going to say that! I truly want to welcome all of you to another great year with the Corvette Club of America. It's still blustery cold but it won't be long before we are back at another spring season of doing what we love to do; cruise down a beautiful scenic road, feeling the power under the hood and the feeling it gives us to just enjoy the car and the road. So, this is one last reminder that if you have any winter mods or repairs to do, better get to it because spring will be here before you know it. My car is in the middle of major re-work this winter and I'm crossing my fingers it will be ready for the spring activities. I will be grinning from ear to ear when my freshly rebuilt 383 engine is completed and I turn the key over for the very first time. I hope just in time for our first Autocross event of the year in April.

That brings me to my next topic. This year we have another packed calendar beginning this month in January and it just picks up momentum from there. As you look at the calendar of events you will see some events that are not specifically CCA hosted events but are listed nonetheless for your convenience, as many of our members have expressed a desire to attend those events and we wanted to make everyone aware of them. This year we still have our mainstay events like the Spring Car Show, Two Drag Races planned and now we have added four Autocross events to our schedule. This doesn't even include the numerous cruises, food hops, and shows we plan to attend. I also have help from some members this year to bring back an old favorite and put a fall picnic and club photo shoot on the schedule for September. Hopefully we will be at Gambrill State Park near Frederick for that event. There are tons of other opportunities for us to participate this season as well if you like competitive activities. Rich Taylor and a bunch of our guys are actively involved in doing HPDEs, Driving Schools and the like. There are several of these high speed events that will be going on that you might want to know about. There are several ways to get that inside information. You can contact Rich (Competition Director) tell him you want to be included on the "competition emails". This will ensure that you will get the latest news about what events are happening. Additionally, Gary Noubarian, a CCA member started an email distribution list last year for people that are specifically interested in competitive driving events. This is not a Corvette specific group nor is it a CCA venture, but it is a great resource for guys doing what they like to do. go fast. The name of the email list is CornerCravers and you can sign up to receive emails by contacting Gary Noubarian at Gary@cornercravers.com. I will tell you that this email list is very active and you will likely want to set up a separate folder for the email traffic. Its good stuff.

I also want to remind you all that the Winter Award Dinner is planned for later this month on January 22nd at Alfios Restaurant. If you haven't RSVP or bought tickets yet, please contact Jean Wade. This will be another fun event. The food, drink and camaraderie are unmatched. This year we will have a guest Comedian to entertain us as dinner is being served, and no it won't be me! Ha Ha.

Just a few weeks later on Saturday, February 12th at 1:00PM, Dan Girardi is planning the Valentine's Cruise and lunch at the Blue Dolphin restaurant in Crofton, MD. The restaurant is located less than a mile south of Capitol Raceway on the southbound side of Rt.301 and 424 intersection. Please RSVP to Dan Girardi by February 5th for a headcount. If you are unsure about attending still call so that Dan can get a tentative number. Last minute attendees are also welcome.

<http://www.bluedolphingrill.com/index.html>

Last but not least, Pat Roney is planning the February Karting event on February 26th at AllSport in Dulles, VA please contact Pat about this fun day of driving excitement.

<http://www.allsportsgp.com/>

That should keep us busy in winter events until the spring flowers begin to emerge and let us know its time for more warm weather fun!!

I hope to see you all soon!



Don Haller
President CCA



Membership Director—Jean Wade

CCA Membership Update

MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION

Welcome New Member

Vincent Patterson	Rockville, Md.	09 Callaway Coupe	Sponsor Web
John Hathaway	Reston, Va.	00 Coupe	Web

CCA 2011 Membership Cards

Everyone should have the new card. If you have not pick up your card from me in person then I have mailed it to you. If you don't receive yours in the mail you must let me know.

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

Coming up Events...

Jan 22nd 2011	Annual CCA Dinner Party and awards.
Feb 12th 2011	Valentines Cruise and lunch. See flyer and RSVP form in this issue.
Feb 26th 2011	CCA Karting Event at AllSport Grand Prix. See flyer in this issue.

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.

We are looking forward to have many CCA members and guests attend the up and coming Awards dinner Party. RSPV form on the web site, in this newsletter, or you will received one in the mail with your membership cards. I must have all food selections in no later than Jan. 22nd. We will have a **Comedian** for the 1st time ever to make you laugh. This should be a fun evening.

*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

We closed out last year on a high note with a very successful Bikes For Tikes event at Sport. You'll find photos later in this issue. I don't want to get overly sentimental but it is not possible to participate in an event like this without being moved. Thanks to the great folks at Sport, and with a little help from the CCA, a large number of kids had a happy holiday season that they might not otherwise have enjoyed as much. If you are starting to fill your 2011 calendar you really owe it to yourself to come out and support Bikes For Tikes this coming December.

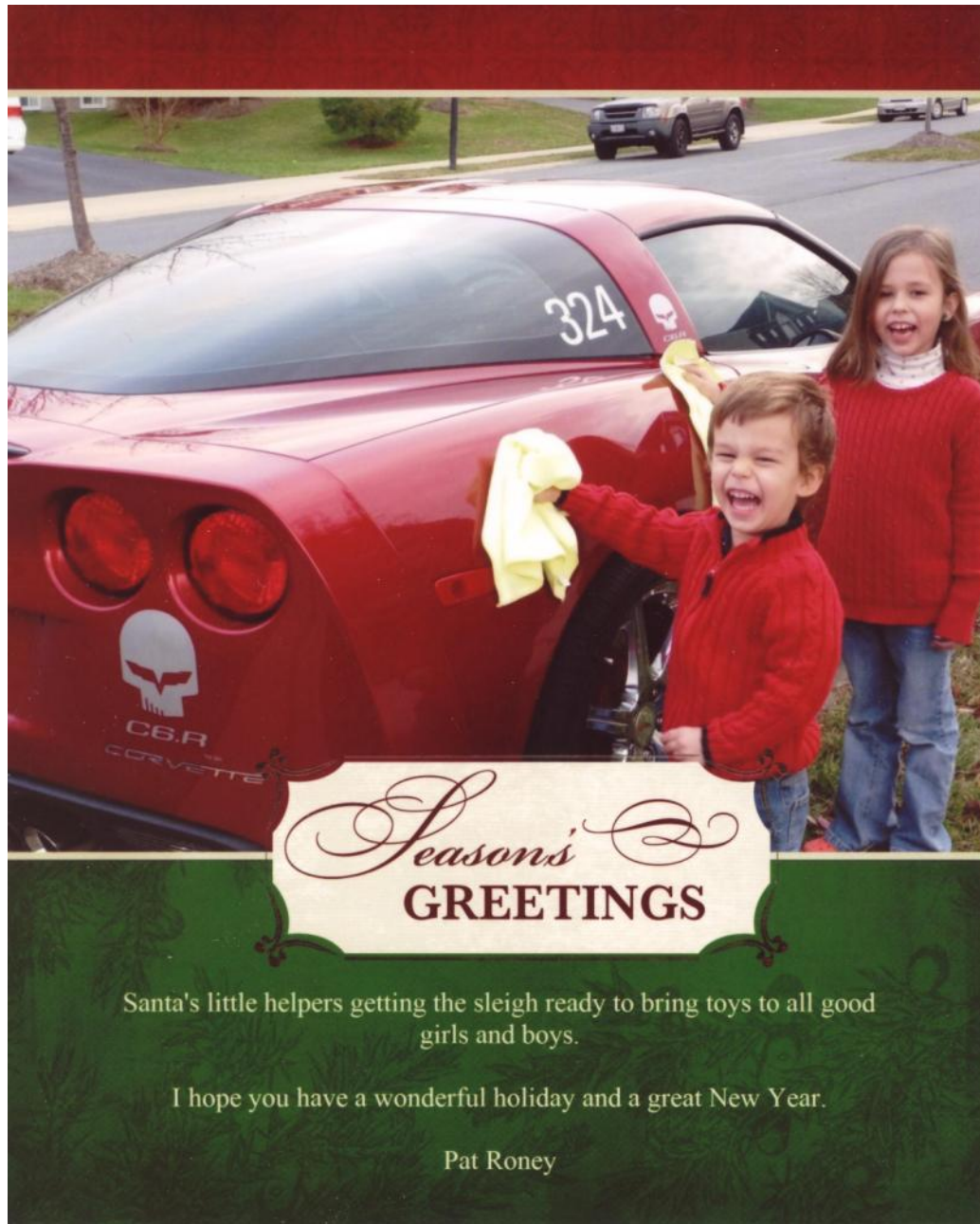
Speaking of calendars, your club has a huge number of events in the planning stage. Whether you are a racer, waxer, or just want to socialize with the great members we have in the world's oldest Corvette Club, you will find an event (or several!) already on the calendar that will meet your needs. Check the website for the longer term schedule but be sure to see the flyers in this issue for the Winter Party and Karting event.

Also be sure to see the NCM Report this month. A number of us went to the Mid Ohio ALMS race last year and had a great time. The NCM has scheduled a combination tour and corral event at Mosport in July. It is listed on our events page and registration has opened. It will be limited to 35 cars this time (70 people) so if you are interested in attending you will need to move quickly to place your registration. I have already registered for this event and will be happy to coordinate with any other CCA members attending. It would be great to have a strong CCA turnout! Also on the NCM Report is news of a trip to Le Mans for the ultimate endurance race. Le Mans will be held June 7 – 13 this year so it is before the Mosport event. Registration has not opened with the NCM yet but I have been in touch with Roc and I expect it will open shortly. If you are interested in attending be sure to contact Roc Linkov at the NCM and let him know. This will not be a large group and I am certain the registration will fill quickly.

At the end of March we have tentatively scheduled a trip to the NCM. The dates are currently set for the 26th to the 29th. The idea was to go at a time when no other major NCM event was going on in order to avoid the crowds. We can tie this in with some Kentucky sightseeing in the area. If you are interested in participating in a trip please contact me. March will be here before we know it. A side goal of the trip will be to get a little time with Wendell and the museum staff to make them more aware of the CCA. Another goal will be to get some of the local bourbon.

Since I have been running with a bit of an "event" theme this month I would like to also suggest to everyone that you keep the CCA in mind as you start to work on those New Year's Resolutions. Find a way to be more active with your club than you were in 2010. We have a great group of people that manage to not only have lots of fun but also give back to the community. Attending a Toys For Tots or Bikes For Tikes event will quickly make you believe that this is much more than just another car club. Help out with our "money making" events that allow us to continue our substantial gifts to charity and college scholarships. In short, try to save a little time for the CCA this year. A great way to start would be to show up at a business meeting.

Ok, I have been rambling on long enough here. I'm going to end on a lighter note. I hope this does not upset Pat but I just have to share his card here. Like you, I received lots of cards this season and most of the time it is difficult to pick out a favorite. But this year this one just jumped out at me <grin>! It goes into history as my favorite of 2010.



Be careful out there on the winter roads. And, Save The Wave!

-Jon
CCA Courier Editor

Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

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

The calendar of events for 2011 is now posted on the CCA web site for your information. All planned, club sponsored competition events are included. However, there will be several other events such as HPDEs (High Performance Drivers Education) events at various tracks in our area including Summit Point, VIR, Poconos and Watkins Glen, so make sure that you read this section of the newsletter each month and check the Racing section of the web site for up to date information. Our first planned event is a tune-up event to get the adrenaline flowing for the upcoming road racing season and to break the winter monotony. This Go-Kart event will be held at All Sports Grand Prix track near the Dulles Airport on Saturday, February 26th. Here's the link; <http://www.allsportsgp.com/> . The "Arrive and Drive" costs are \$24.50 for the first 8 minute event, and then \$18.50 for each subsequent 8 minute event. We also have the option to organize a competitive group event called the Micro Grand Prix where for \$50.00 per person you get a 10 lap qualifying run to determine your position on the starting grid and then a 25 lap race to determine the race winners. If you are interested in participating in this event please contact Pat Roney at proney42@verizon.net . Below is a picture of the club members who attended last year's karting event.



For all of you who are interested in driving your Corvettes on a road course and learning how to better handle your vehicle at the limits, the National Corvette Museum HPDE at Virginia International Raceway (VIR) will be held on June 27th and 28th. Registration for this event opens on Tuesday morning February 15th. This event fills up fast, so you will need to be online, registered and ready to sign up as soon as registration opens to guarantee a spot. Go to the NCM web site for more details: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/HPDE/virinfo.shtml>

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

Rich Taylor

CCA Competition Chairman

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240-460-9797 or 301-519-5370

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



By Ron Hamrah, NCCC Governor for CCA

NCCC News

We have plenty of events (Drags, AutoX Training, AutoX, Car Show, etc.) registered with NCCC for the new 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.

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

Help Us Win a Pepsi Refresh Grant!

The NCM is trying to win a \$50,000 grant through Pepsi for the KidZone! It takes votes to win and you can vote every day until January 31, 2011. You can vote by texting 105439 to Pepsi (73774). You can also vote over the web by going to <http://www.refresheverything.com/corvette>. Share this info with all your friends. Vote early and vote often. Help the Museum get \$50,000 for the KidZone.

Museum in Motion: Mosport / Canada

The Mosport Tour runs from July 19 through the 24th. The tour begins in Nigara-on-the-Lake, Ontario and spends the next five days enjoying the back roads, resorts, quaint villages, a casino, and ending with two days attending the ALMS race at the Mosport International Raceway. Enjoy a VIP tour of the St. Catharines engine plant, where Corvette motors are made, and the Oshawa Assembly Plant where Camaros are assembled. The event is limited to 35 cars / 70 participants. Cost for members is \$1700 for the driver and \$390 for their guest. Non-member fees are an additional \$40 each and include NCM membership. The Museum in Motion tours are very popular and with limited space it is imperative that you sign up quickly if you want to attend. In any event, registration will close on May 16th. Full information is available on the NCM site at <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/mosport/info.shtml>. **This event is listed on the CCA events page.** Note: Jon Thorn has already registered and will be attending. Please contact him if you plan on joining the NCM tour. Register soon if you want to go!

Cross the Pond with the Corvette Museum!

Mark your calendar for June 7 to June 13 and stay tuned for details because the NCM will be going to France for the Le Mans race. Planning is still underway and registration has not opened yet. The trip will include lodging for at least five nights, tickets to the Le Mans race, tickets to the Corral, Paddock passes, two days of sightseeing from Paris to Le Mans and transportation to and from the track to lodging and to Le Mans city for the Parade of Pilots.

If you have an interest in this event, email Roc at the NCM (<mailto:roc@corvettemuseum.org>) and ask him to keep you up to date as the planning proceeds. There will be an announcement on the NCM site and in NCM eNews when registration goes live.

Note: Jon Thorn may attend this event so if you are considering going please contact him. He has already contacted Roc.

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.

Terry Popkin
NCM Ambassador
tjpopkin@mac.com

2011 CCA Board of Directors

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the 2011 Corvette Club of America Board of Directors. With all of the excitement and confusion of the last shop night and Bikes for Tikes, an announcement was late in coming. The outcome for the Vice President spot was a tight finish between Bob Couse and Jim Parisi. Both candidates were excellent nominees and Bob took the win by only a small margin. I'm looking forward to working with Bob this year. In addition we have added three new faces to the board this year with Nita Armstrong taking the treasury position from Bill Bachman. Bill did a great job last year and will be turning over the books to Nita shortly. Also added was Jon Thorn as Parliamentarian. In this role Jon will act as a guidance for me the President and help to make sure the business end of things stays on track. Finally, as former Vice President, Rich Taylor assumes the role of Member-At-Large on the Board I'd like to thank the entire 2010 Board for their hard work and dedication to a great year.

President: Don Haller
Vice President: Bob Couse
Secretary: Roxanna Hegarty
Treasurer: Nita Armstrong
Parliamentarian: Jon Thorn
Membership: Jean Wade
NCCC Governor: Ron Hamrah
Member-At-Large: Rich Taylor
Competition Director: Rich Taylor
NCM Ambassador: Terry Popkin
Courier Editor: Jon Thorn

Thanks,
Don Haller

News From Sport Chevrolet

Since its introduction as a 2009 model, Chevrolet has offered customers who purchase a new Corvette ZR1 a two day, tuition paid, ZR1 Driving Class through either Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving (near Phoenix, AZ) or Ron Fellows Performance Driving School at Spring Mountain (outside of Las Vegas, NV) - the official Driving Schools of Chevrolet.

The two day ZR1 Driving Class offers customers a unique combination of in classroom and on track instruction that focuses on the intricacies of the Corvette, in general, and the ZR1, specifically. ZR1 customers who have participated in one of these sessions are not only impressed by the Corvette's ability, but leave with a better understanding of their own driving skills.

For customers who take delivery of any new 2010 or 2011 Corvette model (coupe, convertible, Grand Sport or Z06) from January 4, 2011 through February 28, 2011, Chevrolet will offer these customers an opportunity to attend the two day ZR1 Driving Class at one of the two official Chevrolet Driving Schools of their choice. Eligible customers who elect to take advantage of this opportunity within one year of their delivery date will have their tuition paid for by Chevrolet to attend the ZR1 Driving School class. However, similar to the current arrangements for ZR1 customers, these eligible customers will be responsible for their accommodations (lodging, meals, etc.) and travel to and from either Bob Bondurant School of High Performance Driving (near Phoenix, AZ) or Ron Fellows Performance Driving School at Spring Mountain (outside of Las Vegas, NV).

Customers who purchase a new 2010 or 2011 Corvette ZR1 model during the program period will not only receive the two day paid tuition, but will receive an additional third consecutive day of tuition paid ZR1 driving experience.

This special limited time offer is in addition to other current Corvette incentive programs. This offer cannot be exchanged for a cash value or additional vehicle discount.

**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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