



Corvette Club of America

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The President's Corner - Don Haller

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The Prez Says

Well the Fourth of July really marks the beginning of the dog days of summer! I hope you guys are keeping cool but having fun cruising around in your Corvettes. It has been some nice weather for cruising even if it's with the AC blasting! I want to keep this short this month but will request your participation once again. We need your participation!! Yup... Just some good old fun! That's all I ask! Come out and hang with us at one of our upcoming events. We have a list of activities a mile long that we have scheduled for the next few months. We need your help to make them a great success. So, begin your CCA Summer fun with the Pool Party at Joe and Angie Vaeth's house on July 30th. If you don't want to get in the pool just join us at poolside. This is an annual favorite. Please come and enjoy some great food and great friends. Bring a dish to share and your own drinks in a cooler. Joe lives in Damascus and directions will be available on the CCA website.

We also have our third Autocross beginners clinic and competition event of the year scheduled for August 6th. These autocross events have turned into one of the most fun activities we organize during the year. We always need help, so please contact Rich Taylor to get your name on the list! Be sure to check our website for a complete listing of events for August. It is packed with Corvette related activities that will surely keep you having fun in the sun this summer!!

I hope to see you at one of our events soon!

Don Haller



Membership Director—Jean Wade

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

Fred & Hildi Deady	Crofton, Md.	78 white C	Web
Stephen & Patricia Jones	Huntingtown Md.	06 yellow C6	Web
Bion & Sandi Stewart	Gambrills, Md.	11 Crm C	Web
Robert & Stefa Atwell	Silver Spring, Md.	03 Aniv. Red C	Car Show
Gerard & Pat Gager	Laurel Md.	08 C	Car Show
David Cumber	Wash. DC	98 white C	Car Show
Doug & Kelly Barber	Fairfax Va.	85 white C	Car Show

Wow, Seven new members for June. We want to see all new members at our events. Either you attend our Tues. July 12th meeting, Tues. July 26th shop night or our annual backyard cook-out by the pool at Joe and Angie's house July 30th. Times and direction in newsletter and on our web site.

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

June Shop night was a low turn out. Lots going that evening. I drove my Corvette to shop night to get the oil changed and was caught in a rainstorm on the way home.

Coming up Events...

- July 12th 7:30.** CCA membership meeting J. J. Muldoon's. We have our room back.
- July 26th** CCA Shop night at Sport
- July 30th noon** CCA annual cookout by the pool at Joe & Angie's home.
- Aug 6th** CCA Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD.
- Aug 7th** CCA Double NCCC sanctioned autocross at Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD
- 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 www.carlisleevents.com
- 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, contact Jon Thorn
- Sept 24th** CCA Fall Picnic and Photo Shoot—Gambrill State Park

July 30th cookout - Bring a dish to share and your own drinks.

*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

Corvette Summer is in full swing. This is a really busy time of year for us. Be sure you check the events calendar frequently so that you don't miss out on a great time with your club!

I'd like to thank Roxana for her article on the delicate balance and continuously evolving story of Waxers & Racers. Rich also covered the same VIR event. It looks like a great time was had by all. The NCM visit to VIR has become an annual event that has been growing each year! We had an outstanding club turnout this time and we ought to make plans to have an overwhelming turnout next year. It is an event that spectators can enjoy and appreciate although it must be said that it is more fun behind the steering wheel. Either way, you ought to leave some space at the end of June next year to caravan with your club to VIR. 2012 dates to be announced.

I have almost recovered from an outstanding, perhaps once in a lifetime, trip to the 24-Hours of Le Mans. The grin is still there and will be for awhile. I had such a great time on this NCM trip that I'm sure I will try to find a way to do it again. You'll see an article later in this issue covering my fun filled week in France.

As I write this I am preparing to head north of the border with the Z06 for a couple of weeks. I will be meeting up with the NCM and a couple of Canadian vette clubs in Niagara on the Lake. We will then spend a week cruising through Canada ending up at Mosport for the ALMS race the weekend of July 22nd. Along the way we will be having dinner with Ron Fellows and perhaps his wife. They both joined us at a big corral banquet dinner in Le Mans hosted by the European Corvette Club. And it was at that dinner that he announced that he has become an owner of Mosport. It appears to be a case of the Mayor of Mosport deciding to buy the town since it is his home track. Following the race I will be headed over to Ottawa and then to the Thousand Islands before coming back home. This trip will not be nearly as long as my month of driving through Texas last year (April 2010 Courier) but I'm doing my best to avoid having my C6 Z06 be a garage queen. Now that we have a club Facebook site I'll try to provide some updates during the trip on a regular basis. I just hope it is a little cooler and less humid in Canada!

Also, while I'm writing this I am checking on the status of the ALMS Northeast Grand Prix at Lime Rock which is going on now. Last year's CCA trip to the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Challenge got me hooked on ALMS racing. The ALMS schedule is packed at this time of year. Things really get busy following the 24-Hours of Le Mans. (Le Mans is not an ALMS race of course but the same teams are all there.) From now until Petit Le Mans at the beginning of October there is a race every two weeks which barely gives the teams time to get their car haulers from location to location. Locally the one we don't want to forget is the first running of the Baltimore Grand Prix on Labor Day weekend. If you have not registered for tickets you need to!

I'll close out this month's "Ramblings" by announcing that I am going to host an event at the Flying Dog Brewery in Frederick, MD on September 17th from 2:30PM to 4:30PM. Everyone that attended the last Flying Dog Brewery tour and tasting in April of 2009 seemed to have a good time. I tried to set up another one last year but the brewery ran into some legal issues with the Frederick officials and the State of Maryland over the tours and had to discontinue them. As a result of a strong lobbying effort on the part

of the brewery and their many fans the laws have been changed to again allow the tours – and of course the tasting. The new law went into effect on July 1 and of course there was a big party at midnight at the brewery. Anyway, with our already full schedule the only time that I could get is September 17th. As with last time, we will not be the only people at the brewery but I expect we will have our own dedicated tour guide again and I will arrange to block off part of the parking area for Corvettes only to provide a spot to show off our vettes for the other brewery visitors. So plan on waxing up your vette (Pat) and then relaxing afterwards at the brewery!

Save the Wave,
Jon Thorn, CCA Courier Editor



CCA visit to Flying Dog Brewery - 2009

Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

CORVETTE COMPETITION**Competition Report**

Another month has gone by and several CCA members participated in the HPDE sponsored by the National Corvette Museum at Virginia International Raceway. CCA had the best club representation with 11 drivers and four spouses and girl friends. We drove down together in a caravan on Sunday, picking up additional members in Richmond including a few members of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club. When we arrived at the track we had three car trailers that we pulled together to form a CCA compound where we parked our cars and set up our chairs and pop-ups. We also displayed the CCA banner. It was a great two days of driving fun and the weather cooperated with rain occurring only at night. Several of our members were able to improve their driving skills to the point where they were able to advance into the next higher run group or to qualify to run solo without an instructor. What made the event even better is that we were all able to drive or trailer our vehicles back home in the same condition as when we arrived. Several of us took advantage of the opportunity to ride with former Corvette racing team member and current Cadillac racing team member, Andy Pilgrim. I was one of the lucky ones who got to ride with him, and it was a ride to remember. I was even able to apply some driving tips from Andy to improve my driving line and times. Some pictures of this fun event are included below.

Caravan to VIR



Cars Lined Up For Tech Inspection



Al Hegarty & Jim Wray



Al Hegarty Doing a Power Slide



Chris Schneck in His ZR1



Action on the Track



Chef Suzy Preparing the Grill



The CCA Compound



Upcoming Events

Our next major events are an autocross class on Saturday, August 6th and a dual autocross event on Sunday, August 7th. Both will be held at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD. This is a good opportunity to learn how to drive your car in a safe competitive environment, so please come out and support your club. I will be putting out an email soon to solicit both participants and workers for these two events.

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.

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:

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

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

As you can see, there are 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 your desires. I look forward to seeing you out on the track with a big smile on your face.

Living Life in the Fast Lane

Rich Taylor

CCA Competition Chairman

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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

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

The East Region has lost John Kource, Chairman of the Free State Corvette Club annual Corvette Weekend at Ocean City, MD (this year, October 14-15). John passed away on June 18. On behalf of our CCA Membership, I have sent our condolences.

NEWS FROM THE NCCC EAST REGION MEETING OF MAY 21, 2011

(worth repeating from last months newsletter)

Currently there are 2,319 East Region NCCC members and 2,918 FCOA members throughout NCCC, 312 of them in the East Region.

Blue Bars (the NCCC Publication) is looking for articles on unique "barn finds" and owner-history stories for the next issue. If you have one to tell, please send it to me (rhamrah@gmail.com) by July 10.

Under our NCCC insurance with B&B, a club trailer is covered while at a covered event but not in transit or when stored. A new program, Corvette Roadside Assistance, will offer emergency roadside assistance, towing of 25 miles and lock-out help for an annual fee of \$15 – 45, depending upon level of coverage. Additional information will be provided soon.

East Region Club Sponsored Events – Lots of great events, grab a few in July

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.

See the (Bel Air sponsored) East Region-wide 2 day Autocross details below at July 30-31.

Tri-County Vettes

Date : Sunday, 17 July 2011

From : 09:00am

Category : Concours

Location : Brodheadsville Chevrolet -- RT 209, Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Event Description: DOUBLE Concours

Sanction #ER-323-042, ER-323-043

Email : tcv@ernccc.org

More info : <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-323-042.pdf>

Cumberland Valley Corvette Club

Date : Saturday, 23 July 2011

From : 08:00am

Category : Concours

Location : Graham Motors, 1402 Holly Pike, Carlisle PA 17015

Event Description : DOUBLE Concours Fun Show

Sanction # ER-098-044, ER-098-178

Email : cvcc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-098-044.pdf>

Cumberland Valley Corvette Club

Date : Sunday, 24 July 2011

From : 08:00am

Category : Autocross

Location : Big Spring High School, 100 Mount Rock Rd, Newville, PA 17214

Event Description : DOUBLE Autocross

Sanction # ER-098-045, ER-098-179

Email : cvcc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-098-045.pdf>

Lancaster County Corvette Club

Date : Sunday, 24 July 2011

From : 09:00am

Category : Concours

Location : Stauffer's of Kissel Hill, 1050 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA 17543

Event Description : Concours, People's Choice

Sanction # ER-266-117

Email : lccc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-266-117.pdf>

Bel Air Corvette Club

Date : Saturday, 30 July 2011

From : 07:30am

Category : Autocross

Sanction # ER-263-048, ER-263-049

Location : Cumberland Regional Airport, Wiley, WV

Event Description: DOUBLE Autocross

Email : bacc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-263-048.pdf>

USA-1 Corvette Club

Date : Saturday, 30 July 2011

From : 08:30am

Category : Concours

Sanction # ER-263-048, ER-263-049

Location : Pennsylvania Military Museum, Rt. 322 (biz), Boalsburg, PA

Event Description: SEVEN Concours – Peoples Choice

Email : usa1cc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ERX-111-050.pdf>

Bel Air Corvette Club

Date : Sunday, 31 July 2011

From : 07:30am

Category : Autocross

Sanction # ER-263-100, ER-263-101

Location : Cumberland Regional Airport, Wiley, WV

Event Description: DOUBLE Autocross

Email : bacc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-263-048.pdf>

NCM Ambassador — Terry Popkin

National Corvette Museum Report

Corvette World Tribute at Road America

Road America and Corvette Racing have formed a partnership that is supporting the Corvette World Tribute August 18-21 in conjunction with the ALMS GT2 Race.

The CWT offers Corvette racers and enthusiasts the opportunity to take part in action on the track at one of the world's renowned circuits with a rich Corvette history.

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Chevrolet, there will be racing, touring, displays, presentations, celebrity guests, autographs, reunions, vendors, the traditional Corvette Corral and more including the re-dedication of the famous Corvette Bridge at turn 6.



Sunday, August 21 is the crown jewel of the event and the Museum will be fully represented by a booth. Check out our Vintage Race Car on display, and there are other goodies to be discovered. For a complete event agenda goto:

<http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs032/1102766514357/archive/1104825677348.html>

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=BQROAAAAAAdB%2f%2f%2f...>

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!