



Corvette Club of America

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The President's Corner - Don Haller

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The Prez Says

Another month has flown by and it's still not spring!!! Hurry up sunshine!! I guess the biggest thing on all Corvette enthusiasts minds this time of the year is getting the car ready for warm weather driving. I know I am no different. I'm so anxious for the season to begin its killing me. For those that don't know... I have been working on a major engine and transmission rebuild project for my 1994 Corvette over the past several months. I have been without my Corvette since May of last year and I have been patiently waiting for the all of the stars and planets to align just properly so I can have it ready for the upcoming season; more about all of that later.

Upcoming fun stuff!!! We are taking a cruise to Bowling Green, Kentucky for a tour of the National Corvette Museum and the Corvette Assembly Plant. Mark your Calendar and get the details so you can join us on March 26th as we caravan on to Bowling Green. Terry Popkin, our NCM Ambassador has planned the event and blocked some rooms at a nice hotel in BG Kentucky close to the NCM. We will also stay overnight one evening in West Virginia on the first day of travel to break the drive up a bit. Additionally, if time permits on Monday after the Corvette Plant tour we will do a cruise to and tour the Maker's Mark Distillery. To get on board, take a look at the details of this trip in a subsequent article in this edition.

With the Bowling Green trip behind us, April will get us right back into the groove with our first autocross school and timed events of the year, scheduled for April 16th & 17th. If you are interested in participating, contact Rich Taylor. This season we have purchased our own timing equipment and are automating and integrating the online registration and payment process with the actual timing and staging of cars on the day of the event. I have been working hard to get the software and hardware configured to make this work smoothly for our Autocross workers. If you are interested in learning about autocross event management, timing and how these events work, please don't hesitate to contact Rich or myself to get on-board. I need a handful of trained people that know how to work with the timing software and understand the workflow associated with running an autocross event.

Well, none of this fun stuff will be possible for me if my car is not completed in time. It will be a challenge to get the Corvette completed in time for the Bowling Green cruise and I doubt very much if I will make that milestone. I still will have a tight schedule but I'm working hard at getting everything completed by April 17th. That will be my first official start of the autocross season for me. I have signed up for a couple Autocross schools this spring with *Evolution Performance Driving Schools* and hope that it teaches me some new technique (like I had any old technique!) so I can get out on the course and appear

to know sort of what I'm doing... For those interested my 1994 Corvette will have a new 383 stoker engine that has been rebuilt locally by Jackson Auto Machine in Hanover, MD. Jerry Jackson has spared little and built it with all the high performance goodies. As I write this the motor should be completed but I will find out early next week. The transmission is complete and has been blueprinted and updated with all new heavy duty components and is ready to mate with that new stroked LT1 engine. Still to do, will be the installation of both engine and transmission, tying all the loose ends together and tuning the car perfectly for all driving conditions. If time and money allow, I hope to get it up to Tony's Corvette Shop to do a final Dyno-tune on the car before she is re-commissioned for spring time activities.

I hope to see you soon!

Take Care and Save the Wave...



Membership Director—Jean Wade

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

Tony & Audrey Bagdon Odenton, Md 2011 blue coupe 6sp. 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.

Membership cards – If you have not received your new 2011 CCA membership card you must contact me. Contact information at the end of the page.

NCCC 2011 renewals cards and information have been mailed. If you did not receive yours you must contact Ron now.

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...

Mar 26th-29th	CCA National Corvette Museum Trip
April 16th	Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD
April 17th	Double NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD
Jun 25th	NVCC Car Control Clinic at Old Dominion Raceway in Manassas, VA.
	Sponsored by NVCC and supported by CCA. Contact Pat Roney if you are able to help/attend.

Terry Popkin is working with the coordinators at NCM for a CCA trip to Bowling Green.... including motel stay on route down (it is 11 hours of driving, which may be too much for some), a visit to a fantastic nature museum in WV near our motel, the drive to the museum the next morning, tours of the museum and overview of the new planned motorplex, Factory tour, visits to Bourbon makers, winery, country tours with lunch at a wonderful ole train-stop in KY. Full weekend. We can come home on our own or come as a pack.....Maybe a stop at the outlets near Hagerstown...or Hendershots gun shop in Hancock....we will discuss all. Terry tjpopkin@mac.com 301-949-2464

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

I have several reminders for you this month. First, we still have room for more people on the trip to the NCM at the end of the month. If you are interested in joining us on what will be a great trip please be sure to contact Terry Popkin as soon as possible. There is more information on the trip later in this issue. Second, if you have not ordered your tickets for the Baltimore Grand Prix you owe it to yourself to join your fellow CCA members. Plan on attending this historic event. You'll find more information in this issue. Finally, Spring is almost here and lots of club activities will be happening soon. We are going to need members supporting our expanded car show and autocross activities this year. Come out to a business meeting or contact any of the board members if you have the time to help out your club.

Jean Wade passed along some information that I'd like to share with the club. As you may know Dr. Dick Thompson is an honorary member of the CCA. Jean received the following email from Eve Lloyd Thompson:

Hello Jean:

Dick would like to thank you and CCA for his membership. He appreciated your nice note of 1/25/2011.

He will be 91 in a few months, and while he would love to join you at some of your events arthritis in his back, knees and hips makes traveling difficult. He finds the seat in my 2010 Corvette coupe to be the most comfortable of all, and remarks on it every time he gets in the car. Unfortunately it's a long trip to Montgomery County, MD.

Thank you for thinking of him.
Best regards,
Eve

As editor of the Courier I found this second email to be the most interesting <grin>!

Hi Jean:

Of course you may share my e-mail, and we do receive, and Dick reads the newsletter.
My best,
eve

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For those of you joining us on the NCM trip this month you'll have a chance to see this for yourself in the Hall of Fame. But for those of you who can't be with us here is a photo that I took last year on a visit to the NCM



Save the Wave!

Jon Thorn

CCA Courier Editor

Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

CORVETTE COMPETITION

Competition Report



Corvette Club of America Karting Event 2011

Our go-carting event was a big success with a turnout of 21 participants including two from the Northern Virginia Corvette Club. There were three different racing sessions with participants matched based on their experience level. First, second and third place trophies were awarded for each event. A big thanks to Pat Roney for organizing this fun event. It was a real blast. Below are pictures of the participants and trophy winners.



Francois explaining the rules and the best line around the track.

Our participants being schooled in the rules for the day.



Stewart Fox, President of Northern Virginia Corvette Club, giving a plug for their Teen Driving School.



Grand Prix I winners:

1st place – Stewart Fox NVCC

2nd place – Eric Kinch

3rd place – Jason Buckingham



Grand Prix II winners:

1st place – Andrej Balanc NVCC

2nd place – Pat Roney

3rd place – Tom Armstrong



Arrive & Drive winners:

1st place – Scott Decker

2nd place – Tina Decker

3rd place – Suzie Clark



Arrive and Drive Group preparing to head out on the track.



Terry Popkin chasing Bill Bachman down the front straight away.



15 of our 21 racers.

Note: some of our participants left before the picture.



Computers Needed for Our Autocross Events

We are in need of two or three low cost laptop computers for our autocross events that we have scheduled for this year. We are looking for 2 to 3 year old computers with Windows XP, Vista, or Windows 7 software. If you have a laptop that you would like to either donate or sell to the club for a reasonable price, please contact our President Don Haller dphotoz@comcast.net or me Richard.jl.taylor@lmco.com.

Upcoming 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.

2011 HPDE Planned Events

Mar 25-27 NASA VIR Full Course

Apr 9-10 NASA Summit Point Main

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

Jul 4-5 Chin VIRginia Int'l Raceway Summer holiday at VIR 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. This is a SU-WEET track date!

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

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

2011 CCA Sponsored Racing Events

March

March 19th, NVCC Teen Driving School Instructor's Training at Old Dominion Raceway

April

April 16th, Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD

April 17th, Double NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD

April 30th, NVCC Teen Driving School at Old Dominion Raceway

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

Contact Jon Thorn well in advance of date for registration information

June 25th, NVCC Car Control Clinic at Old Dominion Raceway in Manassas, VA. Sponsored by NVCC and supported by CCA

August

August 6, Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech in Columbia, MD

August 7, Double NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech, Columbia, MD

September

September 2-4, ALMS Baltimore Grand Prix - Corvette Corral - See details later in this newsletter.

September 11, Muscle Car Mania Returns to Capitol Raceway -- CCA/Tony's

November

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

November 6, Double NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech, 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 you desires.

Living Life in the Fast Lane

Rich Taylor

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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



Hoping for Spring to arrive.....

By Ron Hamrah, NCCC Governor for CCA

NCCC News

At our last East Region meeting on Dec 4, the leadership announced the changes which were made to the NCCC By-Laws and Competition Rules. You can see them at <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCHandbook.html> The changes are in timeline submission requirements for club events, changes to refine Group and Sub-Group classifications and others changes to modify terminology.

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

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 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 April newsletter.

NCM Ambassador — Terry Popkin

National Corvette Museum Report

Museum Website Menu Now Mobile Friendly

Thanks to some of our enthusiasts for pointing out that the Museum's main menu was not mobile friendly! We have now made an adjustment to that menu so that you can tap it twice on your iPhone, iPad and other mobile devices to access items on the menu instead of having a drop down menu like is available for desktop PCs.

We anxiously await the completion of our BRAND NEW website which we anticipate will be completed and launched this fall. The new site will make online shopping easier, and you will have only ONE login and password to access not only the store, but event registration and other sections. Stay tuned!

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 but if you contact Roc you will be in line for early registration.

Note: Jon Thorn will attend this event so if you are considering going please contact him.

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 Once you apply, your CCA membership will be confirmed and then you will have access to the group.

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!

