



# Corvette Club of America

## the Corvette Courier

### The Worlds Oldest Corvette Club

The President's Corner - Don Haller

May 2011

#### The Prez Says

Spring has sprung! And I can tell by the smell of smoking rubber and burnt fuel! This weekend CCA and The Maryland Camaro Club hosted yet another Spring Muscle Car Mania Drag Race and Car Show! This event has come to mark the passage of winter into spring for many car enthusiasts in the area. Sunday was no different with a full lot of beautiful cars for the Fun Show which was organized and managed flawlessly by the Maryland Camaro Club. The drag races organized by CCA and Capitol Raceway Management brought out a good number of racing fans to test their metal against the clock and each other. Although we had rain in the late afternoon that caused us to call off the eliminations everyone had a full day of racing and a lot of fun.

My primary message this month is that I really want to impress upon our members is that there are so many different Corvette related activities that are available for us to participate. Not just CCA sponsored activities but those of other closely allied clubs in the East Region NCCC. Take some time and go to the East Region Website or take a look at Ron Hamrah's column to see what kind of fun events are going on in the area. With the said, I spoke with Corvette Annapolis President Pete Kline again last week about the upcoming Corvette only car show that will be held in the Annapolis Harbor area on Saturday August 20th. This is a special event for car enthusiasts, as this is the first of its kind allowed to use this venue in the Bayside Capitol of Maryland. It will be an NCCC sanctioned event with four sanctioned fun shows. Pete and Corvette Annapolis have been working hard with the City of Annapolis to make this event happen. I would suggest if you are interested in going to get an early start and pre-register as spots will be sold out quickly. I plan to attend and hopefully will have a good contingency of CCA Cars and members present. Also, don't forget our other local clubs like G'Burg, Northern Virginia, BelAir and the likes. Lots of activities going on there as well and they welcome CCA members to come and enjoy the fun.

A bit closer to home over the next four or five weeks we have some big home events to pull off and we will need a good amount of home grown help to accomplish the task. First on the agenda is the May 21<sup>st</sup> Autocross School and Double Autocross on the 22<sup>nd</sup> at Lincoln Tech. Rich Taylor has already sent out emails soliciting assistance, so if you can help out please sign up. Just following that is the May 29<sup>th</sup> Shrimp Feast at Holland Point near Chesapeake Beach, MD. Last year we had a great turn out and I like to see us surpass those numbers this year. Free State Corvette Club will also be in attendance as in previous years. It would be great to get a good number of CCA cars to cruise down from Gaithersburg to show our colors. I will have more information on our website and you can go to the Holland Point website to buy tickets in advance.

Lastly, on June 4<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual CCA Spring Car Show at Sport Chevrolet. I will need lots of volunteers to come out and help us set up, work the gate, park cars and just have a great time. This year we will be having a detailing clinic by Adam's Polishes and Rod Saboury will be back with his six second "World's Fastest Street Legal Corvette". The show will accept all GM Muscle Cars and Classics, so if you have other cars than Corvettes, shine them up and bring them out. I will also have more information and downloadable flyer at our Website by Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Also flyers will be available at the business meeting and at Sport Chevrolet for you to get a bunch and hand out at local car events between now and the show. Online Registration is now open on our website. Only those people registered early online will be eligible to win the Adam's Polishes Detailing Kit and Buffer!!! So get your car ready and get to the website to register your car for the show!!

I look forward to seeing you at our next event. Check out the schedule and see you there.

Don Haller

President,  
Corvette Club of America



Membership Director—Jean Wade

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

			<b>Sponsor</b>
<b>Philippe Imad</b>	Sil. Sp. Md.	09 5 sp. Crystal red C	Pat Roney
<b>Robert &amp; Renate Arndt</b>	Ashton, Md.	06 6 sp. sunset orange C	Ron Hamrah
<b>Lawrence &amp; Lundmila Butkovich</b>	Leesburg, Va.	08 6 sp. yellow R	Web
<b>Tom Schillo</b>	Odenton Md.	06 manual blue R	Web
<b>Thomas &amp; Maria Foster</b>	Ellicott City,	06 6sp Daytona Sunset	Car Show

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 and your Corvette there.

**Member's health update –**

**Jim Parisi** had a serious back operation and now is getting back on his feet and doing better.

**Terry Popkin** was in the hospital for a heart recharge and feeling much better. Best to you guys and please stay healthy.

NCCC Questions direct to our Gov. **Ron Hamrah** 202-882-8157 [rhamrah@gmail.com](mailto:rhamrah@gmail.com)

**CCA License Plates** contact Jim Snyder for information 301-948-5766 or [jsnyder0623@hotmail.com](mailto:jsnyder0623@hotmail.com)

**April Shop night** 50/50 winner for \$27 was new member Philippe. Next shop night May 24<sup>th</sup> at Sport.

**Coming up Events... May & June**

<b>May 21<sup>st</sup></b>	10-1pm	Autocross Primer School at Lincoln Tech Columbia, MD
<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	8:30-	Spring Dbl. NCCC Sanctioned Autocross, Lincoln Tech, Columbia
<b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>	6:30-9pm	Shop Night at Sport
<b>May 29<sup>th</sup></b>		Shrimp Feast Cruise to Holland Point near Chesapeake Beach
<b>June 4<sup>th</sup></b>		CCA car show at Sport

*You club needs workers for Autocross and double the amount of workers for Car Show.*

*Contact Jean Wade*

*For more information on events above you can go to our web site. [www.corvetteclubofamerica.org](http://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](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*

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The Editor's Corner— Jon Thorn

## CORVETTE RAMBLINGS

Corvette season is here! It seems like it has been awhile in arriving this year. But now is the time to get active with your club. We really need your help at the upcoming Autocross and the Car Show in June. If you can help out please contact Rich Taylor, Don Haller, or me.

Rich included some event photos in his article this month and I've also added a couple of larger shots later in the newsletter. But I want to point out that our club photo album is the place to go if you want to see the full pictorial story on any of our events. The album space is being greatly expanded and it contains far more pictures than we can possibly put into the newsletter. For Muscle Car Mania alone there are 185 photos! Just go to the CCA web site and click on the Photo Album button. You'll find individual albums set up by event. If you have any photos of events that you'd like to have included in the albums just contact Don Haller or me. We can either show you how to upload them yourself or we'll be happy to do it for you.

Be certain to check out the NCM news in this issue. A lot has happened since the last newsletter! Find out about the new GM investment in the Bowling Green Assembly Plant and learn what is going on with the NCM's motorsports park.

I'd like to remind you all once again that I'm looking for member submitted articles for our newsletter. In fact I'm running a contest again this year for the best member submitted article. I know of a really interesting one that is in development at the moment. It'll be out very soon. Let's make sure that there are many more of them this year! If you have any questions about the contest or submitting an article be sure to get in touch with me.

Save the Wave!

Jon Thorn  
CCA Courier Editor



Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

# CORVETTE COMPETITION

## Competition Report



Another month has gone by and several of us have been enjoying the club's competition events in our cars. We conducted a successful autocross primer class and two autocross events and had great participation from both our club and several other East Region NCCC clubs. Saturday's weather was very damp, but several people participated in our expanded primer class. Sunday's weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed the competitive driving experience. I've included a few photos to whet your appetite, but you can find many more on our web site in the photo album.

**Al Hegarty carving the cones**



**Rich teaching the primer class**



**Don operating the timing equipment under the watchful eyes of Jon**



**Fearless Fred Long attacking the course**



Another major competitive event was our Muscle Car Mania Drag Race and Fun Show at Capitol Raceway. The weather started out good and we had a decent turnout. We completed the car show and test and tune session but the rain came in and required us to cancel the bracket racing portion of the program. However, everyone had a great time and we issued rain checks to our fall drag race for those who wanted them. The highlight of the day was the runs down the track that several of us provided to a photographer who was wounded in Afghanistan. He was there from Walter Reed Hospital with his brother and Sergeant Richard Brown from the U.S. Army. The racers, including myself, were very enthusiastic about providing runs in their cars for those who ensure our freedom. Check out the photos below and in the album on our web site.

**Rich & wounded Warrior ready for takeoff**



**Great looking Camaro**



## Overview of the Fun Show



## Nice burnout



There is a large group consisting of CCA and non-CCA members who are travelling to Watkins Glen Raceway in NY May 8<sup>th</sup> through the 11<sup>th</sup> to participate in an HPDE event. This should really be a blast and a new track experience for most of us. If you are interested in joining us for future events, please see the listing of upcoming events below.

## 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

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

June 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 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 Racing Events

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

#### May

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

June 17<sup>th</sup> – June 20<sup>th</sup> (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

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 your desires.

## Living Life in the Fast Lane

Rich Taylor

CCA Competition Chairman

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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>

#### **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.

## **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.

### **Tidewater Corvette Club**

Date: Saturday 11 May 2011

From: 8:00am To:

Category: Concours

Location: Hampton Chevrolet, 1073 W. Mercury Blvd, Hampton, VA

Event Title: People's Choice

Event Description:

Sanction #:ER-554-094

Email : [tcc@ernccc.org](mailto:tcc@ernccc.org)

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-554-094.pdf>

### **County Corvette Association**

Date : Saturday, 21 May 2011

From : 8:00am

Category : Peoples Choice Concours and Award Banquet

Location : Holiday Inn, 604 Station Road, Grantville, PA

Event Description : SEVEN Peoples Choice Concours

Sanction # ER-031-155, ER-031-156, ER-031-157, ER-031-158, ER-031-159, ER-031-160, ER-031-161,

Email : [ccasn@ernccc.org](mailto:ccasn@ernccc.org)

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-031-155.pdf>

### **Pocono Mountain Corvette Club**

Date : Sunday, 22 May 2011

From : 9:00am

Category : Non Sanctioned

Location :

Event Description : Drags

Non-Sanction #N-024

Email : [pmcc@ernccc.org](mailto:pmcc@ernccc.org)

More info : [http://ernccc.org/flyers/no\\_flyer.html](http://ernccc.org/flyers/no_flyer.html)

### **Tri-County Corvette Club**

Date : Sunday, 22 May 2011

From : 8:30am

Category : Sanction# ERX-0323-009, ERX-0323-010, ERX-0323-147

Location : 1543 Lehigh St., Allentown, PA

Event Description : Triple Rallye

Non-Sanction #N-024

Email : [tcv@ernccc.org](mailto:tcv@ernccc.org)

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ERX323-009.pdf>

**Corvette Annapolis Club**

**Date :** Sunday, 22 May 2011

**From :** 11:30am

**Category :** Concours

**Sanction#** ER-372-011, ER-372-012, ER-372-149

**Location :** Ourisman Chevrolet of Bowie, 16610 Governor Bridge Road, Bowie, MD 20716

**Event Description :** Concours People's Choice

Non-Sanction #N-024

**Email :** [ca@ernccc.org](mailto:ca@ernccc.org)

**More info :** <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER372-011.pdf>

**Corvette Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania**

**Date :** Sunday, 29 May 2011

**From :** 09:45am

**Category :** Concours

**Sanction#** ER-025-013, ER-025-014, ER-025-015, ER-025-016, ER-025-017, ER-025-018

**Location :** Pocono Manor, Mount Pocono, PA

**Event Description :** Concours People's Choice

**Email :** [cnepa@gmail.com](mailto:cnepa@gmail.com)

**More info :** <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-025-013.pdf>

**Revolution Corvette Club**

**Date :** Sunday, 29 May 2011

**From :** 11:00am

**Category :** Concours

**Sanction#** ER-574-019, ER-574-162

**Location :** Hooter's Restaurant, 703 Loucks Road, York, PA 17404

**Event Description :** Concours People's Choice

**Email :** [rcc@ernccc.org](mailto:rcc@ernccc.org)

**More info :** <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-574-019.pdf>

**Corvette Club of Northeastern Pennsylvania**

**Date :** Monday, 30 May 2011

**From :** 08:00am

**Category :** Driver School

**Sanction#** Non-Sanction N-003

**Location :** Pconono Raceway, Long Pond, PA

**Event Description :** High Speed Driving School

**Email :** [cnepa@gmail.com](mailto:cnepa@gmail.com)

**More info :** <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/N-003.pdf>

NCM Ambassador — Terry Popkin

## National Corvette Museum Report

### General Motors Announces C7 to be Built in Bowling Green, Kentucky

The General Motors Corvette Assembly Plant was packed full of community and state leaders, GM officials, media and supporters of Corvette May 5th in hopes of good news with regards to the future of Corvette and Bowling Green. It was good news indeed as GM North American President Mark Reuss took to the podium and announced their plans to invest \$131 million in the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, "This facility is particularly thrilling for me to be at because I've had Corvettes, in fact, Corvette is one of the reasons why I went to work for the company a long time ago," said Reuss.

Reuss then cut to the chase and made the announcement everyone had been hoping for, "I'm here to announce that GM will invest \$131 million in Kentucky to ensure that the next generation Chevrolet Corvette will be produced by this team, in this plant, in Bowling Green - the Home of Corvette.

Reuss said the current generation will continue for about two more years while work happens behind the scenes work will begin to update the facility and ensure the Corvette will continue to be the true American sports car built here for many years to come. The C7 model is predicted to be debuted Spring of 2013 for a 2014 model year Corvette.

"As you know Bowling Green is a special place and not just to me and to GM but to Corvette lovers around the world. This place is THE mecca for those who appreciate true affordable sports car performance and they come from the four corners of the globe to see what you do here," said Reuss. "It is amazing and it is inspiring and it is very American. "

"Unlike any other facility in North America your doors are open to our customers who make pilgrimages to Bowling Green to see their car being built, meet the people, and visit the National Corvette Museum." Reuss also praised the Museum pointing out that it is not funded by General Motors. "I'm one of the lovers of the Museum and the heritage of Corvette and this state means a lot to me personally."

Reuss closed his presentation saying "Tadge and the team are doing the next generation Corvette and it will thrill all of the sports car drivers of the future and it will be built right here." He added that this is just one of their ongoing investments of billions of dollars in their US facilities, keeping and creating jobs for their American workers. (Summary taken from NCM blogspot.)

### NCM announces Motorsports Park to be completed in Phases

The museum currently owns 70 acres of land, and will be executing the option to purchase an additional 92 acres for Phase 1. Phase 1 will include a two mile "west" road course and autocross/skid pad area according to Wendell Strode.

"Rather than hold up the entire project, hoping for major sponsorships to cover the initial \$35 million project, we decided to break it into smaller, more achievable phases so that motorsports enthusiasts could begin enjoying portions of the park in the near future," added Strode.

Phase 2 will include a ¼ mile drag strip, followed by an "east" road course, karting track and separate autocross / skidpad area in future phases. (Summary taken from NCM blogspot.)

## **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](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.

# Corvette Club of America

## 38TH ANNUAL SPRING CAR SHOW

### CORVETTES

### ALL GM MUSCLE CARS & CLASSICS

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Three NCCC Sanctioned Fun Shows for Corvettes  
GM Muscle and Classics will be judged in Separate Classes by People's Choice

Cash Prizes for Best Overall and Best in Major Classes  
Entry Fees: Corvettes \$50 all events All Other GM Cars \$25  
T-Shirts and Dash Plaques to the first 150 entries  
Breakdown of registration and classes on reverse side



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