



Corvette Club of America

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The Worlds Oldest Corvette Club

The President's Corner - Don Haller

October 2011

The Prez Says

Wow! Our membership has been very active all summer and there are still several events for everyone to enjoy.

We kicked off the year with a club sponsored go-cart event in January and have been busy ever since. In addition to our club sponsored auto cross and our annual car show, our members have participated in HPDE track events at Virginia International Raceway, Watkins Glen in New York and Summit Point in West Virginia.

Several members caravanned to Bowling Green for a tour of the Corvette factory and stopped at several points of interest along the way.

As always we had a good turn out for the annual Corvettes at Carlisle and have enjoyed tours of wineries and a brew house! Many of our members took advantage of the Corvette Corral at the Baltimore Grand Prix and a few were able to attend some of the east coast ALMS races.

Our annual Founders Day Picnic was well attended amid the beautiful fall countryside at Gambrill State Park.

Our members could also be found at events sponsored by our sister clubs including: car shows, auto-crosses and the Teen Driving School sponsored by the NOVA Corvette Club.

While the list goes on, it is clear that there is a diversity of interests within the club and hopefully something of interest for all of our members. If you have been unable to enjoy some of these events this year, now is the time to set aside some of the diversions and join us for some of the remaining events.

Many of our members are looking forward to a last weekend at the shore and what better way to do that than the annual Ocean City Corvette Weekend! It is sponsored by the Free State Corvette Club and is a benefit for the Spina Bifida Association of Maryland. The events kick off on Friday October 14th at 11:00 with a Welcoming Party. The event features 3 Fun Shows, 3 Road Rallies, a Boardwalk Corvette Parade and numerous opportunities for fun, food and cheer! The CCA members are planning to meet on Friday at 12:00pm for lunch at the Bull on the Beach restaurant on the ocean side of 94th Street. Later the group will meet for cocktails at the Seacrets Bar and Grill on the bay side of W. 49th at 4:30pm CCA contact for the event days will be Don Haller at: 443-939-1852.

The next club-sponsored event is our final autocross event to be held on November 5th and 6th at the Lincoln Technical Institute in Columbia, Maryland. On Saturday the 5th, the Club will conduct an autocross training and familiarization session for first time autocross participants (and for those of us that need a little help with our skills). The actual competition will be held on Sunday. Check the flier in this newsletter and on the CCA Website for the details.

As we move toward the holiday season we will hold our annual Toys for Tots charity event at the Hooters in Rockville on November 12th at noon. Mark your calendars to join in the fun for a really good cause.

For the next couple of months we will also be engaged in developing the schedule for 2012 and could use some help. Now is a good time for you to assure we include activities that are of interest to you. We would enjoy having everyone with fresh ideas to join us at our monthly business meetings or our monthly shop nights. Both are good opportunities to share your interests and experiences. These activities are shown on the Website. If you are unable to attend, feel free to send us an e-mail with your suggestions and we will include them in our 2012 planning.

Last but not least we are rapidly coming up on the time to elect new officers for the coming year. Please take a few moments and provide your recommendations for the positions of President and Vice President, which will be open after this year, or for any other position on the board. Please note that you are free to nominate yourself.

I sincerely hope everyone will find a way to join with us in making 2012 a great year. It is always fun to meet new people and share the Corvette experience.

Bob Couse
CCA Vice President



Membership Director—Jean Wade

CCA Membership Update

MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION

Welcome Our New Member for 2011

Sponsor

Arthur & Carole Bell	Ellicott City, Md.	2001 Z06 C Cry. red	Pat Roney
Denise & Jay Parson	Boys, Md.	2011 GS R Orange	Web
Coe & Jacqueline Ames	Chevy Chase, Md.	2006 Yellow C	Ron Hamrah

Looking forward to see all our new members. We have lots of events for you to attend.

Note: CCA/NCCC renewals will be coming in the mail in Oct. Payments due by end of Nov. for your 2012 renewals. Looks like I have a lot to do.

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

Sept. Shop night. 50/50 winner was Phil Imad with \$30. I gave away lots of free posters. I will bring to the Oct. 11th meeting if you would like some.
Next shop night Oct. 25th.

Reminder – CCA Elections will be coming up soon. If you have been thinking about running for a position on the board. Please contact Don or Jean or come to the meeting we would love to hear from you. Don't wait until the last minute to speak up. No one is running for these positions. President, and Vice President.

Coming up Events...

- Oct. 14-15** Corvettes in Ocean City <http://www.freestatecorvette.com>
- Nov. 5th** Autocross Primer School Lincoln Tech, Columbia, Md.
- Nov. 6th** Autocross double NCCC Sanction Lincoln Tech
- Nov. 12th** Toys for Tots Hooters in Rockville, Md. Our annual event

If any one would like to chair an event for Oct. or Nov. Please let me know. It could be a dinner or lunch event. We love to eat.

*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
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The Editor's Corner- Jon Thorn

CORVETTE RAMBLINGS

It is not quite time to be pulling the covers over your Corvette for the winter but it is getting closer. We certainly have had a busy year and we are working on plans to make next year even better. If you have ever had a desire to get more active with the CCA this would be a great time. We have elections coming up and really need candidates for President and Vice President. Even the inexperienced can apply <g>! Seriously, your club has a great Board and both the President and Vice President will get lots of help. So if your concern is that you have not been an active member or that you will get stuck for a ton of work you have nothing to worry about. Contact Jean Wade and let her know that you want to run for an office. Candidates are welcomed for any position but we really need the President and Vice President positions filled for sure.

Our next event is the O.C. Corvette Weekend. It has always been lots of fun and I'm sure this year will be not different. It's (almost) not too late to come and join us. I hope to see you there. I also hope that the weather gods are better to us than they were in the Great Flood of 2009. But even with horrible weather it turned out to be lots of fun. Here's a small reminder of what that storm was like. I hope the sun greets us this time but I'll be there Thursday through Sunday in any event.



If you read my column you know that I attended three Corvette Racing events this year (24-Hours of Le Mans, Mosport, and the Baltimore Grand Prix). On the NCM Museum in Motion tour to Mosport I had the great fortune of meeting lots of fine people from the Niagara Falls and Durham vette clubs. One was Janet Polasek, NCM Ambassador at Large and as of this September a NCM Master Ambassador. She forwarded me a few pictures from the 2011 NCM 17th Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction. I was unable to attend because the event was the same weekend as the Baltimore Grand Prix. Janet passed along a few photos of Ron Fellows induction into the NCM Hall of Fame that I want to share.



At left is Ron Fellows banner in the NCM Corvette Hall of Fame



During the Hall of Fame Induction Ron was given a brick in the racing section to mark his induction. On the left is Janet Polasek and on the right is Sue Woodland. Both were part of the NCM Mosport Tour. In all, the Canadian contingent had 22 people that attended Ron's induction into the Hall of Fame. I was one of the contributors for the brick along with many people from the NCM Mosport Tour and the Mosport Volunteer Team. Ron was presented with a photo scrapbook of all those that contributed. He was given a duplicate brick but there are currently four possible locations for this second brick and the decision has not been made yet. It will either go in his garden, at the new Media Center at Mosport, or at Fellow's Corner at Mosport. Ultimately it may get placed at the Canadian Motorsports Hall of Fame where Ron will be inducted when he fully retires from racing. I thought it was really neat to be a small part of this.



During the 17th Annual Celebration Kirk Binnion and Harlan Charles unveiled a special edition car in Ron's honor. Janet says it is a beauty and left Ron speechless. The car will tour and is expected to show up at Spring Mountain (probably for the kind of exercise that it was designed for!) and they hope it will be on display at Mosport as well. The rear of the car has both Mosport and Spring Mountain decals on it.

There are a couple of other little bits that I want to pass along that Janet shared with me. *“Among those at the induction were Johnny O’Connell (who broke down in tears when he was not keeping us in stitches) Andy Pilgrim, Robin and Gary Pratt (the 1st practice that Gary missed in 10 years—this was BGP week), Carla and Tom Wallace, and Wil Cooksey. There was also a video tribute from Doug Fehan and the rest of the race team. It was certainly the best event and most emotional/special we have ever attended at the NCM. I had to wipe my eyes a couple of times.”*

I wish I could have been there with them but the Baltimore Grand Prix was pretty special too <g>!

Jon Thorn
CCA Courier Editor

Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

CORVETTE COMPETITION

Competition Report



Our final competition event of the year is fast approaching. On Saturday, November 5th we will conduct an autocross primer class, and on Sunday, November 6th we will hold a dual NCCC sanctioned autocross at Lincoln Tech. See the details of the primer course below. If you have been wondering how your car would perform in a timed event or would just like to improve your driving skills, come on out to the primer class and find out in a safe controlled environment. You'll have plenty of time on Saturday to hone your new skills in preparation for Sunday's competition. Whether or not you plan to participate in Saturday's and Sunday's events, I will need members to volunteer to work one of several positions to assist us in setting up and running both events. Below is a list of the positions for which I will need several volunteers to fill. If you are available to work either day, please contact me via email or telephone.

Saturday

Equipment transportation (need a truck or SUV)	Driver instructors to take students out on the course	Course set-up workers	Registration
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Sunday

Equipment transportation (need a truck or SUV)	Course set-up	Gate workers	Cashier	Registration
Tech inspectors	Staging	Starter	Timing	

Corvette Club of America Autocross Primer (Open to All Types of Cars)



This is a primer autocross class for those who are just starting out or for those who would like to brush up on their skills before running in a timed event. The class will consist of a combination of classroom time, time in the shop to review proper car preparation and safety and lots of time on the course honing your driving skills with an experienced driver. The following are some of the items that you will learn:

- What to bring to an autocross event
- Car preparation
- Technical and safety inspection
- Walking the course
- Reading the course map & learning the course
- Taking notes
- Tips for accelerating, turning and braking
- Lots of practice runs in your car with an experienced driver

We will use the classroom and shop facilities at Lincoln Technical Institute and drive on a course that will be set up in the Lincoln Tech parking lot. A Snell 2005 "SA" or "M" rated helmet is required in order to participate. If you have a helmet, please bring it with you. Several helmets will be available to class participants who do not have one.

Other 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.

Remaining 2011 HPDE Planned Events

Oct 7-9 NASA Octoberfest VIR Full

Oct 14 Friday at The Track

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

2011 CCA Sponsored Competition Events

The competition year is winding down and we have only two remaining competition events this year, so please plan to come out and have some fun in your Corvette and help out with our autocross before the weather changes and we have to put our cars away for the winter.

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 few 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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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

This month, I am going to lead with a support statement for the great freedoms we have in our wonderful country. I just returned from a medical appointment at the newly consolidated Walter Reed National Military Medical Center (WRNMMC). As I was walking through the hospital grounds, I saw no less than five young men and women with missing limbs. One young man was missing both legs and one arm. None of these brave men and women looked like they wanted sympathy. But I sure had a hard time keeping my composure.

My next stop was the Wounded Warrior Support Office where I offered to coordinate our club activities with the WRNMMC military. If you want to extend an invitation to one of our CCA events or know of another Corvette event that would be of interest to the Wounded Warriors, I would be glad to work with you on it.

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>

FOR SALE 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.

What are you doing August 2014 ?

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 DD-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.

October 14 – 15, 2011 (See Jean's event list on page 2 of this issue.)

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-ZNQHbyME>.

York County Corvette Club

Date: Sunday, 9 October 2011

From: 08:00am To:

Category: Concours

Location: Hooters, 703 Loucks Road (Route 30), York, PA 17404

Event Title: SEVEN People's Choice Concours

Sanction #:ER-108-190, ER-108-191, ER-108-192

Email : yccc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-108-190.pdf>

Free State Corvette Club

Date: Saturday, 15 October 2011

From: 07:30am To:

Category: Concours

Location: Hugh T Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, Ocean City, MD

Event Title: TRIPLE People's Choice Concours

Sanction #:ER-038-125, ER-038-126, ER-038-127

Email : fsccc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-038-125.pdf>

Free State Corvette Club

Date: Saturday, 15 October 2011

From: 07:30am To:

Category: Rallye

Location: Hugh T Cropper Inlet Parking Lot, Ocean City, MD

Event Title: TRIPLE Rallye

Sanction #:ER-038-129, ER-038-130, ER-038-131

Email : fsccc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-038-129.pdf>

Northern Virginia Corvette Club

Date : Saturday 22 October 2011

From : 09:00am To:

Category: Autocross

Location : Old Dominion Speedway, Manassas, VA

Event Title: SEVEN Autocross

Sanction #ER-357-132, ER-357-133, ER-357-134, ER-357-135, ER-357-136, ER-357-137, ER-357-138

Email : nvcc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-357-132.pdf>

Lancaster County Corvette Club

Date : Sunday, 23 October 2011

From : 09:30am To:

Category: Concours

Location : Long's Park, Route 30 and Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster, PA 17603

Event Description : Concours – People's Choice

Sanction # ER-266-124

Email : lccc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-266-124.pdf>

Northern Virginia Corvette Club

Date : Sunday 23 October 2011

From : 11:00am To:

Category: Autocross

Location : Old Dominion Speedway, Manassas, VA

Event Title: SEVEN Autocross

Sanction #ER-357-139, ER-357-140, ER-357-141, ER-357-142, ER-357-143, ER-357-144, ER-357-145

Email : nvcc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-357-132.pdf>

Tri County Vettes

Date : Saturday, 29 October 2011

From : 08:30am To:

Category: Rallye

Location : Brodheadsville Chevrolet, Brodheadsville, PA 18322

Event Description : DOUBLE Rallye

Sanction # ER-323-090, ER-323-148

Email : tcv@ernccc.org

More info : <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-323-090.pdf>

Allentown Area Corvette Club

Date : Sunday 30 October 2011

From : 09:30am To:

Category: Concours

Location : PNC Plaza, SteelStacks, 101 Founders Way @ 3rd Street, Bethlehem, PA

Event Title: SEVEN Concours – People's Choice

Sanction #ER-118-183, ER-118-184, ER-118-185, ER-118-197, ER-118-198, ER-118-199, ER-118-200

Email : aacc@ernccc.org

More info : <http://www.ernccc.org/flyers/2011/ER-118-183.pdf>

At our last East Region NCCC meeting, the issue of conducting rallyes based on competitor skill rather than random chance was discussed. If you have a preference or comments to offer, please email me.

NCM Ambassador — Terry Popkin

National Corvette Museum Report

NCM Receives Historical Documents from NCRS

The National Corvette Museum was founded by members of the National Corvette Restorers Society with the idea of collecting and permanently storing valuable documents and artifacts relating to the Chevrolet Corvette. For years we've been doing just that as our members and other Corvette enthusiasts continue to scour the planet for anything that might have historical significance regarding America's sports car. Of particular importance is the vast amount of technical data collected by the NCRS itself over the years. Dating all the way back to 1953, this treasure was intended to find its way here eventually, and now, after two decades of waiting, the first shipment has arrived.



One reason it took so long to get here was that the Museum simply was not set up to adequately store and protect these documents. With the expansion though, a state of the art archival storage room was constructed where the environment is precisely controlled. Temperature, humidity, and even the fire suppressant system was considered as this space was constructed. "The shelving system we have here was designed to accommodate this collection," said Vince Perriello, who oversees the Library and Archives. "We've waited many years for this day."

GM Corvette Assembly Plant Named Business of the Year

The Bowling Green Area Chamber of Commerce celebrated Business & Industry Appreciation Month by



presenting 23 targeted businesses with awards at the Business & Industry Appreciation Banquet tonight. The General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant received the top award for the evening, the John B. Holland Business of the Year Award.

Dave Tatman, plant manager for the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, accepted the Award, "The GM Corvette Assembly workforce is absolutely thrilled to be named Business of the Year, especially in light of the ups and downs of the auto industry over the last few years. But the resilience of the workforce at this plant in Bowling Green is evident in everything we do. I have never seen a group of men and women more dedicated to producing a product that not only meets but exceeds customer expectations, in addition to giving back or what I call paying forward in the local community. I am so honored to represent this team and just proud that their efforts have been noticed."

The General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant has been home to the iconic Chevy Corvette since 1981 and currently employs approximately 590 full- and part-time employees.

Petit Le Mans, The Baltimore Grand Prix, ALMS in general and other race stuff

By Jon Thorn

I'll be the first to admit that I am a recent fan of the American Le Mans Series. But I tend to go overboard on hobbies and interests and this race series is no exception. I had no interest in ALMS in 2008, a casual interest in 2009, and I guess I have to admit that going to Mid Ohio in 2010 got me hooked. This year I followed every race and attended the 24-Hours of Le Mans, Mosport, and the Baltimore Grand Prix. So it was with great interest that I read *The Last Petit Le Mans?* by James Fish (<http://www.theepochtimes.com/n2/sports/last-petit-le-mans-american-le-mans-series-alsms-61944.html>) I am sure I would have missed this article if Tom Armstrong had not pointed it out on our FaceBook page. It was an interesting article. At the risk of summarizing, Fish's main points seemed to be:

- 1) There may be a risk of losing Road Atlanta due to real-estate development.
- 2) ALMS is under attack by the ACO which formed the Intercontinental Le Mans Cup. The ACO also formed something called the WEC, or World Endurance Cup which included the ILMC. WEC announced that they would likely drop Petit Le Mans and replace it with a race in Bahrain and completely take over the Sebring race.
- 3) ALMS has media difficulties as a result of the move to the Internet and only having a few races on live TV.
- 4) Mismanagement issues and financial pressure are harming the ALMS series.
- 5) His summary was: "With a much shorter history, encroached upon by suburbia, and now stripped of its North American roots or sidelined entirely, the status of Petit is shaky." He closed with a plea to attend the race because it might be the last chance.

It does not surprise me to see a lot of politics in the race organizations. Many of Mr. Fish's points may be valid but, if they are, the ALMS organization is handling its spin control exceedingly well. From the ALMS point of view it appears to be full speed ahead. Scott Atherton, ALMS President and CEO, announced a new 2012 agreement with the Automobile Club de l'Quest (ACO). He announced enhancements to the TV and digital media package, and he announced the 2012 schedule which includes Sebring, Petit Le Mans and **Baltimore!** I think I'll leave race politics to others but at the same time I'll begin keeping my ears open because it is interesting stuff. Mr. Fish may be an alarmist but it is an important message. It is an obvious message. The race series has to be successful in order to continue.

BALTIMORE— It has been settled that there will be a race again next year! It is set for the weekend of September 1st again. This is great news and puts us ahead of the history of the ALMS series in Washington, D.C. that ran for just one year. All the major stake holders including the city, the hotels, the local businesses, IndyCar, the ALMS organization, the race teams and their sponsors seem to be truly energized by the results of the first race in Baltimore. Since the venue is so close we should turn this into a major event for our club. We had a good turnout this year but with some planning it could be really great next year. The BGP acknowledges that much has to be improved for next year but it is very significant that their first effort turned out to be much better than the flaming disaster that it might have been.

The IndyCar schedule is still in development but so far it looks like ALMS/IndyCar combined events will occur at Long Beach in April, and at Baltimore. IndyCar will take on more importance for Chevy fans next year because of the new twin turbo V6 that will provide an engine competitor for Honda. The Chevy development team includes Ilmor (<http://www.ilmor.com/>). Penske Racing will be running with the engine. It will be interesting to see if the engine lands in any production cars!

Speaking of IndyCar and The Baltimore Grand Prix, here is a pretty amazing picture that showed up on the web.



It is a still capture from an unbelievable video at:

(<http://www.autoblog.com/2011/09/05/the-only-video-you-need-to-see-from-the-baltimore-grand-prix/>)

Tony Kaanan lost all brakes at the end of Pratt Street and went up and over Helio Castroneves. Both drivers escaped without injury. Check out the video. It is really spectacular.

Ok, switching back to ALMS, Corvette Racing was honored at the ALMS night of Champions. Jan Magnussen was voted the Most Popular Driver. He is the only ALMS driver that has won a race every year since the ALMS began in 1999 although of course many of those wins were not with Corvette Racing. Corvette Racing finished second in the GT Championship (drivers Magnussen and Gavin). It was their best finish since moving to the GT class from GT1 in 2009. Dan Binks (Crew Chief for the #3 car) was named GT Mechanic of the Year. Finally, with Corvette Racing's help, Michelin won the GT Tire Manufacturer Championship. So all things considered it was a pretty good year for Corvette Racing. Doug Fehan said that, while they did not win as many races as they wanted to, they did win the 24-Hours of Le Mans. I'd like to think that a part of that success was due to me being there and cheering for them<g>!

So, who is going to join me March 17, 2012 in Sebring? Tickets are on sale now.

Directions to Lincoln Technical Institute

FROM the SOUTH

From Route I-95.
Take exit 38B for RT 32 heading west towards Columbia.
Take next exit 14 for Brokenland Parkway (stay in right lane)
Turn right onto Snowden River Parkway
Lincoln Tech is on the right about one mile.

FROM the NORTH

From Route I-95.
Take exit 38B for RT 32 heading west towards Columbia.
Take next exit 14 for Brokenland Parkway (stay in right lane)
Turn right onto Snowden River Parkway
Lincoln Tech is on the right about one mile.

