



# Corvette Club of America

## the Corvette Courier

### The Worlds Oldest Corvette Club

The President's Corner - Rich Taylor

January 2012

#### Presidential Ponderings

Happy New Year to all of our members. I'd like to thank Joe and Angie Vaeth for hosting a New Year's Eve party at their home and inviting the members of our club. We all had a fun time.

This is my first article as your club President and I'm trying to broaden the focus of my comments from writing about competition events as your former Competition Chairman, to addressing issues relating to how our club should function as a nonprofit organization, and how we can better fulfill the diverse interests of our membership. I haven't had time to develop my vision for the club, but I know that it will

include gaining a better understanding of how to promote a greater interaction between our members as well as a greater member participation in a wide array of club sponsored events.

Participation doesn't necessarily involve a physical presence at club events. In this age of the internet, there are other ways to participate and communicate with each other such as the CCA facebook page that many members use to post their thoughts on a wide variety of topics, or the CCA photo album on our web site where you can post photos of Corvette related activities. So, I'll start by asking our membership to let me know what is on your mind regarding how the club can create a more inclusive atmosphere for all of our members. I'd like to find out what your interests are and what Corvette activities excite you. I'd also like to know how to increase your participation in club activities and communications whether physical or virtual. So log onto the CCA facebook page at [http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group\\_187926317895421](http://www.facebook.com/home.php?sk=group_187926317895421), or contact me directly and let us know what's on your mind.



**Keep the wheels turning and don't forget to shift gears.**

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Membership Director—Jean Wade

**CCA Membership Update****MEMBER NEWS AND INFORMATION**

Welcome New member:

<b>Fran &amp; John Jarboe</b>	<b>Ohiopyle Pa.</b>	<b>11 C/jet stream blue</b>	<b>Sponsor Sport</b>
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Happy New Year to all our CCA members. We look forward to seeing you at our events. Lets have some fun. First event of the year is our Annual CCA Winter awards Dinner Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. Information in your CCA newsletter.

**CCA Jan 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm Meeting. J.J. Muldoon's. Gaith. Md.  
Come meet the New Officers**

**New President for 2012 Rich Taylor**      [richard.jl.taylor@lmco.com](mailto:richard.jl.taylor@lmco.com) 301-865-6491

**New Vice President for 2012 Jim Parisi**      [jp71234@gmail.com](mailto:jp71234@gmail.com)      410-292-8722

**Note: CCA/NCCC Cards.** I've handed out 2012 CCA cards to the members I've seen since Oct. I will need to start mailing cards to others soon.

NCCC cards are being mailed by NCCC and should arrive in Jan./Feb. I will keep you posted.

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

**New Contact CCA License Plates** contact Richard Roe for information [410-960-1368](tel:410-960-1368) or [rick@rdroe.com](mailto:rick@rdroe.com)

**Dec. Shop Night** – was a little different. We did have some members working on their cars. Most of our time was spent in the show room enjoying a nice display of food and drinks. We watched Santa give away bikes to the children. Most of our members pitched in and helped Sport staff register the bikes. Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> will be the next Shop night at sport.

**Coming up Events...**

**Jan 28<sup>th</sup> Winter Awards Dinner Party at Alfios in Chevy Chase, Md. Chair, Jean  
Feb 12<sup>th</sup> Valentine luncheon Place to be announced.**

Our dress theme is Diamonds & Denim. So wear you best jeans and a fancy top, shirt, guys in jackets and tie. No tennis shoes Please. Lots of costume diamond jewelry. The Flashiest dress one will win a prize. If you don't want to get in on the fun just wear what you want. Hey guys if you don't want to wear a jacket that is ok. I just thought I would throw a little fun in the event.

*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

Happy New Year CCA members!

It may be winter and the time of year that many or most Corvettes are tucked into their garages but that does not mean that your club has shut down for the long winter's night. We, along with our great sponsor Sport Chevrolet, completed another very successful *Bikes for Tikes* event at the end of December. The entire club can be very proud of our participation in this annual event. There are a few photos of this event later in this issue and more photos are available on the CCA website.

But *Bikes for Tikes* is not all that has been happening. I'd like to fill you in on another activity that has kept your Board of Directors busy recently. **We are in the process of revising the club bylaws.** The last major revision of the bylaws occurred in 2006. The goal is to streamline them and bring them up to date. At the end of January a copy of the proposed revision will be distributed to the membership and at the February 14<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting we will hold a vote on adopting the proposed revision as our new bylaws. A two-thirds majority of all voting members in attendance at this meeting will be required in order to enact the new bylaws. I hope you will carefully review the proposed bylaws when they arrive and show up on February 14<sup>th</sup> to participate in this important event.

Also be sure to see the flyer for our Winter Dinner Party on January 28<sup>th</sup> later in this issue and get the reservation form back to Jean Wade by January 21<sup>st</sup> at the latest. I hope to see you there!

We had some disturbing news on the Baltimore Grand Prix right after New Year's. The City of Baltimore has cancelled the contract with Baltimore Racing Development over a large amount of unpaid debt. The Mayor has indicated that Baltimore wants to have another Grand Prix in 2012 but it will require a new management organization to come forward. Baltimore made an invitation for proposals. We will be watching the progress closely because the CCA had a great time at the 2011 event and was looking forward to even more participation in 2012. We will keep you posted on developments in this area as time goes on.

Looking forward to Spring, I hope to be able to attend more ALMS races this year. I've been to a total of three so far (Mid-Ohio 2010, Mosport and BGP in 2011) not to mention the granddaddy 24-HR of Le Mans in 2011. I'm signed up for the opener at Sebring in March with the NCM. It's the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the race. If anyone else is interested in Sebring be sure to contact me. My plans right now are to drive more or less directly down to meet up with the NCM group in Florida, attend the race, and then spend three weeks or so hanging out in Florida and making a relatively slow trip back home. While at Sebring, I hope to be able to attend the induction of Johnny O'Connell and Corvette into the Sebring Hall of Fame. And, maybe get some photos too <g>. I'm also planning on attending Mosport in July to spend some time with the great Canadian's that I met last year. Mid-Ohio was lots of fun and I might try it again in August. Hopefully we will have another Baltimore Grand Prix in September. I'd really like to be able to go to Road Atlanta for the final race in the series in October. Add to this travel the fact that I'll be in Italy in May and it means that I'm going to have to depend on the internet while I work on the monthly

CCA Courier issues several times this year. I guess one of my perpetual New Year's resolutions is to continue to try to get as much travel on the schedule as I can.

I also guess I have rambled enough for this month. I hope to see you all at our Winter Dinner Party. Be sure to contact Jean!

Save the Wave!

Jon Thorn, Corvette Courier Editor

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Competition Chair— Rich Taylor

**CORVETTE** COMPETITION**Competition Report**

Happy New Year to everyone. Now that I have been elected as CCA President, this will be my last competition article. However, I'll still get to communicate with you in the President's section of the newsletter. I've enjoyed my time as Competition Chairman and will continue to be actively involved in setting up and competing in our competition events. Gary Maul has volunteered to take on the position of Competition Chairman and his appointment has been confirmed by the Board of Directors. Gary has been a big supporter of and participant in our competition events, especially the autocross events, and has really developed his autocross skills. I will still be providing support for Gary until he adapts to his new role, so please feel free to contact me regarding competition events until Gary gets up to speed.

Now that winter is upon us, there are no competition events to report on, so I will just repeat the lineup of events that we are planning for 2012. We will start the season off with our annual Go-Kart Race on February 25<sup>th</sup> at Allsport Grand Prix in Dulles, Virginia. We have four autocross events planned starting in April including four Autocross Primer classes for beginners and possibly a couple of intermediate autocross classes for the more experienced drivers. We are also planning to hold one Muscle Car Mania Drag Race in August, so start practicing your shifting and reaction time skills. For

the road racers, there will be group participation in several High Performance Drivers Events (HPDEs) at tracks such as VIR, Summit Point, Watkins Glen and maybe even Sebring or Road Atlanta. This includes Chin and NASA sponsored events. I've included the 2012 Chin Motorsports and NASA event calendars for your planning purposes. Also, the National Corvette Museum (NCM) is again sponsoring an HPDE at VIR that has been confirmed for June 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration will open in February and a reminder will be sent so that you don't miss out, as this event fills up fast. One other major event is the Baltimore Grand Prix which was a major success this year. This is a major event on the ALMS racing calendar. We attended as a club this year and had a great time. If the city of Baltimore is successful in finding a financial backer for the event, this event will be held the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in September 2012.

### **CHIN MOTORSPORTS ANNUAL CALENDAR RELEASE: 2012 EDITION**

**Here it is: The largest calendar of non-competition track events offered in the country!**

- Jan - **Sebring** - No event scheduled. American LeMans series is using the dates we used in 2011.
- Feb 25-26 - **Homestead/Miami** - First event in '12 - Saturday/Sunday at HMS. A TracQuest event
- Mar 03-04 - **VIRginia Int'l Raceway** - Kick it off in the Mid-Atlantic region! Full Course. Sat/Sun
- Mar 12 - **Road Atlanta** - First 2012 visit to RA is the 2nd Monday in March. A TracQuest event
- Mar 17 - **Homestead/Miami** - Return to Homestead on the 3rd Saturday of March. One day only.
- Mar 24-25 - **Sebring Raceway** - FINALLY! Our first 2012 visit to Sebring is Sat/Sun after the 12-HR race
- Apr 14-15 - **Atlanta MS Park** - \*PROVISIONAL\* Progressing nicely, but still contingent on completion
- Apr 21-22 - **Sebring Raceway** - Returning to Sebring for our 2nd springtime visit. Saturday or Sunday
- May 05-06 - **Sebring Raceway** - Like clockwork, we're back at one of the greatest tracks in the USA
- May 21-22 - **Watkins Glen Int'l** - Our Mon/Tues springtime visit to The Glen! A TracQuest event
- May 28-29 - **Mid-Ohio** - Memorial Day, Mon/Tues, one week after The Glen event. TracQuest format
- Jun 04 - **Road Atlanta** - Return to Road Atlanta on the 1st Monday in June. 1-day only
- Jun 09-10 - **Sebring Raceway** - The last event of the Spring season at SIR. Sat/Sun, TracQuest style
- Jul 02-03 - **VIRginia Int'l Raceway** - It's our summer visit to VIR; Mon/Tues, before the 4th. TracQuest
- Jul 14 - **Homestead/Miami** - For our FLA enthusiasts, returning to HMS for a Sat only event
- Jul 14-15 - **Barber MS Park** - Our first visit to Barber this year is mid-summer. Sat/Sun, TracQuest
- Jul 28-29 - **Road Atlanta** - The first of two summer weekends at Road Atlanta. Saturday/Sunday
- Aug 18 - **Sebring Raceway** - The summer visit to Sebring. Not as hot as Road Atlanta! Sat/Sun
- Aug 25-26 - **Road Atlanta** - 4 weeks after our previous Road Atlanta event. Saturday/Sunday.
- Sep 03-04 - **Watkins Glen Int'l** - The Labor Day event. Mon/Tues. A HIGHLIGHT of the Chin calendar!
- Sep 22-23 - **Barber MS Park** - First event of the Fall season... Barber in September. Epic. Sat/Sun
- Sep 29-30 - **Road Atlanta** - Now, the fall season at Road Atlanta. Saturday/Sunday
- Oct 13-14 - **Sebring Raceway** - First big event of the Fall season, back to Sebring. Saturday/Sunday
- Oct 28-29 - **VIRginia Int'l Raceway** - Following the 13-HR race, Sunday/Monday it's Chin Motorsports
- Nov 03-04 - **Sebring Raceway** - Once a month in the fall, we're at Sebring... Saturday/Sunday
- Nov 10-11 - **Atlanta MS Park** - A Fall season visit to the new track north of Atlanta. Saturday/Sunday
- Nov 24-25 - **Road Atlanta** - A PEAK event of the Chin calendar. RA the last weekend in Nov. is HUGE!
- Dec 08-09 - **Sebring Raceway** - Yes, returning to our home track for the 8th visit in 2012. Sat/Sun

***NASA 2012 Preliminary Schedule***

<b><i>TBD</i></b>	<b><i>Lime Rock Park, CT HPDE ONLY</i></b>
<b><i>April 20 -22</i></b>	<b><i>NJMP Lightning Course</i></b>
<b><i>April 30- May 1</i></b>	<b><i>Watkins Glen, NY HPDE ONLY</i></b>
<b><i>TBD</i></b>	<b><i>Lime Rock Park, CT Full day HPDE</i></b>
<b><i>May 25 - 27</i></b>	<b><i>NJMP Thunderbolt Course</i></b>
<b><i>July 13 - 15</i></b>	<b><i>Pocono Long Courses</i></b>
<b><i>Aug. 10 - 12</i></b>	<b><i>NJMP Lightning Course</i></b>
<b><i>TBD</i></b>	<b><i>Pocono Long Courses</i></b>
<b><i>Sept.</i></b>	<b><i>NASA Natl. Championships - Mid-Ohio</i></b>
<b><i>TBD</i></b>	<b><i>Lime Rock Park, CT</i></b>
<b><i>Sept. 28 -30</i></b>	<b><i>Watkins Glen, NY</i></b>
<b><i>Oct. 26 - 28</i></b>	<b><i>NJMP Thunderbolt</i></b>

If you have any ideas for competition related events or would like to coordinate a track event, please contact me at anytime. Gary Maul's contact information will be provided in next month's newsletter.

**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](mailto:rhamrah@gmail.com)

### NCCC Governor's Report

By Ron Hamrah, NCCC Governor for CCA

**Off to the slopes while the 'Vette is resting in the garage.**



**Some challenging signs on the ski trail - maybe we should consider using them on our autocrosses!**

<http://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/>

<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org/>

<http://www.fisherhouse.org/>

## **Check out the following informative websites:**

East Region NCCC website at <http://www.ernccc.org>

Corvette Forum at <http://forums.corvetteforum.com/index.php>

Special 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>

If you have CORVETTE ITEMS 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**

Due to winter skiing and the lull in East Region club activities during the winter, this section will resume in the March newsletter.

## **SADNESS WITHIN NCCC**

It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Johnny Biffle. On Saturday, December 3, 2011, the Nashville Corvette Club lost a loyal member, a past President and a dear friend to many. Johnny left us after losing a hard fought battle with lymphoma. As we now embrace Johnny's memory, we place our arms around Rita and family.

I have sent our expression of sympathy to the Nashville Corvette Club on behalf of all our Corvette Club of America members.

NCM Ambassador - Terry Popkin

**National Corvette Museum Report****A Great 2011 Making Way for an Even Better 2012!**

The National Corvette Museum has a lot to be thankful for, and in 2011 we are thankful for all the support we've received from the Corvette



community! We are proud to now have 36,301 members, and in 2011, 26 clubs visited the Museum for not only leisure trips, but also volunteer work and individually we had over hundreds of enthusiasts dedicate their time volunteering at the Museum and shows. We now have a total of 39 members of our Duntov society and one couple graciously donated their Corvette to the Museum this year.

Once again, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your contributions to the Museum. Whether you attended an event, bought a raffle ticket, made us a part of your estate planning, shopped at the online Store, volunteered or just helped spread the word of the Museum... THANK YOU!

**Corvette Club of America Winter Dinner Party  
Saturday, January 28th 2012 6PM until 10PM**

**Alfio's Cucina Italian  
4515 Willard Avenue  
Chevy Chase, MD 20815  
301-657-9133  
www.alfios.com**

**(Right off Wisconsin Ave. near Mazza Gallery)**

**Parking: Free Valet Parking: or Free Self Park if needed.**

**6:00pm Happy hour Appetizers served until gone.**

**Open Bar 6PM until 9PM, Cash bar after that.**

**Appetizers: Brochette, Calamari, Small Meatballs**

**Entrees: details**

**Veal alla Pizzaiola –fresh garlic, tomato & olive oil**

**Cotoletta alla Marsala –milk fed veal cutlet Parma style**

**Eggplant Parmigiana**

**Chicken alla Marsala – fresh mushrooms**

**Salmon – fresh filet broiled with dill sauce**

**Filet Mignon Broiled to perfection**

**Includes: Fresh Vegetables, Pasta, Bread, Desert, Coffee or  
Tea**

**All this for only \$35.00 per person!**

**Checks are to be made payable to CCA**

**Please feel free to contact Jean by email for questions  
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**If you can donate a door prize it would be most helpful.**

\*\*\*\*\* Awards Banquet Reply \*\*\*\*\*

Please RSVP before January 21st

Member Name:

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Number of people to attend: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$35.00 per person = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Guest Name: (If applicable)

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Entrée Selection: (Pick one per person).

- Veal alla Pizzaiola \_\_\_\_\_
- Cotoletta alla Parmigiana \_\_\_\_\_
- Eggplant Parmigiana \_\_\_\_\_
- Chicken alla Marsala \_\_\_\_\_
- Salmon \_\_\_\_\_
- Filet Mignon \_\_\_\_\_

Dessert Selection: (Pick one per person).

- Rum Cake \_\_\_\_\_
- Spumoni Ice Cream \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to CCA for total amount due and send along with this reply form to: Before Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> 2012

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