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Ladies Driving Clinic



Pic and article by Laurie Kistner

On the evening of April 23rd, a Ladies Driving Clinic was presented at Curry's Automotive with our very own Chief Instructor Miriam Schottland. As usual, Miriam did a wonderful job presenting "Driving as Applied Physics 101". Many thanks to her for sharing her knowledge so freely with everyone and to Judy and Matt Curry for putting the event on.

Here's a few of Miriam's questions from "A Real Driving Test", handed out at the seminar-

At 65 mph, how far does your car travel in one second? *96 feet.*

What can you do if you are about to be broadsided? *Lean into the door being hit.*

What can you do if you are about to be rear ended? *Touch the rear bumper of the car ahead of you with your front bumper.*

What is the tread on your tires for? *Diverting water.*

Thanks again to all the ladies of the club who attended the event!

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OK, time to beat the drum again.

Since the last newsletter the chair NVCC has made progress in filling chair positions, with those for Membership and HPDE pending official turnover. That leaves the critical chairs for Teen Driving School and Spooktacular still open.

Teen Driving School is a key public service event where we give back to the community in the form of improved teen driving skills, the lack of which leads to tragedies on our roads just about every week. *We really need to fill this slot.*

Spooktacular is of course a main driving event for the club and one of the last major events of each season. The economy hurt last year’s participation and we need to get out in front this year with organization and promotion. A chairperson to coordinate this is essential.

“Save the Wave” and volunteer for NVCC activities today!

Membership Corner

**We currently have
127 active members
1 honorary member and
13 prospective members.**

Prospective Members:

Greg Hanson – 1993 Indy pace coupe
John Provost – 1999 Hard Top Pewter
Vicente J. Pedraza – 1988 Coupe Red
Michael Rathbun – 2004 Z06 Yellow
Rich Giannascoli – 2006 Coupe Blue
Rich Olivo – 2002 Coupe Blue
Will Trevillian – 2004 Z06 Grey

Matt Hanson – 2005 Coupe Yellow
Glenn Reschke – 1990 ZR1
William Malone – 2008 Conv Crystal Red
Lori Ann Collins – Z06 Black
Steven Netherly – 2006 Coupe Monterey Red
Guy D. Hahs – 1975/2003 T-top/Coupe Silver/Rd

You remain a “prospective” member until you pay your membership dues and return your NCCC form.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

April 2009

April 24, 2009. Spring is here, more sunshine, warmer temperatures, and lots of choices to make on where to drive your Corvette next. We've already had a full compliment of eager drivers attend a clean and safe Cone Killers despite on and off rain, a successful Rallye 101 thanks to the Nolens, Mr Hammaker, and a group of enthusiastic participants. This past weekend, a small but hearty group lead by Arthur Baer ventured out from Springfield Mall all the way to Ocean City in a spirited version of the Tax Day Cruise, and earlier this evening, Curry's Automotive hosted their first Lady's Night featuring Miriam Schottland, who was there to talk about driver safety (who would have guessed ?).

May 9 will be an especially busy day, with everything from Summit Point Spring Festival, to the Corvette Club of Virginia Spring Show (Zip Products - Mechanicsville, VA) to a re-do of the LaGrange Wine Tasting/Car Show (rescheduled from April due to rain).

The event calendar is filling up quickly with Webmaster Laurie having to enter multiple events on some of the upcoming Saturdays and Sundays.

Looks like we will need to navigate an early season DNF for Membership Chair Pat Somersall who needs to step down due to the demands of his day job, but we have had two folks offer to step in and take over the duties. More on this in the next installment.

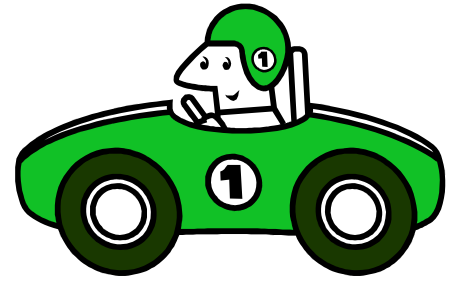
As I pointed out in last month's article, I have spoken to the folks at Koons and this year's Concours is a GO for Sunday June 7. John Palmgren will be co-chairing the show along with returning co-chair Patty Williams. Despite some bleak auto-related articles in the news, Koons has ordered up to FIVE ZR-1's which they expect to receive by the date of the Concours. If you ever dreamed of driving a ZR-1 off the showroom floor, what better time to do so then during the midst of this year's Concours, surrounded by a crowd of fellow Corvette enthusiasts ?

Remember also, this year's Concours features NCCC sanction points for both the formal indoor show participants and for the less formal outside participants. This format is expected to generate additional interest and more participation than in year's past. Be sure to register early and proudly show off your Corvette(s) at this year's event.

Check the brake fluid, change the oil, put a little air in the tires, rub on some wax, and hang on for another action packed season with your friends at NVCC.

It's a busy 2009 for NVCC. Come out and join the fun !

NVCC Social Calendar May 2009 – Laurie Kistner, Social Director



Sun. 5/3/09 – Join us for our second annual scenic cruise to Charlottesville for a wonderful Sunday Brunch at Boar's Head Inn and a tour of beautiful Monticello! Hosted by Tom Richards, here are the details:

-Meet at 8:30 AM: Wegmans Super Market, 8297 Stonewall Shops Square, Gainesville, VA 20155 (about 3 miles west on Route 29 from I-66, on left side).

-Cruise to Charlottesville, via back roads with one stop.

-Sunday Brunch at the Boar's Head Inn. Seating at 11:30 AM. Boar's Head Inn shops will be open. Walking the grounds after brunch is an option.

-Tour Monticello 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

-Leave Monticello and return to Northern Virginia, via back roads, different route, with one stop.

-Cruise concludes at junctions of Routes 28 & 17 at 6:00 PM.

I've made reservations for a group of 25. We will also be able to get reduced admission tickets to Monticello with a group of 25 or more. Total cost of brunch, including tax and gratuity, and admission to Monticello, anticipating group discount, will be \$53 per person. All those interested must RSVP # attending and prepay me the \$53 per head to reserve a spot. Please make checks payable to Tom Richards and mail to: Tom Richards, 6040 Thrave Lane, Manassas, VA 20112

Deadline for checks is May 2nd. You can contact me at drtom11@comcast.net or 703 794-8586 to make arrangements and ask questions.

Fri. 5/8/09 – The Heritage High School Auto Club in Leesburg, Virginia will be hosting their annual car show on May 8th, from 6pm to 8pm. There is no fee, this is just a fun time for everyone to show their pride and joy. There will be judging for various categories. No pre-registration required. Come out and enjoy an evening of good fun. Rain date is May 22nd. For more information, contact Cecelia Kope via email: Cecelia.kope@loudoun.k12.va.us

Heritage High School is located at 520 Evergreen Mill Rd, Leesburg, VA 20175. General directions as follows:

-From Route 28, take VA-267 W/ DULLES GREENWAY toward LEESBURG (Portions toll) for 13.1 miles.

-Merge onto US-15 BYP S/ VA-7 W/ LEESBURG BYP via EXIT 1A on the LEFT toward LEESBURG/ WARRENTON for 1.1 miles.

-Merge onto S KING ST/ US-15 S toward WARRENTON for 0.5 miles.

-Turn LEFT onto EVERGREEN MILL RD SE.

Sat. 5/9/09 – Summit Point Spring Festival 2009 - Family Fun at the Park. The hours will be 10 AM to 5 PM for visitors (participants will need to be there earlier - ask the contact person listed below).

We would like to invite folks with interesting cars of any age to stop by and enjoy the occasion. We'll have a roped off area for the cruise-in folks. There will be plenty of parking and a shuttle bus available as well. There will also be an opportunity to drive parade laps (not racing) on a real racing road course during the lunch hour.

Our entire facility will be on display and we'll have a family-friendly atmosphere with activities for the kids (pony rides and other things) and accident avoidance seminars for adults and minors accompanied by adults. Entry fee will be \$5 per person or \$10 per carload and parade laps will be a slight extra charge (\$15 per car.) Jefferson County residents are FREE. Food concessions will be available throughout the day.

Apple Valley Chevrolet-Toyota-Scion, Guy's Buick-Pontiac-GMC, and Thomassen Ford-Mercury-Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep will conduct ride-and-drives in their vehicles around Summit Point's Shenandoah road circuit. Summit Point will perform EMT and vehicle maintenance demonstrations.

Activities requiring pre-registration include an autocross event, high performance driver training for cars and motorcycles, and an Accident Avoidance class. Registration information can be found on the Summit Point website: <http://www.summitpoint-raceway.com/> or call 304-725-8444.

Sat. 5/9/09 – Corvette Club of Virginia's Spring Corvette Show at Zip Products. Address is 8067 Fast Lane, Mechanicsville, VA. \$20 Registration Fee per vehicle. 10% day of show discount at Zip Corvette for all participants. Some restrictions apply. Awards for each class, plus Best in Show, Best Paint and Best Interior.

This is a Rain or Shine Event. For more information, call Mark Gilenson at 804-266-7864 or Tom Moore at 804-353-6045.

Sat. 5/9/09 – (New date due to last month's rain-out) The Winery at LaGrange in Haymarket, Virginia is sponsoring a Corvette Car Show and Wine Tasting with the Old Dominion Corvette Club. It's on May 9, 2009 from 12:00 - 5:00PM.

Some NVCC members attended this event last year and enjoyed it. In case of bad weather, a future rain day will be posted.

Car Show is FREE, Wine Tasting is also FREE if you bring a Corvette (or \$5 without a 'vette). The winery sells bottles and snacks. Bring whatever food and snacks you want (some people brought picnic baskets, finger foods, or cooked out). Food vendor info TBA. Don't forget to bring folding chairs. This year LaGrange is allowing us to use the patio area (available first come-first served) for those who want to set up a grill, cook, eat and share. LaGrange will also be providing a souvenir wine glass (and special logo glass to the first 100 persons in the door).

For more information, call: 703-753-9360 or email: Information@wineryatlagrange.com

Please go to: <http://www.olddominioncorvetteclub.com/calendar.asp> and click on "2009 LaGrange Wine Tasting & Corvette Show" to RSVP for this event.

Directions:

Take I-66 West. Exit at Haymarket (Exit 40). Turn left at the top of the exit onto US-15 South. Go to the second traffic light and turn right on VA- 55. Just under 1 mile, turn at first right onto Antioch Road. The winery will be about 3 miles North on Antioch Road, entrance on the Left. Address: LaGrange Winery, 4950 Antioch Rd, Haymarket, VA 20169-2259

Sun. 5/10/09 – Cruisin' Company is hosting its 32nd annual Mother's Day Rod Run on Sunday, May 10th 2009 at the Coast Guard station on Telegraph Road in Alexandria.

For those that have gone to this show in the past, the Coast Guard facility provides an excellent venue for this show with plenty of shade and green grass. The show brings in a unique mix of street rods, street machines, customs, bikes and of course Corvettes! The show includes Dash Plaques, Top 40 Awards, Top Club Participation Award, 50-50 Drawing, Kids Games, T-Shirts, BBQ Dinner & Sodas, and Live Music. Entry is \$20 for 2 Adults and Children.

We will meet at the IHOP in the Manchester Lakes shopping center for breakfast at 9:00 AM before cruising into the show. I will be there early to arrange a table for us, so please RSVP with # attending ASAP.

If you have any questions, or wish to RSVP for this event, please contact me at lilredcorvette@yahoo.com.

Directions: IHOP is conveniently located across from the Manchester Lakes Shopping Center at the intersection of Manchester Blvd (Franconia/Springfield Pkwy) and Hayfield Road. It is accessible via the Beltway (I-495) exit number 173 (Van Dorn Street).

*Take Van Dorn Street south (right turn off exit)

*Take right turn onto Kingstowne Blvd

*Kingstowne Blvd becomes Manchester Blvd

*Take first left after Hayfield Road into IHOP parking lot.

Should you miss breakfast, the Coast Guard Station can be accessed by taking Hayfield Rd South and turning Left onto Telegraph Rd to Station on right -or- by taking Telegraph Rd 5 miles South of the Beltway to Station on left).

Sat. 5/16/09 – Corvette Forum's Jim Strathearn and Shenandoah Valley Corvette Club are sponsoring this year's Shenandoah Valley Corvette Cruise (*formerly known as Spring Skyline Drive*) on Saturday, May 16th, 2009.

We will be traveling some gorgeous roads (including scenic and twisty Route 211) that run through the George Washington National Forest, and will end at the Andy Guest State Park with views overlooking the mountains and Shenandoah River. There is a \$4.00 fee to enter Andy Guest Park. SVCC will provide the food (hamburgers, hotdogs, etc.)

This cruise will benefit Blue Ridge Hospice, who took care of the final journey for a Corvette Forum member (and original Skyline Cruise co-founder) who died on Christmas Eve 2004 of liver cancer.

Registration will be a \$15 donation to Blue Ridge Hospice, payable at the cruise start point in Front Royal, Virginia. Or, you may pre-register (\$12). Please make your checks to Blue Ridge Hospice and mail to: Jim Strathearn, PO Box 332, Shrewsbury, PA 17361

Pre-registration deadline is April 30, 2009.

We will meet at the Newgate Shopping Center parking lot (corner of Routes 28 and 29 in Centreville) at 7:30 AM, drivers' meeting at 7:45 AM, leaving at 8 AM SHARP! We should arrive at the Front Royal Chevy dealership at around 9:00 AM, where those organizing the cruise will begin distributing goodie bags and door prizes. Blue Ridge Hospice will be providing coffee and donuts for us. We will then leave for the cruise at 10:30 AM with a police escort through town. Please bring your family radios!

Please reply to lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com with your full name ONLY if you wish to join the Centreville caravan to the cruise starting location, so that I may have enough direction sheets printed up for the drivers' meeting. While this is a RAIN or SHINE event, the caravan to Front Royal will be canceled if significant rain is forecasted.

Directions to caravan meeting point: Newgate Shopping Center is conveniently located at the intersection of Routes 28 and 29 in Centreville. It is also accessible via Route 66 exit number 53A. We will meet in the parking lot that faces Route 28.

*Take Route 66 to Exit 53A.

*Take Route 28 South

*Take Route 29 South

*Turn into Newgate Plaza (if coming from 66 westbound it will be the first right...if coming from 66 eastbound it will be a left). There is a Sunoco gas station, Joann's Fabrics, post office, and Trader Joe's in this plaza.

Sun. 5/17/09 – Gunston Hall/Mason Neck Rallye at 9:30 AM until about 12:30 PM.

WHERE: Start at the Gunston Elementary School, 10100 Gunston Rd, Lorton VA and finish with brunch at the Pane e Vino Ristorante e Pizzeria.

SOCIAL: Pane e Vino Ristorante e Pizzeria, Lorton Town Center, 9020 Lorton Station Blvd Suite E, Lorton, VA 22079
571-642-0605 <http://www.paneevino-ristorante.com>

Pane e Vino Ristorante e Pizzeria has a great Sunday Brunch. They have made-to-order pasta, omelets, waffles and wood-fired pizza. The brunch also includes an assortment of cheeses and breads, scrambled eggs or eggs Benedict, hot vegetables, potatoes, soup of the day, assorted fruits and an elaborate pastry bar.

The \$16.99 per person price includes one mimosa each. As before, please bring cash (small bills, please) for one bill. Come for the Rallye or just join us for the brunch at about 11:00 AM.

RSVP: If you wish to register, please contact Rallye Master Jerry Lelansky NLT May 14th, 2009 at lelansky@verizon.net or at 703-835-7127 (cell phone).

DIRECTIONS:

Click on "Driving Directions" on the <http://www.fcps.edu/maps/gun.htm> webpage for directions to the Rallye starting point.

For those attending brunch only, see <http://www.paneevino-ristorante.com/html/directions.html> for directions straight to the restaurant.

Sun. 5/31/09 – The Concours Workers & Judges Meeting will be held on Sunday May 31st, 2009 at 1:30-3:30 PM at Koons Chevrolet (same meeting room as the GBMs). Please contact Patty and John directly with RSVPs, questions, etc....at pattysue60@aol.com or john_palmgren@yahoo.com ASAP.

Coming soon....

Sat. 6/6/09 – Concours Goodie Bag Stuffing Party

Sun. 6/7/09 – Concours & Fun Show

Sun. 6/14/09 – Rallye (Name TBA)

Fri. 6/26/09 – Drive Your Corvette to Work Day (NVCC luncheon tentative)
Sat. 6/27/09 – Drag Racing/Test & Tune #2

As always, check out our online calendar at <http://www.nvcorvetteclub.com/nvccforum/calendar.php> to view the details of all upcoming events. Kindly follow all instructions listed for RSVPs, payments, when/where to meet, etc. If you are interested in planning an event, send an email to social@nvcorvetteclub.com ASAP. ☺

Rallye 101
An Excellent Start For A New Season
By Dick Hammaker, pics by Chuck Pellerine



It was a perfect Sunday for Corvette-ing. Seventeen (17) Rallye Teams enjoyed lively discussions during a lecture covering; What to bring, How Rallyes are run, How to read General Instructions and Route Directions, and Helpful Hints. The lecture was followed by a short 16.4 mile (mileage confirmed using GPS) practice route, Brunch at Fireside Grill, and debrief.

Many thanks to Chuck Pellerin for keeping me out of trouble with the route as well as during the discussion!

RALLYE TEAMS

- 1st Place – John Palmgren & Kara
- 2nd Place - Alice Arielly & Jackson Hufnagle
- 3rd Place – Andrej & Lynn Balanc

Honorable Mention

- Henry Freund & Lana Freund
- Jeanie Wine & Theresa
- Greg & Linda Hanson
- John Provost & Joe
- Matt Hanson & Kirsten

- Mark & Beth Horner
- Ed Neff & Lori Sparks
- Art Baer & Adam Baer
- Jerry & Irene Lelansky
- Rob & Cathy Succolosky
- Rich Giannascoli**
- Dana Root
- Pat & Sue Somersall**
- J. Vincente & Nelly Pedraza**

Happy Brunchers

- Laurie Kistner
- Don Ellenberger
- Anthony Lucido

Third Annual Tax Day Cruise to Ocean City, MD

By Art Baer, pics by Chuck Pellerine & Laurie



This was the third year for our annual Tax Day cruise to Ocean City, MD. However, for those of you who remember last year's double rain out, we were not successful in making the cruise and Mother Nature work together. This year, even with a cloud cover and the possibility of rain Sunday night, April 19th was a great day for the NVCC cruise. We only had four Corvettes and one heavenly camouflaged, silver "C7 test mule" that was directly driven from testing in Detroit show up for the cruise. We assembled at the Target parking lot by the Springfield Mall. The Cruise participants were:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Teddy Bowen | 2005 Black Coupe |
| Bob & Chip Otten | 2000 Green Coupe |
| Laurie Kistner and Anthony Lucido | 1994 Red Coupe |
| Arthur Baer | 2008 Jet Stream Blue Coupe |
| Rob & Mary Lou Taylor | C-7 Mule Convertible (Lexus) |

A drivers meeting was held at approximately 8 AM and the group departed at approx. 8:15 as we waited to see if anyone else would show up. The trip to OC was uneventful (i.e., no State Troopers pulled us over). We took our time and enjoyed the scenery. We stopped in Easton, MD at the Burger King for a rest stop. The food was good and we all stretched our legs. We saw a running white Bricklin stop at the Advanced Auto Parts store behind Burger King. Next to it was a maroon C3 Coupe. That was a real contrast. We continued to OC. Teddy Bowen had taken the top out of his Coupe and as we got closer to OC, the temperature continued to drop from a high of about 64. By the time we pulled into the Inlet parking lot at approx. noon, the temperature was down into the low 50s with a gusty wind. We parked in a line in the middle of the lot to ensure that there would not be any other vehicles around us. You may not be able to tell from the picture, except for my hair, but it was windy and COLD! Everyone went to the Boardwalk to enjoy the food, rides, and sight seeing opportunities. The first thing I tried to do was buy a sweat shirt, but could not find one that fit, so I bought my Thrashers French Fries and went back to the Vette to get out of the wind to eat.

Following our time on the Boardwalk, everyone eventually cruised back to VA. After cruising in Delaware and OC for awhile, my cruise back was wonderful until I got about ten mile past Easton and the traffic stopped. We crawled all the way to the Bay Bridge and over it. It was still fun and I'm looking forward to the next Annual Tax Day Cruise. Hope to see more of you at next year's cruise.

Art Baer
Tax Cruise Coordinator



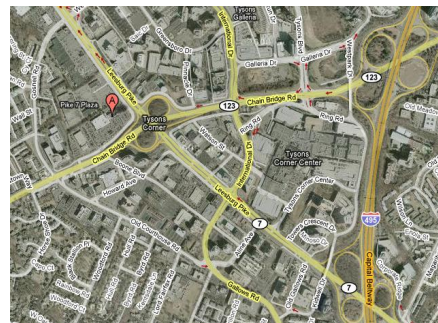
Honest we do have a vette....really!

2009 NVCC Concours & People's Choice Fun Show

Registration Form

Directions

From DC/Virginia – Take I-495 to Rt. 123 South towards Tysons Corner. Due to road work on Rt. 7, please enter Koons Chevrolet from the access road off Rt. 123 at the first light after crossing over Rt. 7.



Both Shows: \$45 pre-registered, \$50 day of event
Judged Show only: \$30 pre-registered, \$35 day of event
Fun Show only: \$20 pre-registered, \$25 day of event

Registration is on a first-come, first serve basis and will close at 10:30 AM Day of event. Early registration runs from April 6th to June 5th. SORRY, no refunds after June 1st.

Note: All Judged class Corvettes parked indoors must contain ¼ tank of gas or less.

MAIL-IN REGISTRATION FORM - 2009 NVCC CONCOURS & FUN SHOW

Name _____ NCCC # _____
 Club _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____
 Zip _____
 TELEPHONE (H) _____ Other (O) _____
 EMAIL _____
 YEAR OF CORVETTE _____ Type (check one) _____ COUPE _____ CONVERTIBLE
 _____ HARDTOP
 REGISTERING FOR: Both Shows _____ Concours Only _____ Fun Show Only _____
 Show T-Shirts: _____ (qty) @ \$25 each (S/M/L/XL/XXL)
 Total Amt. enclosed (incl. Fee and T-Shirts) \$ _____

Concours Judged Classification (Check only one): Refer to NCCC rulebook for full definitions and explanations

- _____ CONCOURS - Showroom condition, stock equipment. Interior / Exterior / Engine Judged
- _____ MODIFIED - Some modifications permitted. Interior / Exterior / Engine Judged
- _____ CUSTOM - Many mods permitted, including custom paint. Interior / Exterior / Engine Judged
- _____ RACE-PREPARED - Meets RP requirements for speed events. Interior / Exterior / Engine Judged
- _____ STREET & SHOW - Street driven. Interior / Exterior / Engine Judged
- _____ WASH & SHOW - Street driven. Interior / Exterior Judged

Describe your Corvette (include details such as color, engine, trans, modifications, unusual history, etc)

Please make your check for the total amount payable to NVCC and mail this form and your check to one of the following addresses to arrive no later than June 5th, 2009:

John Palmgren – Co-Chairperson
8765 Hackney Drive, Bristow, VA 20136
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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE:

www.nvcorvetteclub.com



COME ONE COME ALL TO
THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB'S
“THE HOTTERHELL”

DRIVERS' EVENT ON THE LEGENDARY SUMMIT POINT
RACEWAY

FRIDAY, JULY 10TH @7AM (SO TAKE A DAY OFF FROM
THE OFFICE)

THIS IS YOUR DREAM COME TRUE...OUR ONE AND ONLY HIGH SPEED EVENT FOR
THIS YEAR ON THE **MACHO** TRACK...SUMMIT POINT RACEWAY...FAMED
THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE FOR ITS TEST OF DRIVING SKILL.

SO COME ONE COME ALL...BEGINNERS ARE MORE THAN WELCOME!

**WE WILL TAKE VERY GOOD CARE OF YOU AND YOU WILL LEARN A
HELL OF A LOT!**

REGISTRATION OPENS APRIL 10...WE FILL UP FAST!

CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS NOT NECESSARY.

CORVETTES ARE NOT NECESSARY.

THE FEE FOR THIS ECSTASY IS \$185.00; THAT'S NECESSARY!

HELMETS MUST BE SNELL SA 2000 OR LATER. THEY CAN BE BOUGHT OR RENTED
AT OG RACING: 703-430-3303 FOR A MERE PITTANCE.

GO TO OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO - www.nvcorvetteclub.com

AT BOTTOM CLICK ON EVENTS, CLICK ON JULY CALENDAR

CARS MUST BE PRE-TECHED AT A QUALIFIED SHOP. NO IFs, ANDs, OR BUTS!

BRING PLENTY OF WATER! SPEAKING OF WATER, WE RUN RAIN OR "HOTTERHELL" SHINE! CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE SENT OUT ABOUT TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE EVENT.

PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS? EMAIL Miriam: ms.greywolf@gmail.com
OR Mark: MNeblett@crowell.com

HOTTERHELL

REGISTRATION FORM-- PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CAR MAKE AND MODEL _____ YEAR _____

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR PAYMENT AND FORM ARE ENCLOSED.
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO NVCC. NO VANS, TRUCKS OR SUVS.
PLEASE SEND TO: MARK NEBLETT, 9701 ST. ANDREWS Dr.,
FAIRFAX, VA 22030



Drag Day/Test & Tune
By Laurie Kistner

The first drag day of the year on Saturday April 4th, 2009 came off without a hitch; in fact, we had a phenomenal day with nice cool, dry air...the holy grail of drag racing weather. As the track heated up traction improved as well.

I am pleased to have garnered some new personal bests: 1.839 - 60' time, 103.83 - mph, and 13.240 - ET. Stock engine, Goodyear street tires...only mods on LilRed are 160 t-stat, Borla mufflers, K&N filter in stock lid, refreshed transmission....now at 113,000 miles! Club member Scott Ziegler pulled some nice 12.6 runs in his C5 Z06. Afterward we all enjoyed a nice lunch at TGIFridays in Leesburg.

We all got a ton of runs in for a mere \$50. Hopefully more people make it out to the next one. Great for learning some new skills and testing out a new mod or two...
Laurie

Delicious

Delectable

Sumptuous



Boar's

Head Resort Sunday Brunch and Monticello Cruise

It's time to think about cruising again! Join us for a beautiful back road cruise to Charlottesville, on arrival to enjoy a wonderful brunch at the Boar's Head Old Mill restaurant. Savor the menu options, then remember to save room for dessert!

After brunch (and sampling the shops at Boars Head, if the mood strikes you) it's on to Monticello for a tour of Thomas Jefferson's homestead. We will tour his home and gardens. The flower gardens will be in their full bloom splendor! Last years inaugural cruise was warmly received by all who participated so we're making it an annual event! Cost includes taxes and gratuities for brunch and Monticello house tour admission tickets. If we get 25 people, we save \$7.00 each by getting group admission to Monticello. So I'm requesting that all those who went along on this cruise last year to talk it up about how much fun we had so that we can get at least 25 people out for this year's cruise.



WHEN: Sunday May 3rd, 8:30 am. Meet at Wegmans coffee café, on Route 29, 8297 Stonewall Shops Square, Gainseville, VA 20155

COST: \$53.00 per person. Prepay by check, deadline 5/2/09

CONTACT: Tom Richards, drtom11@comcast.net

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National Corvette Museum (NCM)



Ambassador Corner's

By Donald Patrick

CURRENT 2009 NEWS and ACTIVITIES

2010 Corvette Grand Sport:

Chevy Announces the 2010 Corvette Grand Sport! It's one of the most illustrious racing heritage Corvettes and it is returning to the lineup. Chevrolet is announcing the new, 2010 Corvette Grand Sport today (Friday, April 24, 2009) as part of the C5/C6 Corvette Birthday Bash!

The new Grand Sport model combines the Corvette's LS3-based powertrain with unique, wide-body styling and a racetrack-bred suspension for a distinctive, starting grid-ready performer. It is offered in both coupe and convertible body styles, with either a six-speed manual or six-speed automatic transmission. The LS3 6.2L engine is rated at 430 horsepower (321 kW)* and 424 lb.-ft. of torque (575 Nm)* with the standard exhaust system. An optional two-mode exhaust system elevates the power ratings to 436 horses (325 kW) and 428 lb.-ft. (580 Nm).

The following is the powerpoint presentation from today's introduction:

Key Points:

2010 Grand Sport is a new separate Corvette model

- Grand Sport replaces the Z51 Performance Package as the highest performance LS3 powered Corvette
- Grand Sport has serious performance hardware to make it the highest performance removable roof coupe and convertible
- Grand Sport is the highest performance automatic Corvette
- Grand Sport manual coupe includes standard Z52 dry sump performance package and is the recommended choice for the track
- 2010 Order guides go to dealers May
- Z06 remains a very unique model as the lightest most focused Corvette available with it's 7.0 (427) LS7 505hp, aluminum frame fixed roof structure and carbon fiber fenders/floors etc.
- Z06 and ZR1 will continue

2010 Corvette Grand Sport – RPO Z16

- **2010 Grand Sport content**
 - Grand Sport – wider body coupe and convertible - aggressive look
 - Goodyear F1 supercar tires - wider size – 275/35-18x9.5 and 325/30-19x12
 - New Grand Sport specific wheels: Silver, Competition Gray or Chrome
 - Specific unique fender design and integrated Grand Sport badge in cove
 - Front splitter and tall rear spoiler
 - Functional brake ducts and extra cooling

- Larger 6-piston 14" front & 4-piston 13.4" rear brakes with silver painted calipers
 - Specific manual transmission ratios and automatic transmission rear axle ratio
 - More aggressive shocks, stabilizer bars, and springs
 - Z52 dry sump package with rear battery and diff cooler on manual coupe
 - 1LT / 2LT / 3LT / 4LT packages, all exterior colors and interior colors available
 - Heritage package with fender hash mark stripes (4 colors) and special two-tone seats with 'Grand Sport' embroidery available option
- **2010 Grand Sport Benefits**
 - 1.0 g lateral acceleration vs .92 g standard and .98 g previous Z51
 - 0.2 seconds 0-60 benefit vs standard (4.0 vs 4.2)
 - Coupe with removable roof and Convertible models (Z06's are fixed roof only)
 - 6-speed paddle shift automatic available (Z06's are manual only)
 - 26 mpg highway rating vs 24 mpg for Z06
 - Less expensive vs Z06

2010 Corvette News

- Torch Red is back – Z06 and ZR1 available in all 8 colors for the 1st time
- Launch Control standard with all manual transmissions
- 6-speed paddle shift automatic - Push and hold feature allows easy return to auto mode using '+' paddle
- Side Airbags standard on all Corvettes
- New interior console trim plates - Orbit and Gunmetal patterns
- Crossed flag logo embroidery seat option
- Convertible includes Z06 style tall spoiler
- Z06 and ZR1 now available with cashmere interior
- Z06 3LZ package now includes power sport seats and power passenger seat
- ZR1 includes PTM - Performance Traction Management Technology
 - PTM is an advanced system that integrates your Traction Control, Active Handling, and Selective Ride Control systems to enhance racetrack driving consistency and overall performance. With PTM you can now push full throttle while exiting a corner on a racetrack as the system automatically manages your overall acceleration dynamics
- Available Competition Gray wheels for ZR1
- 1 year XM subscription included with 3LT – 2LZ – 3ZR option packages
- Cashmere custom leather wrapped interior – interim availability

2009 Competition Sport Corvette (RPO CSC)

Chevrolet introduces a new Corvette package available for a limited time

The Competition Sport package is for the Corvette purist and driving enthusiast

- Perfect Corvette for the enthusiast who attends driving schools, autocross, and track events
- Focus on lightest weight version and performance driving features
- Pricing: Coupe @ \$55,655 and Z06 @ \$77,500 w/ DFC (Complete - no options available)

Included in the package:

- Competition Gray Exterior Stripes, Wheels, and Headlamps
 - Corvette Racing 'Jake' and 'CSR' logos on b-pillar, headrest, and center armrest
- Ebony Interior with titanium embroidery
-Corvette Racing Pedals from GCA
-Special engine cover: Carbon pattern with red lettering
-Racing style numbers with number based on build sequence to be installed by customer

Available in either Coupe 1LT with 436 hp or Z06 1LZ with 505 hp versions

- Z06 CSC available in 17U Blade Silver or 41U Black
- Coupe CSC available in 17U Blade Silver or 10U Arctic White
 - Coupe CSC version also includes in package:
 - *Z51 Performance Package*
 - *NPP Performance Exhaust*
 - *Differential Cooler*
 - *Head Up Display*
 - *Red Painted Brake Calipers*
 - *Z06 tall spoiler*

2009 Corvette GT1 Championship Editions (RPO GT1)

Chevrolet and Corvette Racing introduce a new limited edition

The GT1 Championship Editions Celebrates Corvette C6.R Racing Success

- American Le Mans Series GT1 Manufacturers Champions for 8 years
- 5 time 24 Hours of Le Mans GT1 Champions
- Over 70 victories in ALMS racing
- 2009 24 Hours of Le Mans race will close out this successful era

Included in the package:

- C6.R livery inspired graphics feature Corvette Racing 'Jake', Championships, and driver flags
 - ZR1 style body color full width spoiler and chrome wheels
 - Custom Leather Wrapped Ebony Interior with exclusive Yellow accent stitching
 - GT1 embroidery on the leather seats, instrument panel, and center console armrest
- Special Engine Cover with carbon pattern and yellow Corvette lettering
-Windshield banner – owner installed

Available in either **Coupe 4LT (\$65,310)**, **Convertible 4LT (\$71,815)**, and **Z06 3LZ (\$86,385)**

- Available in 45U Velocity Yellow (with black headlamps) or 41U Black
- Specific VIN sequence 300001 series for 45U Velocity Yellow representing the #3 C6.R
 - Specific VIN sequence 400001 series for 41U Black representing the #4 C6.R
 - Limited production to **100** per each color and body style combination and **600 total** in Spring '09

- Coupe and Convertible versions also include:
 - Z51 Performance Package, NPP Performance Exhaust
 - Optional MX0 6-speed Paddle Shift Automatic on Coupe and Convertible
 - Optional C2L dual roof package on Coupe
 - Optional U3U Navigation System on all

CORVETTE RACING SCHEDULE

Final GT1 Races

MARCH 21 10:05a-10:05p Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring - Sebring, FL

APRIL 18 4:10p-5:50p Long Beach, CA

JUNE 13-14 24 Heures du Mans

New GT2 Races

AUGUST 8 2:10p-4:55p Mid-Ohio - Lexington, OH

AUGUST 16 1:00p-5:00p Road America - Elkhart Lake, WI

AUGUST 30 3:05p-5:50p Mosport - Bowmanville, ON CA

SEPTEMBER 26 11:15a-9:15p Road Atlanta/Petit Le Mans - Braselton, GA

OCTOBER 10 2:05p-6:05p Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca - Monterey, CA

- Corvette Corrals at US races continue
- Sebring was the introduction of the GT1 Championship editions and the yellow and black race car delivery

Insurance Agency Created to Preserve Your Passion:

The NCM have teamed together with American Modern Insurance Group to have a “Collector Car” Insurance Program available through the NCM! Whether you are interested in insuring a new car, classic or collector car, our program is designed to protect you the way you protect your Corvette. Our specialty insurance coverage offers lower rates, broader coverage, more options and discounts, and is handled in-house by our NCM Insurance Agent, licensed and trained to assist you. If you own a collectible car that you only drive occasionally to club events, on “Sunday” drives or special trips, and drive less than 1K, 3K or 6K miles per year – we would be happy to talk with you. Another benefit is that with each policy written, a portion stays with the Museum to help us continue fulfilling our mission. Visit www.ncminsurance.org for your “free” quote and information or contact NCM Insurance Agent, Adam Boca at: adam@corvettemuseum.org
You may also contact Adam at: (877) 678-7626.

Trivia Questions from the past month

General Business Meeting:

Question 1. What was the first signed ltd edition in Corvette History–

Answer--Ron Fellows,

Question 2, What was the color of the 2007 Indy Pace Car?

Answer: Atomic Orange

Question 3: What was the rock crusher?

Answer: 4 speed manual transmission from 66-71.

Parting Notes.....

For Sale: '97-'99 Factory Original Wheels \$100



2 - Front - 17" x 8.5"

2 - Rear - 18" x 9.5"

Call: Donald Patrick at 202-234-2820

Collection for the troops!

Rich & I would like to collect items for the soldiers to send for Memorial Day. Here is the list (I am also enclosing the list as an attachment) of suggested items needed. If they would like to give cash/checks then we will shop for items. Also, ask if anyone in the club has an address of any troops that would like to receive a care package.

thanks,

Rita and Rich Mars (703) 425-6118 c5tech@verizon.net

beef jerky - lots
twizzlers
hard candy
small packs of fish crackers, ritz, etc
wet wipes
used CD's from Blockbuster (movies
and computer games)

paper back books
cookies
nuts
dried fruits packs
toothbrushes (clean weapons)
nothing chocolate - it melts in transit

CARAVAN RULES

(From NVCC bylaws and published as a reminder for the season)

11. Caravan Rules

11.1. General

1. All cars in the Caravan should drive with their headlights ON.
2. In any member of the caravan have two-way radios; it is a good idea to have one for the lead car and another for the end car.
3. The use of waivers and an assigned Non-Sanction number are recommended

11.2. Caravan Organization

11.2.1 Driving from place to place in town

1. A lead car should be designated.
2. Keep in sight of the car behind you.
3. Re-group after several stop lights or stop signs.

4. Absolutely no passing other members of the Caravan unless the member waves you around.
5. Use hand signal for slowing down to stop.
6. Obey all speed signs and other traffic signs.

11.2.2. Driving from one town to another

1. A lead car should be designated.
2. Keep in sight of the car behind you.
3. Re-group at the city limits of town where open highway speed signs are posted.
4. Absolutely no passing other members of the Caravan unless the member waves you around.
5. Allow car passing space between cars, one car length for every ten(10) miles per hour.
6. Use hand signal for slowing down to stopping or turning.
7. Obey all speed signs and other traffic signs.

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Newsletter News ...

First and foremost, thank you for all the excellent items for this month's newsletter. While the newsletter is 18 pages, it would have been a lot longer without deferring some items and heavily editing others. For the heavy hand I apologize.....but I want to fit as much in as possible without breaking the bank or the printer. I don't wish to deter anyone from submitting what you have, just please understand editors by their very nature....edit.

For those that left their cars outside for the past 24 hours (and I have a few), how do you like their new shade of light green??? Spring isn't the only thing in the air and pollen is one of those woes of spring right up there with taxes....both of which bring tears to my eyes.

Until next month.....

Rich Anderson

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Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, Apr 28th at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, May 26th at 7:30 pm

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