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When the weather outside is frightful (and it has been this past month), cars and venues get downsized into a more sheltered environment. While not a major club event, winter Kart racing has become somewhat of a tradition with NVCC.

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The Snows of February 2010



**Membership
 Corner**

Active Members	103
Honorary Members	1
New Members	2
Prospective Members	7
Total	113

Please welcome our newest members:

- Tish Morris - 2004 Black Coupe
- Dave Morris - 2004 Black Coupe

Please welcome our prospective members:

- Michael Falletti - 2000 Dark Blue Coupe
- Waye Gregor - 1984 2-Tone Bronze Coupe
- Michael Griffith - 1999 White Coupe
- Theodore C. Johnson - 2007 Blue Coupe
- Wilfredo Sauri - 2001 Magnetic Red Coupe
- Frank Valdez - 2010 Cyber Gray Grand Sport



PRESIDENT'S CORNER February 2010

For all of you that made it through Blizzard-Season, Congratulations! Behind the scenes, your Council has continued to work on plans and ideas for the upcoming year in order to offer a wide range of events and activities that should offer something for everyone. And best of all, you get to hop in the Vette and drive it to enjoy it for what it is, with your fellow club members and Corvette enthusiasts.

Having lived in Northern Virginia my whole life, I can tell you, I have never seen so much snow. The snow is still 18 inches deep in my yard. Missed work days, cancelled meetings, slippery streets, power outages, and tons of shoveling have me looking towards Spring and Summer. Even so, we still need to navigate our way through the next couple of weeks of transitional weather and, worst of all: Pot Hole Season. Given the weather that we have had, and the extensive plowing and use of de-icers, you can expect a bumper crop of those bone rattling, frame bending monsters of the highway. As a public service, I caution you all to take it easy out there and keep an eye on the road in front of you. The last thing you want to do is blow a tire or bend a rim.

Some of you may have noticed that our website has been down for the past few days while Laurie tends to it and performs some needed maintenance. When it comes back up, it will have several new features, so stay tuned. Remember that you can always check the Events tab on the homepage for the latest updates and listings. Remember to, that we have a number of vendors that support the club by advertising on our site. Please show your appreciation by continuing to do business with these firms.

A week from now, we'll be hosting our Annual Awards Banquet on Saturday March 6 at Maggiano's in Tyson's Corner. This is our one "formal" (but not too formal) evening out as a club where you can rub a few elbows, enjoy fine dining, recognize various club members for their accomplishments over the past year, and have a good chance to win some really cool door prizes. I hope you have all signed up, as this is one event you do not want to miss.

Thanks to the continued efforts of Miriam, we have a firm date & location for our Spring Teen Driving School. It will be Saturday May 1 at Old Dominion Speedway. I have spoken to the folks at ODS; they are pleased to renew their ties with NVCC and are looking forward to having the TDS at their facility. We'll be putting out a call for Instructors and Workers soon, so reserve the date.

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. Come out and join the fun !

**NVCC Social Calendar March 2010 -
Laurie Kistner, Social Director**



___ **Sat. 3/6/10** - Our Annual Banquet – see flyer for complete details!

Sun. 3/14/10 - Washington, D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade: We have an opportunity once again to participate in the Washington, D.C. St. Patrick's Day Parade downtown (<http://www.dcstpatparade.com/>). There is no limit on the number of cars that can attend, we just need a headcount for the application. Please RSVP to John Palmgren at publicity@nvcorvetteclub.com or john.palmgren@yahoo.com with your full name ASAP. Also, if anyone wants to carry the banner ahead of the group, let John know.

Just a reminder from last year's event: NO burnouts, NO chirping of tires, and NO throwing of candy or trinkets from the cars.

March is an unpredictable month for weather, so dress accordingly. The Parade will step off come rain or shine. (There is NO rain/snow date.) Grandstand seating next to the Reviewing Stand may be reserved in advance, at \$10/per person. You can purchase tickets through the website www.dcstpatparade.com

We will be meeting at the Pentagon Reservation Parking Lot. We will be departing for DC @ 10:45 AM. Parade staging is at 11:00 AM downtown for parade start @ noon. It should be over by ~2:30 PM.

(Location: Army Navy Drive between Hayes and Joyce Streets. Directly across from the Pentagon City Parking Garage.)

DIRECTIONS:

From 395 N: Take exit 8C (Rt. 1 South, Pentagon City, Crystal City), R at RAG, parking lot on the right (can be seen from the exit ramp)

From 66 East: Take exit for 110 South, Merge onto Rt. 1 South, Take exit for 15th Street, Right at RAG onto 15th street, Right at 3rd RAG onto Hayes Street, Left at 2nd RAG onto Army Navy Drive, Parking lot will be on your right

Thurs. 3/18/10 - Sun. 3/21/10 - WDC SCCA Spring Double Drivers School. Received this info from our Veep. This school is a couple of huge notches above what we do at any of our schools. You must have a caged race ready car, full drivers suit, helmet, gloves, shoes and a fire extinguisher!

Greetings Racers,

The WDC Region of SCCA is pleased to announce that registration is NOW OPEN for the Spring Double Drivers School, to be held March 18-21 at Summit Point MotorSports Park. This is the 50th anniversary of our region's instructional school. Please share the attached flyer with anyone you know who is interested in obtaining their SCCA license.

For more information or to register, please visit this special page on our website:
<http://www.wdcr-scca.org/Default.aspx?tabid=81>

And as always, feel free to contact me with any questions - I am happy to help!

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Hello Corvetters,

I hope everyone is maintaining their sanity during this extremely long and difficult winter!

While we await spring, I am in the process of filling the calendar for the 2010 season. So, if anyone wants to host an event (cruise, rallye, social event, etc), please send me an email at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com or social@nvcorvetteclub.com ASAP!

Also, you must contact me first before planning your event; with a group as large as ours, my goal is to make sure everyone's events get up on the calendar and to have as few date conflicts as possible. So please send me some dates you are interested in along with your event info.

Want to plan an event but have no idea how to get started? Give me a shout, happy to help...

This year we will have many new events along with the calendar "staples", so be sure to stay tuned to the events calendar for details!

Additionally, I am in the process of updating our forum software. This is a particularly involved installation, as lots of things are different with this all-new version. You will see improved functionality and updated features such as the ability to blog. I am also incorporating an all-new gallery function that should be easier to use. Please pardon our dust while we make these improvements.

*Thanks,
Laurie Kistner
NVCC Social Director & Webmaster
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The 2010 Washington Auto Show was from all accounts a bit of a disappointment to fans of General Motors, reflecting the all too apparent continuing decline of the giant. From the pic at right you can see the Benish family made the trek to see what there was to see. While dominated by hybrids and similar green concepts, the new Grand Sport was at least present. And for those that include Ford in their vocabulary, they perhaps had the best display, domestic or foreign.





National Corvette Museum (NCM)

Ambassador Corner

February 2010: CURRENT NEWS and ACTIVITIES

By Donald Patrick

Corvette Racing Profile: Doug Fehan, Program Manager

A racing odyssey that began more than 50 years ago at War Memorial Stadium in Buffalo, N.Y., has taken Doug Fehan to victory celebrations at the world's greatest race tracks. Fehan has traveled a long and winding road from the dusty Midwestern bullrings where he began his career, to the top step of the podium at Le Mans, Sebring, and Daytona. While Fehan's official title is GM Racing program manager for the American Le Mans Series, he is, in fact, the heart and soul of Corvette Racing.

"My grandfather, father and my uncles were in the auto business, and they were absolute race fans," Fehan recalls. "They took me to my first jalopy race in Buffalo. There was a burgundy car, with a big, white No. 11 on the door, driven by Larry Marx. At age three, I became Larry Marx's youngest and greatest fan."

Now Fehan manages racing programs that turn drivers into champions. His was the unseen hand behind Wayne Taylor's 1996 IMSA World Sports Car title with Oldsmobile's Aurora V-8 and Tom Kendall's 1990 Trans-Am championship in a Chevrolet Beretta. He's guided Corvette Racing to eight consecutive ALMS GT1 manufacturers and team championships in 2001-08, along with seven straight drivers championships with Ron Fellows, Johnny O'Connell, Jan Magnussen, Oliver Gavin and Olivier Beretta winning titles.



But Fehan knows that racing is not all champagne and celebrations. He experienced the gritty side of motorsports firsthand, barnstorming a homebuilt Chevvelle stock car on the USAC circuit in the late '60s.

"Those were the days when you left for the races after work on Friday, made your way home at 4 o'clock in the morning on Sunday, got two hours of sleep and then went back to work Monday morning," Fehan explains. "After three or four years of that, it became apparent that my future was not going to be in racing that way."

Fehan's future was in the business of racing. Driven by a keen perception of the marketing power of motorsports, a small-time amateur road racing program quickly blossomed into his role managing a major sponsorship program for Mac Tools from 1985 to 1987 that put the company's logo on the pole-winning car at the Indianapolis 500 and sent sales skyrocketing.

When an economic downturn hit racing hard in the early '90s, Fehan took a hiatus from motorsports and pursued his second passion, golf. He patented a wheeled golf bag cover and started a business to market his invention. Then a chance encounter with GM Racing director Herb Fishel at the Detroit Auto Show launched Fehan's career on a new trajectory.

First came the Oldsmobile's IMSA World Sports Car program that put the Aurora V-8 in the winner's circle at the Daytona 24-hour and Sebring 12-hour endurance races, took the Oldsmobile marque to Le Mans, and won the 1996 WSC drivers and manufacturers championship. When Olds redirected its Aurora V-8 program to the fledgling Indy Racing League in 1997, Fehan went to work on the blueprint for GM's first factory-backed Corvette racing program. Two years later, Corvette Racing broke cover with the C5-R, followed by the C6.R in 2005. Through August 2009, Corvette Racing has scored 78 victories, including an overall win in the 2001 Daytona 24-hour race, six wins in the GT1 class at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, and seven class wins at the 12 Hours of Sebring. Eight consecutive manufacturers championships for Chevrolet put an exclamation point on Corvette Racing's success under Fehan.

Corvette Racing opened a new chapter with the debut of the next-generation Corvette C6.R in the GT2 category on August 8, 2009. In anticipation of a single GT class in 2010, Corvette Racing is developing the new ZR1-based GT2 Corvette C6.R to compete against rivals representing Ferrari, Porsche, BMW, Aston Martin, Jaguar, Viper, Panoz, and Ford.

"This team has played an important part in Corvette history," Fehan reflects. "Each time we go to the race track we're writing another page. Years from now, people will look back on this era and be proud of what we've done."

Fehan is an unabashed advocate for the Corvette cause and an icon for legions of faithful Corvette fans. He received the ALMS "From the Fans" award in 2004 and 2008.

"It's hard for me to control my passion for Corvette," he admits. "I've tried to develop Corvette Racing as a giant tree, and the farther we can spread its roots, the stronger the tree will be. I enjoy being a one-man band playing the Corvette tune in a variety of places, from the Corvette Museum and Corvette club meetings to the GM boardroom. The future looks good for Corvette Racing, and I think we'll continue to be a force in motorsports for many years to come."

Fehan has traveled a long, strange road from early jalopy races to Le Mans, but he's enjoyed every step of the journey.

Testing for the 2010 Edition of the Corvette Racing



Corvette Racing is preparing for the season-opening round of the 2010 American Le Mans Series, the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring, to be held in Sebring, Fla., on March 20. Corvette Racing will compete in the GT (formerly GT2) class against entries representing Porsche, Ferrari, BMW, Jaguar, and Ford. Corvette Racing drivers Johnny O'Connell, Jan Magnussen, and Antonio Garcia are testing the No. 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R. Oliver Gavin, Olivier Beretta, and Emmanuel Collard are testing the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R.

FROM BADBOYVETTES.COM:

Two days of private testing for the 2010 edition of Corvette Racing just concluded at Sebring.

Reports from Godug say, except for the challenge of 35mph headwinds which made the throttle-heavy very-fast Turn 1 an exercise in blended skill / prayer, everything went according to plan. So smooth / flawless were the two new GT2's that - "We came close to running out of fuel before we ran out of time." - was the way Godug explained that a trouble-free test allowed the team to pound down the miles.

Emmanuel Collard got his 1st Corvette Racing experience after years pushing around Porsches. "Simply awesome!" was his initial feedback on his new ride. The team ran the race-calibrated 5.5L motor, sourced from within GM Powertrain for 2010, for the 1st time and all was 'good to go'. Great news for Team GM. Maybe the new livery should carry the GM battle cry, 'May the Best Car Win!'

General Motors Spotlights Corvette Museum Delivery Program



Former U.S. Army Vice Chief of Staff General Richard Cody is now in possession of his 10th Chevy Corvette, but instead of driving the 2010 Torch Red Grand Sport Convertible off a dealership lot, he recently picked it up at the National Corvette Museum.

The idea to watch his car being built came to Cody from GM Vice Chairman Bob Lutz, who suggested that seeing the build process would enrich Cody's ownership experience. Cody made it a family affair, bringing along his son, Major Clint Cody, just back from Iraq where he was an Army

Apache helicopter pilot; and his brother, Bob Cody a Chevrolet dealer in Montpelier, VT

Story of 36 Vintage Corvettes

Daniel McDermon published a story in the [New York Times](#) about 36 vintage Corvettes that had been stored in his apartment building's basement garage for years. The cars had been part of a promotion by VH-1 in 1989 and one lucky winner, a carpenter from Long Island, received the prize of Corvettes from years 1953 to 1989. The cars were sold to Pop Art icon Peter Max, who has basically had them in storage ever since.



New Driving Simulators Installed at Corvette Museum

Two new driving simulators have been installed in the National Corvette Museum. The simulators focus on five areas of driving: Emergency Driving Situations; Driving Under the Influence; Speed, Road Conditions, and Stopping Distances; Hazard Perception and Fuel Efficient Driving.

The simulators were partially funded through a grant from the transportation cabinet and were developed by Virage of Canada. The simulators are the first of their kind in the United States and will be available in the coming weeks for Museum visitors to utilize.



NVCC 40 Years Ago **By Paul Benish**

February 1970 brings more “meetings” where I’m not sure how much business was discussed, but beverages definitely were. Party #3 as they called it was apparently a very cold day. After meeting up and warming up with some “anti-freeze” they drove down to Fairfax circle for a cruise. They had 24 vettes, which is impressive even by our standards today, and as old as a 54. Can you imagine a 54 out and about today on cold, wet roads?! This is where they voted in their first officers: President 2nd Lt Ron Dibella, VP Jim Bennett, and Secretary/Treasurer Cpt Jim Cooper. I chuckled about the dual role for secretary and treasurer, I’m sure if you asked Carol or Jerry if they would like the other job as well you would get a very dirty look. They also had four committees: Rallye, Entertainment (I’m surprised this didn’t come first with as many parties that they had), Advertising and Bylaws. I have been looking at the bylaws and it’s interesting how little they have changed since then, but it is also interesting the things that have changed, but that’s for another time.

For the second meeting they got together at a restaurant, this time 34 vettes showed up and apparently not too many people have seen that many corvettes gathered in one place. They gathered a very large crowd to the point where they couldn’t start the meeting for a long time because they kept getting cornered for pictures and questions. They finally got out of there and started their cruise around Alexandria and pictures at the Masonic Temple. I attempted to find these pictures but there aren’t many of them that are labeled with date or any other cue as to when they were taken. This did seem to be the first “General Business meeting” and this also seemed the first time they discussed joining other Corvette clubs at the national level. They didn’t have an official name for it except to mention their affiliation with “Corvette clubs nationwide” and that it was done through GM direct. The main benefit was everyone received the first year of “Corvette News” for free which was published directly by GM. Oh and their membership was up to 76 already after only two months being a club, pretty impressive for a fledgling organization.

There were also the usual parties and “Get togethers”. I have attached their Valentine’s Day dance, which I suppose could have been their first official banquet, but it’s hard to tell with all the parties they threw! One of the things that I found funny was an inclusion of members’ love poems to Corvettes. Even though they are publishable I’m sure there would be some comments about them and I’m running out of space, so if anyone is interested I can email you a scanned copy of it. They even included a survey, it seems a reoccurring theme, no matter what year it was (except for maybe 1954), was whether people like’s the new corvettes styling or if they didn’t why? I’m looking forward to seeing the results of that one, since I’m sure history repeated itself multiple times. That’s all for this time, maybe next time I’ll be able to figure out the age of some of those pictures, of not I’ll guess.



Paul Benish
Vice President



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AT LEAST ONE PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST ACCOMPANY EACH TEEN DRIVER THROUGHOUT THE DAY!

ALSO, THEY WILL ATTEND CLASSROOM SESSIONS AND WATCH THEIR OFFSPRING DRIVE THROUGH EXERCISES DESIGNED TO HELP YOUNG DRIVERS UNDERSTAND WHY THEY MIGHT LOSE CONTROL AND HOW TO PREVENT IT.
BY THE WAY, YOU WILL LEARN A LOT, TOO!

ALL THIS IS DONE AT VERY SLOW SPEEDS IN A VERY SAFE ENVIRONMENT. IT IS FAR BETTER FOR THEM TO KNOW WHAT TO DO BEFOREHAND THAN TO EXPERIENCE SOMETHING HAPPENING ON THE PUBLIC ROADS AND NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO!

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THE DRIVERS MUST HAVE A LEARNER'S PERMIT OR VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE TO PARTICIPATE.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE ASTUTE AND CARING PARENTS WHO HAVE REGISTERED THEIR TEEN DRIVERS EARLY. THESE EVENTS FILL UP FAST!! **CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP IS NOT REQUIRED.**

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Newsletter News ...

Had enough snow yet? Ready for Spring? Well your editor is even looking forward to mowing lawn at this point. If nothing else it is easier on the back and a whole lot prettier than the piles of dirty snow surround my walks and driveways.

NVCC is certainly ready as events are being filled in on the calendar. We have another full year ahead of us and as usual, your editor is pleading not only for your participation, but your pics and write ups as well. I've seen enough white this winter and hope not to see white space in the newsletter.

While a tad outside of our immediate horizon, Cheryl and I are looking forward to hosting the club picnic at the farm on Sunday 18 July. You know it never is too early to look forward to warm...even hot days in the country cruising the back roads. Hopefully by then we will have gotten the carnage that passes for Ganotown Rd. East fixed. There is a reason my Z06 looks like I've been mud racing with it.



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Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, Feb 23rd at 7:30pm

Tuesday, Mar 23rd at 7:30 pm

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