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NVCC Banquet of 2015

by Kara Bennis

The annual banquet this year was held on January 17, 2015 at Columbus Grill in Manassas. 64 members dined on delicious dishes including Bruschetta, Calamari, Roast Beef with Marsala Sauce, Shrimp Alfredo, Chocolate Cake, and Flan. There were also several fantastic door prizes that were purchased and donated. Door prize winners walked away with Jake Logo Wine Glasses, duffle bags, coffee mugs with the C7 logo, tin signs, and much more. From the raffle prizes, John Stark won the much coveted Friday at the Track, and the 50/50 winner took home \$110.00 with \$110.00 going to the club coffers as well. For those who didn't win the 50/50 auction, there were additional drawings for items kindly donated by Jim Lorimer for Dominion Raceway. Jim also spoke briefly on the development of the track and plans for the future. Once again, we had trivia for men and women - the men won travel mugs and the women won logo necklaces.

Congratulations to John Palmgren, our new president, on presiding over a great evening. Rich Anderson was honored as Council member of the year and received as a thank you for all of his service, his very own personalized yellow Jegs hat. Paul Benish was honored as Member of the year for his continued contributions to the club.

Many thanks to our generous sponsors for donating gifts: Barrel Oak Winery, Corvette America, Jegs, Zip, Corvette Central, Ecklers, Tire Rack, Dominion Raceway, and Rock Auto. Without our sponsors, events like this would not be possible. Also, a special thank you to Andrej Balanc who generously contributed the Friday at the Track.

I hope that everyone had a wonderful time at the banquet and I look forward to seeing everyone at next year's banquet.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER January 2015

Good Evening from Springfield on what is supposed to be the eve of a pretty big snow storm. For those who came out to the annual banquet, I sincerely hope you all had a pleasant evening. Please join me in congratulating and thanking our very own Kara Bennis Palmgren for putting on another great banquet. It was also our pleasure to have Jim Lorimer from Dominion Raceway as our guest that evening. He provided some great background on the new multi-track facility being built just south of us in Thornburg, VA.

As I take the reins as your newly elected president, I'm excited about the direction of our club and the upcoming events that are already in the works. For example, the DC St. Patrick's Day Parade, the 2nd Annual Corvette and Crabs Rallye, Tire Rack Street Survival (Teen Driving School), C-Cubed and many more. If you have an idea for an event that you would like to lead, or just one to recommend someone else lead, please bring it up at the next GBM, or feel free to send email out to the club to see who may be interested in joining you. With most of our Corvettes pulled into the garage for its winter nap, other events like Movie nights, indoor go-karting, weekend brunches, etc. are things we could be doing.

We are still looking for a few folks to take on the remaining empty council positions: Concours / Car Show Chair, Publicity Chair, Social Chair. Please reach out to me, or anyone on the council, if you would like to step up and volunteer for any of these roles.

I look forward to seeing you all at the next GBM, or out there on the roads once the weather starts cooperating.

Your President,
John Palmgren

2014 Christmas Lights Rallye



It was a great turnout (8 cars!) for our 5th Annual Christmas Lights Rallye held on Sunday Dec. 14th. This year was hosted again by the Benish's at the Bull Run Festival of Lights in Centerville, VA. Thank you to the Mars's, Klain's, William's, Mericidita Morales, George Durk, Michael Hunter, Jane Stieber, James Dobish, Barabara McNeil, and Richard Iselin for making in out to have some holiday fun. Without the typical rigid rallye rules (say that twice), participants experienced a twist on

the normal rallye, making our way from the shopping center to and through the Festival of Lights. Night rallyes can be fun and makes the experience new for even expert rallye runners, so it levels the playing field and everyone gets to enjoy some cool lights and fun holiday spirit, ending at the Winter Wonderland Carnival.

Our Winners for the night, with the best answers overall were – Richard Iselin and Barbara McNeil -whoohoo!! They took the \$35 winnings and a NVCC Christmas Lights Rallye Ornament (made by yours truly) for the occasion. Hopefully next year, weather permitting, we will be able to run another Christmas Rally with more people and even more holiday fun! Looking forward to a great 2015!

If you have a great idea for a rallye, or would like planning a rallye, please email Kris at: rallye@nvcorvetteclub.com. We would love to put on more of these fun events!

Full Gallery of Pictures available at: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/nvcorvetteclub/>



*By Lori Benish
NVCC Co-Webmaster*



After Action Report on the NVCC Car Control Clinic

By David DuBois

With the winter time upon us, we took the time to compile the feedback we received from the Car Control Clinic we held at Summit Point last September 21, 2014.

Each Skill Station was rated on a 5 (the best) to 1 (the least). The table below shows the average grade from each of the 17 forms we received.

SLALOM	BRAKING	SKID PAD	CLASSROOM	CAR-CARE	TRACK TIME	INSTRUCTOR
4.2	4.8	4.5	4.2	4.6	4.9	5.0

My take on this is we have the best group of instructors. Every student rated the instructors they had the chance to work with, as a 5.

The three questions about ‘would you come back’, ‘did you benefit from the experience’, and ‘would you recommend this class to others’, were 100% YES for each of these. I also recorded all of the comments that were included on the forms. Even with the high scores, we have some opportunity for improvements. I have grouped the comments together so you can see some themes that we can learn from.

Comments

A lot more fun than I expected
Braking instructor was excellent, great feedback
Car care too technical
Car care was outstanding
Classroom too long
Classroom too long
Classroom was outstanding
Could learn limits of my car in a safe controlled manner
Excellent clinic
Excellent Instructors
Excellent Instructors
Excellent Instructors
Excellent Instructors
Need consistency for instructors for slalom
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Need porta potties out on the track in the morning
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Schedule was off in the afternoon. Lost 10 minutes on one
Skid pad got my car dirty
Slalom tougher than expected
The right amount of time at each station
Very informative
Very Well put together
Wait time for skid pad too long
Wait time for skid pad too long
Wait time for skid pad too long
[And one theme from the workers:](#)
Hey, give us a few laps on the track. We have been working hard!!

One way of looking at the comments is that we got 13 positive comments out of 27.

Summary:

Thank you for supporting a very successful Car Control Clinic. We were successful because of your support. We have porta potties to rent, some track time for our workers, and a few other areas to work on for next season. I look forward to working you again, and more of you, this coming season.

Instructors want “us” to learn the racing line – Why ???

An overview by David DuBois

(credit to: the February 2015 issue of *Car and Driver*, "The Physics of the Racing Line")

The first part is for new HPDE students: A ~constant radius turn.

This object of this article describes “why” we are looking for accuracy on the turn in points, the apex, and the trackout landmarks. Instructors sometime overload their students with a lot of information, especially on their first day, so here is a chance to follow this short discussion from the comfort of your favorite chair.

The reason for accuracy on these three points is to maximize the radius of the path of your car. And the reason for choosing the maximum radius is to maximize your trackout speed in miles per hour as you start the next straight.

Maximum radius

The Car and Driver article uses turn 3 at VIR and an instrumented Chevrolet Camaro Z/28.

The radius starting exactly at the edge of the track at the turn in point – perfectly touching the inside or apex of the turn – and perfectly touching the outside edge or trackout point from this article, is 270 feet with a maximum trackout speed of 66.7 mph.

The article then measures missing each of these three landmarks by 1 foot.

- You are 1 foot away from the curbing as you turn in.
- You are 1 foot away from the curbing at the apex.
- You end up 1 foot away from the edge of the track at your track out point.

The article measured this radius at 263 feet. Their exit speed was 65.9 mph. A difference of 0.2 MPH. Not much you think? Two things to think about. This is for the entire length of the next straight away – and- this is only ONE turn. This is why I help my students get close to the edge of the track when they have the confidence to do so.

The second part of this is for more experienced HPDE drivers. They have repeatability accurately hitting their landmarks - and skills, from several on track sessions and are now ready to modify the constant radius of a turn

This exercise discussed in the Car and Driver article uses trail braking as you continue past the turn in point, modifying the constant radius turn by using a later apex, which creates a larger radius turn for the remainder of the turn. The larger radius allows you to apply the gas earlier resulting in a faster exit speed. This may not read clearly without graphics, but this modified line allowed an increase of the Camaro’s exit speed by 10 mph at VIR’s turn 13. This 10 mph increase starts at the beginning of the longest straight away at VIR. A 10 mph increase in exit speed is defiantly something I can understand!

For further reading, formulas, and the pretty graphics, follow this link:

<http://blog.caranddriver.com/the-physics-of-the-racing-line-how-to-have-the-absolute-quickest-lap-times/>

How does this help? Knowing where you are placing your car on the track is key to improving your driving skills. As you gain experience and can consistently hit your landmarks, your instructor can begin to work with you on trail braking.

See you on the track soon !!

David DuBois - Chief Instructor NVCC



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Coming Events:

While winter still has a firm (if not death grip) on NVCC's operating area, there are a few coming events worthy of noting at this time....with more information to follow by e-mail and next month's newsletter:

Second Annual Corvettes and Crabs Rallye:

Saturday, March 21 starting at 9:30am and ending at 2:00 pm
Location: Tim's Rivershore Restaurant, Triangle VA

Annual Saint Patrick's Day Parade:

Start: Sunday, Mar 15, 2015 7a
End: Sunday, Mar 15, 2015 2p
Location: Washington, DC

NVCC Udvar-Hazy and Dulles Airport Outing Trip *By Bob Devery*

HI Everyone ... I've checked with airport ops and 3/22/15 seems to be a good day to set our sights on visiting the Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum as well as Dulles Airport to go to Airport Operations and the Ramp Tower. Also, it gives us a strong probability of the weather being decent for the Corevtttes to peak out of the garages.

I'm coordinating to get us a mobile lounge that will give us a "land tour" of the airport to include one of the fire houses and the United maintenance hangar. I think that we will shoot for 10a at Museum; leave at noon (I know ... we could spend til closing ! But, the visit is simply part of this trip) . Lunch at 12:30. I'll find a place within 10 minutes of the Museum. It might be at the airport as there are a few options that can hold 40-50 when coordinated. After lunch (1:30), we head to Airport Ops to get set for the Airport tour. I'd plan for two hours if we get to go to all the places that are cool. The firehouse is 30 minutes; United hangar 30 minutes (NO ... you cannot work on the aircraft!) airport ops and ramp tower will be 30 minutes . We could exceed it depending on questions and what's available. The firefighters give a great brief and usually will bring a truck out to show how the apparatus functions during an emergency with the "water cannon". Ramp tower would be last stop to have a look as the afternoon arrivals start.

If the thoughts are that the day is too long, I can modify it. Looking at meet up at 9:30A within 15 minutes of Museum; ending day 4pm.

Travel for Donation Program

Greetings ! A quick note on what we are continuing to do with our fundraising efforts using YOUR travel. A check to NVCC will be given to Marsha at the GBM for travel by Rick Poage (NYC Thanksgiving trip) . Additionally, money will be coming as a result of travel booked thru me for Scott Hurley and family (cruise) ; a referral from Lynn Balanc (cruise) as well as a couple of other trips being reviewed for booking for other members. The checks will add cash to the club treasury to be used for evnts that ALL members can enjoy. Remember .. before you hit "buy", just give me a chance to look at what you have planned OR let me get ideas for you . ALL mainline cruises as well as river cruises plus ALL major land suppliers are a call away for me. Out of 4,000 planners nationwide, I'm in the top 200 so I really can get things done as promised. WORST CASE? I don't find a supplier OR can't match your price and you book on your own. Best case ... I do what I say; you save a few bucks and club gets ca\$\$h. Don't forget ... we have access to many "specialty cruises" and events whether it's a country music cruise; KISS ; a baseball cruise; Soul Train ; etc!!

Ready when you are ! Bob Devery



2015 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductees Announced

The National Corvette Museum has announced the following inductees to be recognized as part of the 18th Annual Corvette Hall of Fame Ceremony in 2015: **Herb Fishel** in the category of Racing; **Rick Hendrick** in the category of Enthusiast; and **Russ McLean** in the category of GM/Chevrolet. These three individuals will be recognized with the highest honor bestowed by the Museum for their contributions to the past, present and future of Corvette.



The 2015 Corvette Hall of Fame recipients will be inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame during a ceremony and banquet on Friday, September 4, 2015. Their induction will take place as part of the Museum's 21st Anniversary Celebration September 3-5, 2015.

The National Corvette Museum established the Corvette Hall of Fame in 1998 to confer the highest honor and recognition upon the most influential individuals in the history of the Corvette. The award recognizes those who have made significant contributions to their respective fields, each having reached the highest level of accomplishment. Inductees must also reflect the highest standards of integrity and character to positively enhance the prestige of the Corvette and the National Corvette Museum.

NCM Ambassador Thinks Outside the Brick

When it comes to supporting the Museum, our Ambassadors find creative ways to get their fellow club members on board. Ken Bakenhus of San Jacinto Corvette Club in Houston, TX is one such Ambassador - thinking outside the box (or in this case, brick) to garner donations for the Museum.

"When raising funds for our club bench, I gave different incentives for different donation levels such as a plaque, club jacket, dinners or a combination of all three for the larger donations," said Ken. "After raising the bench funds, I was able to sell a lot of bricks because members wanted their brick in front of the bench."



Ken also got creative by gluing C7 model Corvettes to the top of Flint Bricks, and using them as rewards to members who contributed to the club's Motorsports Park 'Acre.' "Using my Lifetime Membership discount for the C7 models, and the bricks on sale at 3 for \$25, I raised \$4,800 with just a \$444 expenditure."

Thanks, Ken, for your creativity and support!

Torch Red Vette Winner Drawn

Congrats to John Barrett, Jr. of Palos Verdes Estates, CA - winner of our 2015 Torch Red Corvette with ticket number 020065. (Pictured are our staff and Museum visitors calling the winner).

Your next chance to win a Corvette is February 12 at 2pm CT when we raffle a **2015 Crystal Red Stingray Corvette Coupe!** Tickets are \$100 and the raffle is limited to 2,015.

Learn more about our raffles, including exclusions and restrictions and purchase tickets online at www.corvettemuseum.org/raffle or call 800-538-3883 during normal business hours.



Seeking NASCAR Items

May 15 - Sept. 6, 2015 we will be celebrating stock car racing with a special **NASCAR: Moonshine to Finish Line** exhibit.

While we have several awesome cars lined up, we have spots for a few more - as well as race suits and other interesting memorabilia. Do you have anything to represent Darryl Waltrip, Rusty Wallace, Bill Elliott, Dale Jarrett, Fireball Roberts, Bobby Allison or others? Do you know people who have old NASCARs? Please let us know!

Contact Betty at 270-467-8841 or email betty@corvettemuseum.org.



Raffle Time Again!

Tickets are now available on consignment for the unlimited Corvette raffle during the Bash event April 23-25.



This beautiful Corvette is a 2015 white convertible. The drawing will be held at 3p.m. as part of the event festivities.

If you would like tickets on consignment please let me know and we will happy to get them out to you. Tickets come in groups of 25 and will need to be returned to us by April 15.

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Newsletter News ...



Greetings from the ice encrusted shores of Back Creek.

I trust everyone is fairing the wintery weather well and that no untoward events have befallen your corvettes. It was greating seeing those attending the banquet and hopefully you enjoyed yourself as well as Cheryl and I did.

While the month of February is rather slow, if by chance you do attend a noteable car event or take your vette visiting to the outer relm of NVa., please drop a line and appropriate pics for inclusion in the newsletter. Only with your help can I fight the dreaded "white space" that plagues those of us trying to put out newsletters when there really isn't a lot of major news to be had.

Now get out there and enjoy your personal edition of the great American sports car!

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Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday February 24, 2015

Tuesday March 24, 2015

GBM Meeting Location:

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