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Karting Event at All-Sport Gran Prix

by Stewart Fox

February 21 started off cold and gray, just like every other day this winter but with anticipation in the air. Despite a pending snow storm, it was Kart Racing Day at All-Sport Gran Prix in Sterling, organized not by NVCC but by our sister club from the other side of the Potomac; Corvette Club of America (CCA). Pat Roney and CCA have been hosting this annual winter event for the past five years and they are gracious enough to keep inviting NVCC members to come out to have fun and compete. It really has become a favorite event of mine.

As the morning progressed, the snow started to fly, but the event was on. When it came time to head out from the house, I threw the F250 into 4WD and off I went to Sterling, helmet in hand and snow shovel in the back, just in case. As I pulled up in front of All-Sport, the snow was already several inches deep but there were a nearly two dozen hardy souls inside running laps in the preliminary Arrive & Drive session. As I walked in and looked around, I noted a strong turnout of CCA folks as was expected, along with myself,

Andrej & Lynn from NVCC, and the always speedy father-son duo of Bill and Chris Kolster from Old Dominion Corvette Club.

10 Lap Qual (Corp)					Finished
Kar Racer Name	Last	Lap	Best	Gap	
5 andrej balanc	24.372	10	24.318	-	
2 Pat Roney	24.835	10	24.371	0.05	
3 Stewart Fox	24.772	10	24.772	0.45	
1 Chris Kolster	25.169	10	24.846	0.52	
4 Scott Decker	25.215	10	24.896	0.57	
9 Donald Diver	25.590	10	25.012	0.69	
8 Andrew Thorn	25.386	10	25.091	0.77	
12 Shawn Kapaska	25.468	10	25.097	0.77	
6 Bob Couse	26.166	9	25.765	1.44	

after lap, but I could feel the mounting pressure from behind.

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Once the Arrive & Drive session ended, we got down to business dividing the field into two heats with a dual set of 10 lap qualifying sessions. I ended up qualifying to run in the same heat as the "fast" guys, namely Pat, Andrej, and Chris. We lined up I-4 on the starting grid per our qualifying time with 6 other karts behind us. When the start light flashed green, we were off like a shot and the battle was on. Andrej, starting first, took the lead and never relinquished. I managed to squeeze past Pat early on with Chris right on my back bumper. We were flying around the course, lap



With just two laps remaining, a slight bauble on my part coming out of turn 1 opened the door just enough for Chris to wiggle past me. Despite a furious rush to the finish line, I just couldn't get around him to gain my spot back and ended up coming in third place. At least it was another podium finish, I got to take home another CCA Karting Trophy, and I had a great time doing what I like to do, with my friends from three different Corvette Clubs.

Did I mention it was snowing outside while we were inside having fun? As we were wrapping up our festivities, it was near whiteout conditions outside and the snow was piling up. Good thing I drove the F250. Getting home was another driving adventure but that's a story for another day.



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER February 2015

Hello Everyone. February has been quite the cold month so far, so I'm hoping that your Corvettes are staying warm and hopefully under cover and out of the snow. We have a pretty full calendar coming up for the month of March, with the DC St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday, 3/15, the Corvettes and Crabs Rallye on Saturday, 3/21, and the Dulles Air and Space Museum/Airport Tour with Bob Devery on Sunday, 3/22. April is shaping up nicely with Detailing Clinic scheduled for Saturday, April 11. And then in May, we have our car show at Page Chevrolet on Sunday, May 17.

Speaking of the car show, it takes a lot of people to put on a successful show, so we need plenty of volunteers to assist with and/or lead the event. Our very own Jim Garner has started getting things organized and we'll have some meetings with Page Chevrolet to iron out some logistics, responsibilities, etc. This is really an "All Hands On Deck" type of event, and the more volunteers we have, the lighter the load will be for each volunteer. Please contact the council at council@nvcorvetteclub.com or Jim Garner at jjgarner2@verizon.net to sign up.

If you have any other ideas for social gatherings (e.g., Movie Nights, Dinner outings, etc.) during these cold winter months, don't hesitate to reach out to your fellow club members using the everyone@nvcorvetteclub.com email address.

And finally I would like to thank all the members who have turned out for the January and February GBMs. We have had a great turnout at each of those meetings.

Stay warm everyone. See you down the road!

Thanks,
John

David DuBois High Performance Driving Idea # 257

How would you like to quickly learn one secret to high performance driving? How would you like to learn how to unlock one secret of learning “the best line” through each turn?

First an exercise: Reorder this list, listing the most important task at the top of the list.

- The braking point is the most important
- The turn in point is most important
- The point where you get off the brakes is most important
- Selecting the apex is the most important
- Selecting the “track out point” is the most important
- Defining the best place to put your foot “to the floor” on the gas

While you are contemplating the list, let’s think about turn 10 at Summit Point, the last turn before main straight. The length of the main straight is 2,900 feet. Obviously, you should have the gas pedal “on the floor” for the entire straight or at least to the 300 marker (work down to that if you haven’t already – and yes, the 300 marker does not apply to Miatas).

Compare the time your foot is on the gas pedal vs. the time your foot is on the brake pedal as you apply the brakes for turn 10. The time you spend applying the brakes is obviously much shorter. Expand this ratio of brake pedal duration vs. gas pedal duration for the entire track. Some of the exiting HPDE literature suggests that there is an 80 – 20 rule. 80% of your time is “on the gas” and 20% of the time is on the brakes.

As I learn a new track, I enter each turn and start exploring the point where I can floor the gas. Notice that I said “floor” the gas pedal. I keep experimenting with this and keep selecting a track out point that allows me to floor the gas pedal and NOT run out of track. I keep experimenting, selecting different apexes that allow me to get on the gas pedal at the soonest possible time and still NOT run out of track.

Here is one of the secrets... I pick “early” braking points that keep my speed slow and under control until I pick the best combination of “apex – on the gas – and track out” that maximizes my exit speed on to the straight away. I give up some of my speed by braking early so I can attack the point that I can fully get on the gas.

Once I have my landmarks picked so that I can confidently attack the apex and floor the gas, I start experimenting to find the latest braking point that lets me decelerate and turn into the apex so that I am off the brakes, ready to start squeezing the gas pedal before the apex. This means that I am selecting my best braking point last in this process. I am willing to lose some time by braking a little earlier and maybe going a little slower towards the apex (during the 20%) to maximize the time I am on the gas (the 80%). This is much better than making a mistake on the 80%. I call this “Learning the turn backwards” and teach this in my classrooms and with my in-car students.

The answer to the quiz: They are all equally important – after you have picked your landmarks that allow you to confidently and repeatedly attack each apex!

Another secret... I am constantly trying slight variations of the landmarks in an attempt to maximize my exit speeds.

Thank you for your time.

2015 WASHINGTON AUTO SHOW

By Paul Benish

This year's show was good mix of the usual dealer's pizzazz with a bit of eccentric to keep everyone interested in this age of over-information. They had the normal manufacturers showing their wares as well as the restoration area that showed a couple of good Corvettes and my favorite, a 67 GTO convertible. One of the cooler things I saw was the GM Futurliner from the days of the Motorama. It was beautifully restored and in excellent condition. It definitely was an eye catcher in the middle of all of the modern vehicles.

Right across from that was the Electric Car area where BMW brought their i8. This car is gorgeous in person



and I could see why it can usher in the era of electric car.

However, looking at the price tag of \$120,000 that era may be still a way off.



The star of the show (at least for Corvette owners) was the C7 Z06 convertible. That was upstairs in a very special corner all to itself. Chevy made sure that

everyone saw it from whatever part of the show you were coming from. The Cadillac CTS-V made an appearance but was greatly overshadowed by the Corvette.

All in all it was a decent show, especially if you got to go off-roading inside in the Jeep experience. Even though it was a controlled environment, it's still pretty hair-raising going over that hill and looking what seems to be straight down even though it was probably at most 30 degrees. Just don't eat anything before doing it. I guess it's good that most Jeeps are washable inside and out.



**Second ANNUAL NVCC GET AWAY FROM WINTER Cruise 2016 ...
and for VALENTINE's DAY !**

Bob Devery, Travel For Donation Coordinator

Greetings Fellow Snow detractors .. well , at least when it comes to driving . It's finally time to get this effort underway. We broke the ice with a few Club members doing a cruise out of San Juan on Royal Caribbean which was a blast. The reason for the pick of REGAL is simply that she's a new state of the art ship with excellent reputation already; a wonderful review of it's dining and service AND it's out of Florida in winter to WARM ports of call including a private island day! AND ... she sails on 2/14/ 2016 ... yes, on the original Love Boat cruiseline for VALENTINE's DAY !! Beats a box of chocolates and flowers I hope !!

Prices will be less than what you see below with the itinerary. Right now, cabins as low as \$700 per person PLUS TAX INTERIOR . Some BALCONY cabins are as low as \$850 per person first come first serve. I've got 25 cabins on hold right now with option for 25 more. Well, 22 a of the original group are left now as three members have already indicated that they'd like to go. We'll fly down to Florida a day ahead of time to stay at a precruise hotel so we get on the ship RELAXED ... and ready to enjoy all it has to offer. I'll have more details as we get moving on this one. NVCC will be given a Travel Donation for EACH cabin on the cruise ... whether it's a member; their family or friends ... or even another Corvette Club member! I'm going to try to set up seminar at sea for Corvette lovers in addition to other activities. YOUR comments and interests are welcome !

Planning one year in advance is not unusual as many of you know. If you have an interest, we will have a refundable security deposit. Send a note to get your cabin set or get more details for booking: bdevery@cruiseshipcenters.com cell/text: 703-786-2147



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Monday Feb 15	Princess Cays, Bahamas	9:00 AM	5:00 PM
Tuesday Feb 16	At Sea		
Wednesday Feb 17	St. Thomas, Virgin Islands	9:00 AM	6:00 PM
Thursday Feb 18	Philipsburg (St. Maarten), Netherlands Antilles	7:00 AM	6:00 PM
Friday Feb 19	At Sea		
Saturday Feb 20	At Sea		
Sunday Feb 21	Fort Lauderdale, FL		7:00 AM



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St. Patrick's Parade of Washington D.C.



The 44th annual Washington D.C. St. Patrick's Parade will be held on Sunday March 15, 2015.

NVCC has an opportunity once again to participate in this fun event in downtown D.C.

(<http://www.dcstpatparade.com/>). Here are a couple pictures from last year's parade.





THE SECOND ANNUAL NVCC CORVETTES AND CRABS RALLYE

Join the NVCC for a classic timed, measured, rallye through scenic Virginia countryside ending on the water at Tim's Rivershore. Good Fun, Good Food, Prizes, and Great People.

Date: March 21st

Place: Cooper Corvettes, 18313 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, VA 22172

Sign in Time: 9:00 am to 9:45 am

Driver/Navigator Briefing: 9:45 am

First Car Out: 10:00

End Point: Tim's Rivershore Restaurant and Crabhouse

Price: \$10 Members, \$15 Non-Members (includes Coffee and Donuts at Cooper Corvettes, Lunch at Tim's not included)

RSVP by March 17th to vp@nvc Corvetteclub.com



NVCC Udvar-Hazy and Dulles Airport Outing Trip

By Bob Devery

Greetings to all of you who are interested in the Museum and airport tour. Sorry to have been / be redundant but wanted to make sure that I had all interested parties. Since I had the "everyone note", I'll make this one brief. Our day will start at 9:30A as we meet up for the run to the Udvar Hazy Smithsonian Museum off Rt 28. We will head to the Museum NLT 10A and arrive by 10:15A. I'll know tomorrow (Monday 2/23) if we can get reduced parking rates but, for now, plan on \$15 per car. Leave Museum at 12:30 for lunch. Right now, I have us going to a casual restaurant @ 2 miles from Museum with final details shortly.

<http://airandspace.si.edu/visit/udvar-hazy-center/>

We are approved for the following airport sections : Fire House; United maintenance hangar; airport operations and ramp tower along with your personal limo ... a 90,000 ton "People Mover" mobile lounge with an operator who will take us around the airport. NO ... the lounge does NOT have a bar and NO ... you cannot test drive it! I'll do some commentary until told to sit down ! Plan to have drivers licenses for all attendees for security. If you would, please get a copy of the drivers licenses to me NLT 3/14/15 so I can give them to our security specialist. If anyone is bringing a non driver ; ie, child or grandchild, let me know . Plan for two hours at the airport after we get settled into the mobile lounge.

<http://www.wjla.com/articles/2013/11/united-airlines-opens-new-widebody-hangar-at-dulles-97217.html>

<http://www.curbsideclassic.com/rampside-classic/rampside-classic-the-mobile-lounges-of-dulles-airport/>

Other Coming Events:

From the Northern Virginia Mustang Club: Our 1st Drag Day of 2015 is 11 April 2015, 8am-Noon. Standard requirements apply as in 2014. It's on our Calendar. Our 2nd of the season will be 12 Sept 2015, same time. Same prices, \$50 at a meeting (you all are always welcomed at), \$52 via Pay Pal (www.paypal.com) to Enforcir@gmail.com --ME or \$75 at the gate (as you can see Pre-Payment really pays here). Cece Coburn Club President



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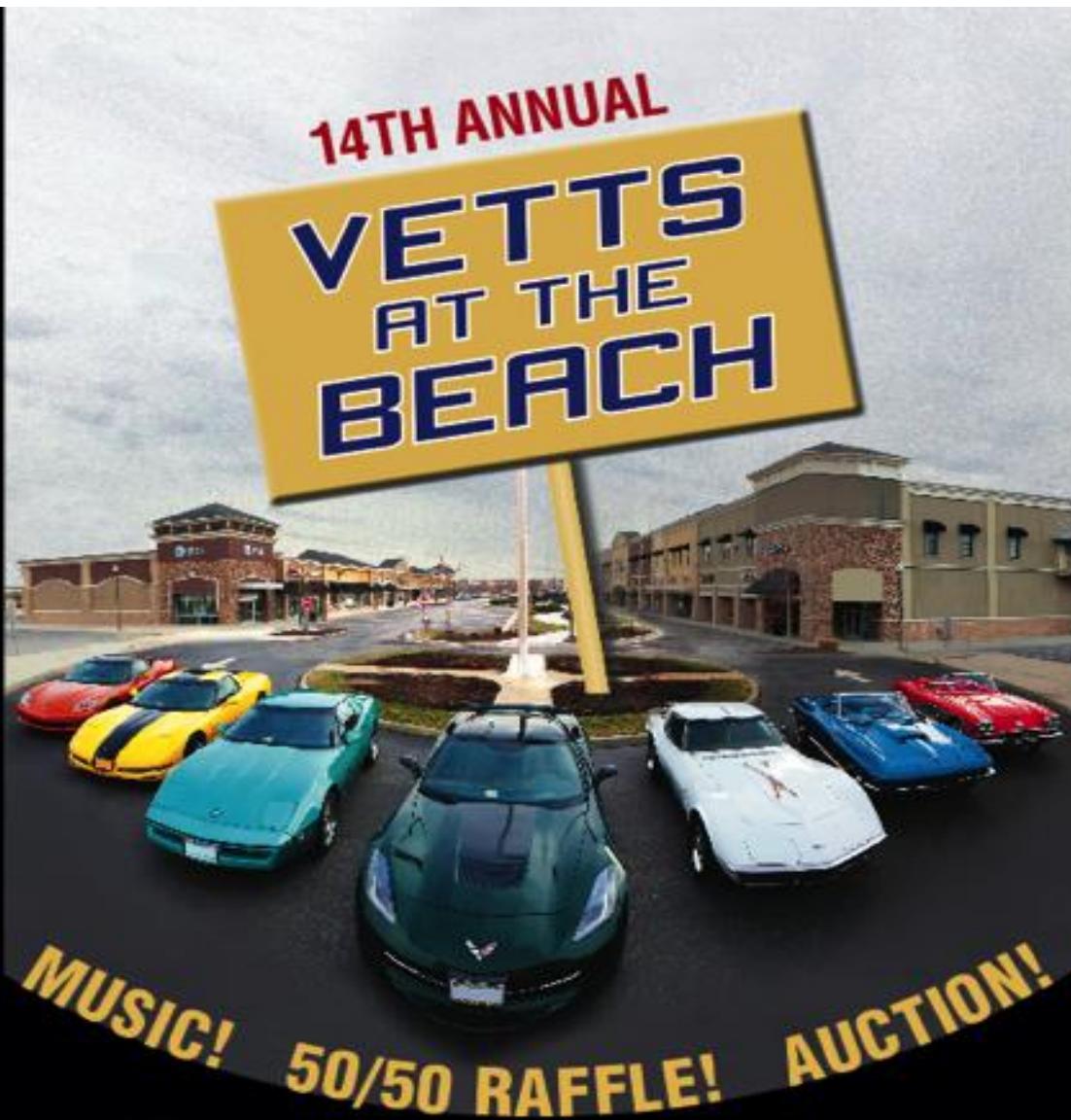
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Online Registration: www.corvetteclubofamerica.org or
in person day of event
Registration Opens: 8:30AM CLUB: Corvette Club of America
Closes: 9:30AM REGION: East
Driver's Meeting Time: 9:30AM ENTRY FEE: \$20 per event or \$15 if registered online
First Car Out Time: 10:00AM LOCATION: LINCOLN COLLEGE
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Exhaust Open: NO COLUMBIA, MD 21046



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April 11, 2015



This is a dual NCCC sanctioned autocross sponsored by the Corvette Club of America. Pre-registration online at www.corvetteclubofamerica.org is \$15.00 per event. This event is open to all cars in addition to Corvettes. All cars must pass a thorough technical inspection. Helmets are required.

Non-NCCC member participants and workers are not covered by NCCC insurance!



Get Ready for Car Show Season

Car show season will be here before you know it, and some shows (like Bloomington Gold) require you to have a list of options on your car. What better way than with a reproduction window sticker?

The National Corvette Museum offers Build Sheets and Window Stickers for 1981 to the present Corvettes. Build sheets are what go down the assembly line with the car, specifying exactly what goes on that car. We even have ORIGINAL build sheets available for some Corvettes!

Purchase a build sheet online or by phone for \$45 (members save \$10), or get both the Build Sheet and Window Sticker for \$90 (members receive a \$15 discount). Learn more and buy here: <https://store.corvettemuseum.com/services/buildsheet.asp>

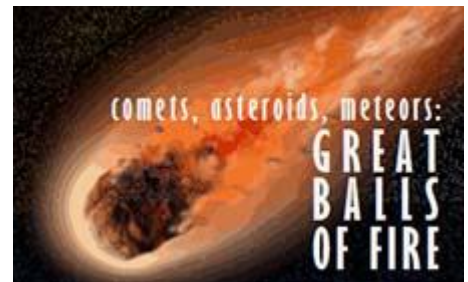


Museum Attracts School Groups with Special Exhibit

February to May each year, thousands of school children visit Museums and other educational venues to expand their learning beyond the classroom. The National Corvette Museum, with the help of U.S. Bank, has brought in a special temporary exhibit to attract these groups and offer material that meets their core curriculum requirements.

This year's special exhibit is **Comets, Asteroids, Meteors: Great Balls of Fire.**

Asteroids and comets are messengers from space that have had a significant effect on Earth's history and are likely to influence the future as well. Visitors make comparison between the risk of asteroid or comet impacts and the risk of more familiar natural disasters such as tsunamis, tornados, earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. The exhibit weaves in stories of individual scientists whose work has furthered the study of asteroids and comets. The Museum also has a wall designated to the Corvette's connection to NASA, so there is something to learn for visitors of all ages! The exhibit runs through May 10 in the Exhibit Hall.



Track Insurance Offered: Did you know that not only can we insure your collector car, but we can also cover you on the track? As you may know, finding the coverage you need to protect your car during HPDE events can be challenging. The vast majority of auto insurers have changed their policies to exclude coverage for these types of events. We know what you're looking for when it comes to HPDE insurance, because we're enthusiasts too. You'll get the coverage you need to protect yourself during HPDE events – plus, it's fast and easy and all online.

Both single-event and multi-event policies can be purchased online at: <http://www.ncminsurance.com/hpde>

Engine Build Experience in Full Swing

Corvette Z06 buyers now have the option to assembly their 650-hp supercharged LT4 engine at the new Performance Build Center inside the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. The Engine Build Experience is selected with order code PBC and is offered on all Z06 trim levels.

The Museum handles the concierge services for Engine Build customers and coordinates many aspects of the program. We welcomed our first Engine Build customer, Henry Younger of Gurley, AL, on February 11. "Being there at the Plant makes this option much more attractive now," said Younger. "This is my second build and it was fantastic just as my first was. The LT4 is so much different than the LS7 I built first - incredible is the only way to say it, I guess, along with a big WOW, what an engine."



The \$5,000 option comes with a full day with a Performance Build Center engine assembly technician who instructs and oversees the build; a personalized engine plaque identifying the owner/builder and the date of the engine build; professional photography of the experience; piston trophy commemorating the experience and a build your own engine.

Museum Member / Ambassador Donates Cars for Kids

Museum Lifetime Member and Master Ambassador Marty Dooley of St. Louis, MO has been collecting toy Corvettes since he was a boy - and now he's sharing his toys with other kids.

"While visiting the Museum I saw a lot of kids there, and after asking what was going on I learned that the Museum was hosting Vette Camp for kids to learn about the cars," said Marty. "Thinking of all the Hot Wheel type Corvette cars I had at home and no longer needed, I asked if I could donate them to the NCM so the kids could have a little remembrance of their camp day."

Marty gathered up his cars, about 200 total, and brought them on he and wife Judy's next visit to the Museum. Education Coordinator Kellie Steen says the cars will be very much appreciated and enjoyed by the kids. "This will be our sixth year of offering camps for children, and I know the cars will be a huge hit!" Steen said.

If you have items you'd like to donate for our Archives and to display, to use for fundraisers, or like Marty - to help inspire future Corvette dreamers please let us know!



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Newsletter News ...



Greetings from the very much frozen shores of Back Creek.

For those of you that have tried to get to the picnic via crossing Back Creek, now is the time to do it. The 8 inches of ice comfortably holds a pickup truck....much less a vette. However with warm weather hopefully coming soon, this is a limited time offer (as always, I reserve all salvage rights for vettes I pull from the water).

All kidding aside, this has been one long cold spell that has really cut down my out and about time. Hopefully with a bit of a thaw I can start exercising the fleet.

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

Rich Anderson
304-229-0010 richard.anderson157@frontier.com

Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday March 24, 2015

Tuesday April 28, 2015

GBM Meeting Location:

**Page Chevrolet
6500 Little River Turnpike
Alexandria, VA 22312**