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Rallye #1

Pics by Chuck Pellerin



The traditional feeding of our President



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Rallye # was indeed a great rallye! Rallye Master Alice Arielly put together a challenging and interesting course through the Mount Vernon/Woodlawn area. Rallye Checker Jack Hufnagle made sure the route was well outlined so everybody would find their way to the end point. Starting at the Mount Vernon parking the course wound through the back streets of southern Alexandria, including stopping at George Mason's Gunston Hall before arriving at the Old Country Buffet.

The folks working hard for you

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Thanks to Rallye Master Alice for a great first Rallye of 2008



Membership Corner

**We currently have
130 active members 1
honorary member and 14
prospective members.**

Prospective Members:

Joseph Penca – 1972 Coupe, White

Mark Devine – 2008 Coupe, Blue

Dan Carrier – 2006 Conv Silver

Karen Spence – 2003/2008 LeMans Blue/Red

Mary Wilds – 1972 Coupe White

Philip Wasinger – 1994 ZR1 Red

Noah Malgeri – 2008 Z06 Atomic Orange

Tricia Johnston – 2003/2007 Coupe/Z06 Black

Robert Ross – 1998 Coupe White

Talal Muhtadi – 2001 Coupe Yellow

Chris Wendling – 1980 Coupe Burgandy

Karl Wilhelm – 1969/1976 Coupes Silver/Brown

Kevin Fry – 2003 Coupe Black

Iris Ferguson – 03/07 coupe/Z06

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

Hello,

I would like to thank everyone who contributed money and items to send the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. The NVCC contributions amounted to over 400 dollars. Rita sent three boxes to Iraq and one box to Afghanistan, each weighing around 30 lbs. The boxes contained slim jims, DVD's beef jerky, magazines, T-shirts, candy etc and a lot of other items we take for granted.

Included in each box was a thank you card from NVCC. We would like to send more boxes in the future and hope we can count on our members to contribute to this effort, especially if you have a military friend or loved one overseas. Hope you all

had a great Memorial Day weekend and remember to keep our troops in your thoughts and prayers.

Kick the tire, light the fire, let's go!

Richard Mars



NVCC Event Calendar *Maintained by Laurie Kistner*

NVCC Social Calendar June 2008



Sun. June 1st, 2008 – Concours 2008. This year's show will again be hosted at Koons Chevrolet, our club sponsor. The show will benefit the American Cancer Society. We have both judged and non-judged (fun show) categories...you do not need a "Concours" car to enter! Please register your car and/or sign up to be a worker for the show today! For more details, please contact Carol Fox at soxvette@cox.net 703-759-4853 or Patty Williams at pattysue60@aol.com 703-440-8048.

Sat. June 7th, 2008 – Ice Cream Cruise "Lite". This year, Andrej Balanc will be hosting a *LITE* version of the ever-popular Tri-State Ice Cream Cruise. There will still be an old-fashioned ice cream parlor stop, and plenty of cruising of great Corvette roads in the tri-state area, but just not an 8-hour day's worth (more like 3 hours). All the same fun but fewer calories!

Please meet at the Sterling IHOP for the drivers meeting at 1 PM. We will depart immediately after the meeting. The Sterling IHOP address is 46931 Cedar Lake Plaza, Sterling, VA 20164-8653. General directions as follows: From Route 28, take Route 846 North (S. Sterling Blvd.) for 3.5 miles. Turn RIGHT onto Route 7 East (Harry Byrd Hwy.) for 0.4 miles. Turn LEFT onto Cedar Dr. Turn RIGHT onto Cedar Lake Plaza.

RSVP to: Andrej Balanc, 703-220-8228 or urtoslo@yahoo.com.

Sun. June 8th, 2008 - A New Sunday Brunch Cruise. It's about time for a Sunday brunch cruise at a new place with a new route! We will start in Centreville and cruise through some very twisty roads through Clifton, Fairfax Station, Springfield, and Lorton. Schedule as follows:

9:45 AM - arrival at cruise start point
10:00 AM - quick driver's meeting/map hand-outs
10:10 AM - depart for cruise
11:00 AM - arrive at brunch

***Around 12 - 1PM (whenever people finish eating) - After brunch, there is a Part Two to the cruise, with a different route. Stick around after brunch to cruise even more fabulous area roads. One event, twice the fun! The brunch location is a surprise...no, I am not telling so please don't ask...you'll just have to cruise with us to find out where we are going! I promise you will be very pleased with the extensive brunch offerings.

Please bring CASH - \$22.00 per person (includes brunch, soft drink, tax, & tip) - exact change only! Please RSVP by Friday 6/6 with name and number attending to Laurie Kistner at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com. This is a RAIN or SHINE event. If it rains and you don't want to bring out the vette, feel free to bring alternate transportation (sedan, truck, minivan, hooptie, whatever!)

For ease of egress, we will be meeting at Newgate Shopping Center, which 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.

Directions to the cruise start point:

- *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. June 22nd, 2008 - Rallye # 2 - 'The Over Hill and Dale Rallye'

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Cruise (same route, without the Rallye questions) so you can just enjoy the drive and check out the interesting homes in the area.
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There will also be a Poker Run (OPTIONAL) open to both the Rallye and Cruise participants. High and low poker hands will split the pot.
POKER FEE: \$10.00 per car (in addition to Rallye Fee)

WHEN: Sunday, June 22, 2008

REGISTRATION: 10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

DRIVERS' MEETING: 10:45 a.m. SHARP!

1st CAR OFF: 11:00 a.m.

WHERE: The Heart & Vascular Center Parking Lot (next to McDonalds)

6858 Old Dominion

McLean Virginia

- Purchase gas before arriving.
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VEHICLES: Open to all cars, but as usual, we would like to see as many Corvettes as possible.

RALLYE MASTERS: Chuck & Karen Pellerin (703) 242-2619 or email at chuck-p@cox.net.

Fri. June 27th, 2008 - The 8th Annual Drive Your Corvette To Work Day, sponsored by Mid America Motorworks. In honor of Drive Your Corvette To Work Day, enthusiasts across the United States make "America's Sports Car" their commuter car for the day. Every year, the Friday closest to June 30, Corvette's official birthday, is chosen to observe Drive Your Corvette To Work Day.

Mid America Motorworks promotes Drive Your Corvette To Work Day among Corvette owners and clubs. The goal is to have as many Corvette owners as possible drive their car to work that day. Launched in 2001 for the countdown to the Corvette's 50th anniversary, Mid America Motorworks' Drive Your Corvette To Work Day is an annual event celebrated by thousands of Corvette owners.

Corvette owners who observe "Drive Your Corvette To Work Day" are encouraged to send high resolution digital pictures of their car at work to clubs@mamotorworks.com. Mid America Motorworks will post as many pictures as possible on their website at www.madvet.com.

Sat. June 28th, 2008 – Drag Racing/Test & Tune Session #3. Test and tune/drag racing session – NVCC, NCOA, NVMC, and special invites only. Only one more left after this one, so sign up and get your runs in!

Where: Mason Dixon Dragway, Boonsboro, MD

Time: 8am-12 Noon (4hr Private Track Rental, UNLIMITED RUNS!)

Driver price: PayPal \$52.00 per driver to Enforcir@gmail.com OR mail \$50.00 per driver (check made out to Cyril Coburn) to: NVMC, PO Box 104, Amissville VA 20106. Either of these pre-payment options must be done NLT a week ahead of the event. Pre-payment is preferable as we must have 40 pre-paid drivers or the event risks cancellation. Or you may pay \$60.00 cash per driver @ the gate the day of the event.

Spectator price: \$10.00 (Driver gets 1 crew member in FREE)

Special (Driver) Requirements:

- *Mufflers mandatory
- *1/4 sleeved shirt, NO SHORTS or OPEN TOED SHOES
- *Seatbelts
- *Proper safety equipment per your vehicles performance level i.e. (helmets for cars faster than 13.99, roll bar for cars faster than 11.49, etc.)
- *10 MPH speed limit in the pit area!!!
- *NO air conditioning on in staging lanes, ALL windows up during burnout and run

At the gate you will:

- *Pay your fee
- *Get a wrist band (goes on left wrist)
- *Sign competition waiver
- *Get a tech inspection card to fill out and bring back to the staff

In the event of rain, call Ebby (703) 200-6803 or Ceece (703) 346-8151 if you have any questions regarding the event being on time.

NVCC members interested in caravanning up should meet at Newgate Shopping Center parking lot (corner of Routes 28 and 29 in Centreville) at 6:20 AM, leaving at 6:30 AM SHARP for a very nice scenic cruise through the mountains on the way to the drag strip.

If you are interested in riding up with me, please email me at lilredcorvette94@yahoo.com and let me know.

Directions to the caravan start point are as follows:

From 66 Westbound, take Exit 53A to Route 28 South and then take the Route 29 South Exit, immediately turning right into the parking lot. There is a Sunoco gas station, Joann's Fabrics, Trader Joe's, and a Fast Eddie's in this plaza.

Directions to Mason Dixon Dragway are as follows:

From Washington DC/NoVa: Take Route 270 N toward Frederick, MD. Take Rt. 70 W toward Hagerstown. Follow Rt. 70 until you reach Rt. 66 (Exit 35). Once at the bottom of the ramp turn LEFT onto Rt. 66 South, go about 1/2 miles until you reach Rt. 40 (you will see a Sheetz convenience store at the intersection), turn LEFT (east) on Rt. 40 and go just another 1/2 mile, the Dragstrip entrance will be on your right.

Coming soon...

- July 4th – 6th - Solomon's Island Car Show
- July 11th - HPDE @ Summit Point Main Circuit
- July 13th - Rallye #3
- July 20th - Annual Club Picnic/BBQ
- July 26th – 28th - 15th Annual Vettes @ the Beach

ATTENTION EVERYONE!!

NEW Fund Raising Agreement NVCC & Brink's Home Security

For NVCC Members,

Referred Friends and Family:

- * Free Standard Installation
- * NVCC will receive **\$75** for each system installed

Call **Howard Snook, 703-346-4450**

You get a FREE standard system installation.

NVCC receives **\$75** for each installation

It' a WIN - WIN Program!



National Corvette Museum (NCM)



Ambassador Corner

By Donald Patrick

June 2008

CURRENT NEWS and ACTIVITIES

Additional Acreage Obtained for Education Motorplex Park!

The NCM has acquired 70 plus acres to be used for the development of an Educational Motorplex Park to be located across the interstate from the Museum.

The Motorplex Park will offer a ¼ mile drag strip, 1.5 mile road track and an autocross/skid pad area. The Motorplex Park will be available for rent to Corvette Clubs for their educational and competitive use and will be an educational facet during NCM events.

Conceptual plans and more information will be announced in August.

Educating a New Corvette Generation

Over 250 students will be visiting the Museum over the next few days to participate in our new educational tours targeted toward classroom curriculum that includes math and science incorporated with the physics of Corvette.

The NCM's Admissions staff members have been working hard to coordinate with schools to introduce our new programs and the hard work is paying off.



Great job to our Admissions staff members for educating a new generation of Corvette owners!

Searching for a few Historic Motorama Show Cars

The NCM is in the process of final selections for the Historic Motorama II scheduled in September and still have a few model year Corvettes not represented.

If you have a 1954, 1955, 1968, 1972 or 1976 Corvette in stock trim and want to take part in this special event and be a part of General Motor's 100th Anniversary celebration, send your contact and car information to events@corvettemuseum.com

Show Volunteers Are Welcomed

The NCM is in attendance at many events across the U.S. sharing the Museum's mission thanks to the help of NCM Ambassadors and volunteers. Ivan Schrodt, NCM Board Member and Ambassador will be representing the Museum at the following shows and volunteers are welcome! If you plan to attend these shows and would like to help at the NCM booth, please contact Ivan at: ischrodt@new.rr.com

June 1 - Trip Around the Lake by Fond de Vettes
Forest Mall, Fond du Lac, WI

June 5-8 - Corvettes in the Dells June 6-7
Chula Vista Resort, Wisconsin Dells, WI

<http://www.chulavistaresort.com/corvettes/Welcome.html>

June 26-29 - Bloomington Gold
<http://www.bloomingtongold.com>

November 22-23 - Chevy Vettefest
<http://www.chevyvettefest.net/index.htm>

Corvette Weddings Happen Here

The Museum is the perfect place for a "Corvette" style wedding and this week was another chance to see two enthusiasts share a special moment and vows.

BJ Jones and Randy Conklin exchanged wedding vows in the Museum's Skydome performed by Doc Kaelin, our local Justice of the Peace and accompanied by friends George and Ron Rutherford standing in as witnesses to the event. George and Ron also shared a special day of their own at the Museum as part of the NCM Xperience Program and received a VIP tour of the Plant and Museum and their car showcased on display for the day. We have the privilege in sharing so many memorable moments with friends and supporters. Thanks for allowing us the chance to experience so much with you! Interested in exchanging wedding vows at the Museum or planning a Corvette Club visit for a day or weekend – find out more online at: <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/clubs/> or by calling us at: (800) 53-VETTE.



Do You eBay?

There are 24 items posted on our eBay auction site!

Make your bid now on a chance to pick up a limited edition ground breaking hard hat signed by GM/Corvette celebrities - Corvette Assembly Plant Manager Paul Graham, retired Assembly Plant Manager Wil Cooksey, Corvette Product Manager Harlan Charles, Corvette Design Manager Kirk Bennion, Corvette Chief Designer John Cafaro, Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter and retired Corvette Chief Engineer David Hill. Find weekly items posted online and make your bid at: <http://motors.search.ebay.com/W0QQsassZnationalcorvette>

C6R Corvette ALMS 2007 "Jake" Diecast Models In the Store

Diecast collectors – you don't want to miss a chance to add this one to your favorites! The 2007 C6R Corvette ALMS "Jake" diecasts are ready and available in your choice of either the C6R ALMS 2007 J.Magnussen/J.O'Connell #3 Corvette or the O.Beretta/O.Gavin #4 Corvette.

Each model is a 1:18 diecast metal replica. Place your order now for a May/June delivery and find out more at: <http://store.corvettemuseum.com/detail.aspx?ID=1992> or call us at: (800) 53-VETTE.



Corvette Style in the Corvette Store

New items arriving daily and online for you to order include this "NCM 53" Jersey Tee and matching cap just perfect for summer.

The t-shirt is made of 100% cotton jersey features a screen printed NCM design – the hat is sold separately and is made of 100% cotton twill featuring the NCM 53 design on the front and National Corvette Museum above the self fabric strap with slide grommet tuck closure.

Everyone loves the comfort and relaxation of wearing flip flops and the Corvette Store now carries "Corvette" flip flops made with a soft polyurethane insole and rubber outsole for maximum comfort.

Find this and other summer fashions online at: <http://store.corvettemuseum.com/SearchResult.aspx?CategoryID=3> or call us at: (800) 53-VETTE.

Find these and new items online at: <http://store.corvettemuseum.com/detail.aspx?ID=1989> or by calling (800) 53-VETTE



Good Search Makes Good Sense

We appreciate the support of enthusiasts using "Good Search" – the search engine that donates a portion of earnings to approved charitable organizations like the Corvette Museum! Use goodsearch.com when shopping and just select the NCM as your charitable cause.



You will find anything you want and need through this service and your support adds up when shopping at stores like Best Buy, Gap, Target and more. You can also select goodsearch.com as your default search engine on behalf of the NCM, and the Museum will receive a donation when you search!

Find out more about participating merchants and how you can help by clicking here:
<http://www.goodsearch.com/goodshop.aspx>

O'Connell and Maguussen Score Third GT1 Win of Season

Corvette Racing's final warm-up for the 24 Hours of Le Mans was run in near-record temperatures as a heat wave in Utah's high desert tested America's premier production sports car team. Johnny O'Connell and Jan Magnussen kept their hot streak alive in the No. 3 Compuware Corvette C6.R, scoring a one-minute, 4.9-second victory over the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R of Olivier Beretta and Oliver Gavin in the American Le Mans Series Larry H. Miller Dealerships Utah Grand Prix.

It was the third victory in four races this season for O'Connell and Magnussen, who now hold an eight-point lead (86-78) in the GT1 drivers championships over their teammates. Corvette Racing's next event is the 24 Hours of Le Mans in Le Mans, France, on June 14-15. The 76th running of the classic 24-hour endurance race on the 8.5-mile Circuit des 24 Heures du Mans will begin at 3 p.m. local time (9 a.m. EDT). Portions of the race will be televised live on SPEED. Read more at: <http://www.corvetteracing.com>



PrimeDrive Registration Opens!

Registration is now open for our first ever *PrimeDrive* taking place on June 30 at Virginia International Raceway!

This mini-school open to only 25 participants will allow students a chance to sample a driving program with minimal commitment to help them evaluate the opportunity in participating in a full scale driving school. Students will receive classroom instruction, a lap session on the track with an instructor and a ride-along during an instructor run session.



Students interested must be driving a Corvette Coupe, Z06 or FRC and meet the event tech standards – helmets are required. For more information and to register go to <http://www.corvettemuseum.com/registration/HPDE/viriprimedr>

Autographed 1992 Corvette ZR-1 Promo Up for Bid

On Darrell Waltrip's last visit to the NCM, he took time to sign a few collectibles and you can make a bid now on a 1992 Corvette ZR-1 Promo autographed by the NASCAR legend - complete with letter of authenticity!

If you like searching eBay for unique items then be sure to check out our weekly listing of one-of-a-kind collectibles. Find this week's feature and other items up for bid via our eBay auction site at:

http://motors.search.ebay.com/_W0QQsassZnationalcorvette



Vettetastic 2008 Showcases Corvette A public art project called

"Vettetastic" is colorfully decorating various businesses/attractions in Bowling Green and the NCM is home to one of the 12 Corvettes displayed across the city. These 1957 fiberglass Corvettes are approximately 1:2.8 scale and are sponsored by local businesses to support the American Red Cross.

The beautifully decorated Vettetastic car on permanent display at the entrance of the NCM, is sponsored by the Bowling Green/Warren County Convention and Visitors Bureau and showcases a military tribute theme – “United We Stand”. “This particular display is very special to me as a Vietnam Vet,” NCM Executive Director Wendell Strode shared with ceremony guests in attendance at a special ribbon cutting last week. “People paid a price for the freedoms we enjoy and this display honors that in a very meaningful way.” For more information on this special display program visit: www.vettetastic.org

Gm Nex Offers more on the New ZR1

Check out www.ZR1.gmnext.com for the latest news and information on the new ZR1, including videos, photos and a transcript of a live chat with Corvette Vehicle Chief Engineer Tadge J. Juechter. GMnext is also offering ZR1 news and information delivered right to your mobile phone with the ZR1 Mobile Club. Text ZR1 to 466398 (GMnext) to join.



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From Koon's Chevy at Tyson's Corner

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RALLYE MASTERS: Chuck & Karen Pellerin (703) 242-2619

One Lap of America 2008

Dick Clark

On May 2, 2008, my brother and I set out for South Bend, Indiana, in my victory red 2006 Z06 for the start of the One Lap of America (OLOA). OLOA is a unique motor sport competition that involves driving cars several thousand miles from race track to race track to compete in time trials and other driving skills events. In this year's OLOA we were to traverse about 4,000 miles over seven days, competing in locations in Wisconsin, Iowa, Texas, Louisiana, South Carolina, Virginia, Pennsylvania and Indiana. Because of the length of transits from track to track, OLOA is as much about endurance as it is about motor sport competition. My brother and I did the OLOA last year in a C6 Corvette, finishing 29th overall out of 85 entrants. My goal for this year was to finish in the top 20 – a goal that I thought should be easily within reach because this year I had a much faster car in the Z06, an additional 50 days of high speed track experience, and experience with several of the tracks. Well, the fact is, nothing is easy to attain in the OLOA. Follow along for a brief tour of the highs and lows that we experienced in this year's OLOA.

Day One. The first event was a morning wet skid pad competition held at Tire Rack headquarters in South Bend, Indiana. This competition involves two trips around the skid pad in each direction with the average of the fastest times in each direction determining the score. I did well in this event last year, finishing 15th. I was sure I could do at least that well this year. But it was not to be. I left all traction and active handling aids on, which was a huge mistake. As soon as the car started losing grip, the nannies cut power to the wheels. As a result I slogged around finishing a disappointing 33rd. After this inauspicious start we loaded up the car and drove 235 miles to the afternoon event -- a time trial at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. This time trial, as with all the others to come, consisted of one reconnaissance lap, followed by three timed laps, followed by a cool down lap. The three hot laps are timed, with the combined time determining each competitor's score. The forecast was for rain and the rain was heavy at times on our drive through Chicago and Milwaukee. Miraculously, the weather cleared by the time the event started and the cool dry air filling in behind the front quickly

dried the track. Because I had never been on this track, I watched a track video over and over again until I could play the video in my head. This preparation paid off, as I finished 17th, in a very strong field, including a new Hennessy Viper, several twin turbo and GT3 Porsches, a Ford GT, two LS7 powered Mongooses, an Ultima GTR, a new Nissan GT-R (driven by Tony Swan of Car and Driver magazine), and other Corvette Z06's. We really wanted a good finish because this event would determine the order in which we would run in subsequent events. The reward for a good finish would be an earlier start for the transit leg following each subsequent event. After the satisfying finish at Road America, we packed up and headed 570 miles to our hotel near Council Bluffs, Iowa, arriving around 1 AM.

Day Two. After a 6:30 wake up call and a quick breakfast we drove 20 miles to Mid America Motorplex for two time trial events. This was the only track from this year's OLOA that we visited last year. Last year we spent the morning in a shelter waiting out heavy rains and tornado warnings, and we had the good fortune of running on a fairly dry track after the earlier running, faster cars, had suffered through spins and off track excursions because of the wet track. As a result, last year we finished 11th. I had great hopes of repeating this strong finish this year, but it was not to be. I attacked the track with a vengeance, overdrove a tight turn, and ended up in the grass and lost probably 20 or 30 seconds getting back on the track and up to speed. I finished a disappointing 41st. In the second event I was too late braking at the end of the long straight and went off in the grass again, finishing 32nd. I had plenty of time to think about the hole I had put us in and try to regain my confidence during the 800 mile drive to Texas World Speedway – the venue for the next day's events. We arrived at our hotel in College Station at 3 AM.

Day Three. We arrived, bleary-eyed, at Texas World Speedway at 7:30 AM in pouring rain. Fortunately the track had garage space for all of the competitors, where we could keep our luggage, tools and other

paraphernalia while running the two events scheduled at this track. Because of the extremely slick conditions on the track, we ran a configuration that had lots of tight turns which entered into a long banking section of an oval track. This configuration and the wetness of the track did not favor high horsepower rear wheel drive cars. I finished 35th in the first event, but at least managed to keep from going off track. On the warm up lap of my second session, the windshield wipers stopped working, and I could barely make out the track in the pounding rain. I pitted out, replaced a blown fuse and went back out for the timed events, hoping for the best. Fortunately, the rain tapered off and I was able to get in three laps. Unfortunately, the checkered flag was not clearly visible to me and two others in my run group who were right behind me. We were each assessed a ten second penalty. As a result, I finished 39th. Our morale sunk as the hole we were in got deeper. We packed up and hit the road for the next event at No Problem Raceway near Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This transit was mercifully short, only 360 miles, and we got an early start. As a consequence, we were able to enjoy a nice Texas barbecue dinner, which did much to improve our morale. We got to our hotel around 10 PM, so we were able to get a good night's sleep to boot.

Day Four. We arrived at the track to get prepared for the two time trial events in dry and sunny weather. I had taken a one day SCCA school at No Problem Raceway in January, so I had some experience with the track, but in a spec Miata, not a Z06 Corvette. Also, I was still reeling from the two off track experiences two days earlier. Driving the course conservatively, I finished 21st and 22nd in the two events. The final event of the day was on the drag strip, with the lowest ET of two passes determining each competitor's score. The time I spent one evening at Capitol Raceway being coached by John Armstrong (aka "Ranger") paid off. I got a 12.4 second ET, not as good as the car is capable of, but still enough for an 8th place finish. With my confidence restored, we packed up and headed out for the 800 mile transit to Kershaw, SC, home of Carolina Motorsports Park. Without any unnecessary stops, we arrived, exhausted, at our hotel at 3 AM.

Day Five. After a few short hours of sleep we headed for the track and got prepared for the two time trial events at Carolina Motorsports Park. I had spent a weekend at this track in early February, with the Z06, so I was optimistic. The weather was perfect and I was able to pull off 13th and 16th place finishes in the two road racing events. Things were looking up. We then packed up and headed to the BMW Performance Center near Spartansburg, SC, 150 miles away. BMW was a sponsor this year, and they opened their test track (maybe for the first time) to other marques. The track set up was essentially a long autocross course, with one fairly high speed (3rd gear) sweeping turn on the high speed test track. I have very little experience with autocrossing. That inexperience, couple with a penalty for hitting a cone (the last cone on my last pass), I finished a disappointing 45th place. We then packed up headed the 235 miles to Virginia International Raceway. With an early start and a short transit, we hit Danville, Virginia, at 8:30 PM. After a satisfying meal at a Mexican restaurant, we arrived at VIR where we were staying at the suites overlooking the front straight.

Day Six. After a good night's sleep we woke to rain and a wet track. Rain had been in the forecast, but only a 70% chance of afternoon thunderstorms. Accordingly, rain in the morning came as an unpleasant surprise. Three time trial events were scheduled at VIR: one each on the South, North and full courses. VIR is my home track and I felt confident of a good finish, if the track were dry. The first event was on the South Course, which I had never driven before, although it does include familiar segments from the full course. The first competitors hit the course just as the rain ended. With a wet course, there was plenty of drama for the spectators, with spins and off track excursions hurting many of the top running cars. When I was ready for my three laps, portions of the track had dried out, but other portions were exceedingly slick. As the track progressively dried, the later run groups had a huge advantage. As a result, some of the top scores were achieved from cars that had not seen a top 30 finish in any of the other road course events. We ended up with a 36th place finish on the South course. With much improved conditions we moved to the North course, where I posted a respectable 14th place finish. Last but not least, we hit the full course, which is the

track I was most familiar with. I finished the full course knowing I did well. I could not think of any way I could have done it better. I was pumped. Without knowing where we finished we packed up to make the 480 mile drive to Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. We got in around 9:30 PM – plenty of time for a leisurely dinner. Because our motel did not have an internet connection, I was unable to access the OLOA web site (www.onelapofamerica.com) to check the VIR full course results. Instead, I called home and my daughter looked up the results. When she said I came in fourth, I almost fell over. Only the four-time OLOA winner Porsche, the Hennessy Viper, and the Mongoose driven by national champion Danny Popp had a better finish. Finishing behind us was the Lingenfelter Z06, the Nissan GT-R, the Ford GT, the Ultima GTR, all the other Porsches and the other Mongoose. All the missteps from the prior events faded away, and I was on cloud nine.

Day Seven. Following a good night's sleep we headed to BeaveRun for the final two road course events and an autocross event. It was raining when we arrived the night before and it was forecast to rain most of the day. Fortunately, the rain had tapered off to a very light drizzle and the track was pretty dry. I had spent one weekend at this track a few weeks earlier, which helped us post 13th and 16th place finishes on the road course events. The autocross was another matter. With the same combination of inexperience and cone killing penalties that plagued me at the BMW test center, we finished 51st. Following the autocross, we packed up and headed

back to South Bend. On the way we (and most of the other DC area contingent) stopped at the Great Lakes Brewing Company in Cleveland for a couple of microbrews. We arrived at South Bend by 9 PM, with plenty of time to drink more beer and have some nachos. We turned in early, but others stayed well past 2 AM, unwinding the old fashioned way by drinking way too much alcohol.

Day Eight. Saturday morning was the final event – a dry skid pad competition – much like the wet skid pad event that started eight days and 4,000 miles earlier. This time I turned off the traction controls and ended up with a 16th place finish.

Reflecting on the events of the week on our drive back to Northern Virginia, I was disappointed that we finished 25th overall, rather than meeting my goal of finishing in the top 20. The reasons were my own. The car performed flawlessly (except for the wipers) and is certainly capable of a top 5 finish with a skilled and consistent driver. Well there is always next year. Will we be back? Most likely -- as time passes, the moments of elation will undoubtedly overshadow the moments of disappointment. Plus, we will be looking forward to seeing many of our old and new friends and experiencing the incredible camaraderie that develops over the course of the week. This year we had one top 5 finish. Could we replicate that over 15 or so competitions? Maybe with 50 more days of high speed track experience, maybe with some autocrossing experience, maybe, just maybe...

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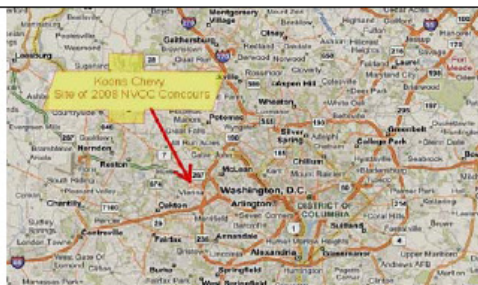
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Describe your Corvette (color, engine, trans, modifications, unusual history, etc) _____

NVCC General Business Meeting

4-22-2008

Meeting brought to order at 7:30 pm at Koons Chevrolet, Tysons Corner.

Rich Mars opened the meeting with the usual introductions of all members present. There were 2 new members present, Carl Wilhelm and Mary Wilds.

Meeting Topics/ General/Open Discussion:

Rita Mars

- Rich and Rita shipped 3 large boxes of goodies to the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan in the name of the NVCC. Thanks to everyone who donated either cash or goodies.

Miriam Schottland – Chief Instructor

- Cone Killers was a resounding success. Everyone had great time and learned a lot about their cars and themselves.
- Be sure to get your registration in for the High Performance Drivers Education (HPDE) scheduled for July 11th on the Summit Point Main Circuit. Please don't wait till the last minute, we need to get your registrations in early so we can be sure we will have enough instructors for the event.

Cassidy Nolen – Rallye Co-Chair

- Rallye 101 was a great success. There was a good mix of people ranging from novices to old timers with a lot of experience.
- Rallye #1 will be May 18. This one starts early with registration open at 8 AM. Rallye #2 will start at the usual 10 AM followed by a drivers meeting at 1045.
- Cassidy will bring a shirt maker to the concours so that we can make concours T-shirts to order.
- He also has NVCC Corvette badges for the C5 and C6 if anyone is interested in getting one.

Rich Mars – President (for Laurie Kistner who was out sick)

- April 25 – Heritage High School Auto Club Annual Car Show
- May 4 – Boar's Head/Monticello Cruise
- May 10 – Spring Skyline Drive Cruise
- May 11 – Mother's Day Rod Run
- May 17 – Drag Racing/Test & Tune
- May 18 – NVCC Rallye #1
- June 1 – NVCC Concours
- June 7 – Ice Cream Cruise (short version...only 3 hours)
- June 8 – Brunch/Cruise
- June 22 – NVCC Rallye #2
- June 27 – Drive your Corvette to work day
- June 28 – Drag Racing/Test & Tune

See the Events calendar on the NVCC web site for details

Chuck Pellerin – Officer at Large

- We will be giving away two 2008 NVCC Glass Mugs as prizes during the 50/50 raffle at the General Business Meetings. If you are not lucky enough to win one you can also purchase them for \$15.

Patty Williams & Carol Fox – Concours Co-Chairs

- Judges meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 18 from 1:30 to 3 at Koons.
- Food at the Concours will be provided by the Koon's Café
- Trophies are on order
- Goodies for the "Goodies" Bags are in and there will be a stuffing party on May 24th at John Palmgren's house. See the events calendar for details if you would like to help.

Don Patrick – National Corvette Museum Ambassador

- There have been reports of problem with C5 and C6 differentials. Don has a copy of the technical bulletin if anyone would like a copy.

Andrej Balanc – Spooktacular & Ice Cream Cruise Chair

- Ice Cream Cruise is scheduled for June 7. It will be short this year; only about 3 hours. Will leave from the IHOP parking lot in Sterling at 1 PM. Should be back by about 4 PM.

Rich Anderson – Newsletter

- The newsletter has been published.

Paul Benish – Historian

1. What was the longest stretch that a Corvette was produced without a convertible top?
Ten Model Years
Winner: Karl Wilhelm – California Duster
2. Where did the name "Corvette" come from?
It came from the French; it means a fast, maneuverable ship.
Winner: Miriam Schottland – Tire Gauge
3. Where were the three locations where Corvettes were made?
Flint, MI; St Louis, MO & Bowling Green, KY
Winner: Art Baer – Starbucks Card and \$10 AutoZone Gift Card
4. What year did Corvette go from Chrome to plastic bumpers?
1974
Winner: Don Patrick – Jake Decals

50 / 50 Drawing Winners

Richard Anderson - \$50
John Fritsvold – 2008 NVCC Mug
Don Patrick – Free Koons Oil Change
Ed Davis – 2008 NVCC Mug
Judy Patrick – Free Koons Oil Change

Rich Mars – said that he would work with Carl Lechner and Joe Malo to try to set up a couple shop nights at Koons. Should be able to accommodate up to 8 cars each night. Standard rules will apply. You can work on your car with Joe to back you up but your project should be easy to finish that evening. In other words...nothing major.

New Business

Stuart Fox – suggested that we get some name tags to make it easier for the newer members to get to know every one. Chuck Pellerin, Officer at Large

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM

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COME ONE COME ALL TO THE NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB'S DRIVERS' EVENT ON THE LEGENDARY SUMMIT POINT RACEWAY **FRIDAY, JULY 11TH @7AM** (SO TAKE A DAY OFF FROM THE OFFICE)

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Newsletter News ...

Well this is another large newsletter, reflecting the wide interests of NVCC and its members. I hope to be able to continue bringing you something a little different each month, although not always of this length.

Putting this newsletter to bed has been somewhat painful. I guess I have what could be called Meguiar's elbow. A mildly painful and stiff condition brought on by polishing too many cars. With convertible weather firmly here, all the cars are out of winter storage and ready for another year of cruising. While gas prices are up, it isn't going to deter me from getting a corvette convertible tan.

As always, I sincerely appreciate the input from the membership. Please send me your pics, stories or musings for inclusion.

Rich Anderson

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Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, May 27th

Tuesday, June 23rd

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