



Annual NVCC Banquet!

By Kara Palmgren

The annual banquet this year was held on March 9, 2013 at Columbus Grill in Manassas - a new location for a new year. 45 members dined on delicious dishes including Bruschetta, Calamari, Roast Beef with Marsala Sauce, Flan and Tiramisu. There were goody bags and door prizes for all in attendance as well as a chance to enter the raffle for some great prizes donated by sponsors and members. From the raffle prizes – Amanda Coughlin walked away with a certificate for a Friday at the Track, while Marsha Batchellor scored a limited edition Corvette Cuckoo clock (and a sparkly Corvette hat). Wilfredo offered trivia questions for men and women – with coordinated prizes for each gender! Many thanks to our generous sponsors for donating gifts: Zip Corvettes, National Corvette Museum, Flagship Car Wash, Barrel Oak Winery, Corvette America, Corvette Central, Ecklers, and Rock Auto. Without our sponsors, events like this would not be possible. Also, a thank you to all of the members who generously contributed gifts as well: Andrej Balanc, Lynn Balanc, Bob Devery, and Michael Rathbun.



Congratulations to Stewart Fox, who was elected Council Member of the Year. His contributions of time and support help keep our club great. Member of the Year was not announced, as they were not present. I'm certain whoever won was well-deserving and will be congratulated at the GBM on March 26.



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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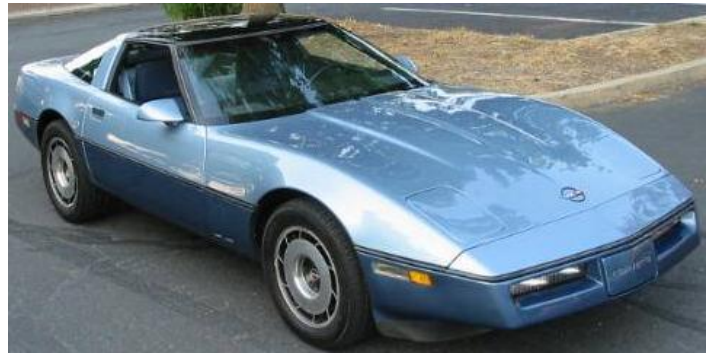


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PRESIDENT'S CORNER March 2013

March came in like a lion and evidently plans on going out that way as well. So much for folk sayings about the weather. While the lack of warm sunny days and gentle breezes has put a damper on some vette activities, The St. Pat's day parade came off well and for those able to act on the last minute invite on seeing the C7, I understand it was worth braving the chill (and D.C. traffic) to see. I don't expect to see one here in the hills of WV anytime soon....even after it goes on sale.

Our search for primary sponsorship and permanent meeting location(s) continues. Yes there is progress, but nothing concrete yet. Our goal is to form a real partnership with our next sponsor and not have a continuation of the lukewarm support we received from our past two sponsors in recent years. Please bear with your council as we continue our efforts. In the long run it should be worth it.

In the meantime we will be meeting at the Sterling Ruritan Club. While geographically less than ideal for many members, it is an assured location with lots of parking and easily accessed from a main arterial (Rt. 28). In the long-run we hope to have more centrally located meetings, but for now the assured availability of the Ruritan Club trumps other considerations. I must emphasize that the Ruritans continue to be a major long-term supporter of our Teen Driving School program as one of their many good works in the community and are very deserving of our members' support in return. For those looking to make a positive civic impact in the Northern Virginia, I strongly encourage you to consider joining the Ruritans.

With the warm weather hopefully right around the corner, it is time to start filling in the calendar with events for the 2013 season. Aside from our annual events, such as the banquet and picnic, most events are initiated by member interest in doing so. Any member, or group of members, can volunteer to organize an event. Whether it is a cruise to a desired location, attendance as a club at major automotive events (like Corvettes at Carlisle), or sponsoring a rallye. If interested in doing so, please contact the council with your ideas, proposed date(s) and any requirements for financial/manpower support. Your council is here to support and facilitate the members' desires, so please don't hesitate to propose an event.

Now get out there and enjoy America's sports car!

Rich Anderson
NVCC President, 2012/13

St. Patrick's Day DC Parade!!

On a colder than normal almost spring day, NVCCers once again had the opportunity to participate in the DC St. Patrick's Day parade. This year's event was actually held on St. Patrick's Day, so it held a special place in the heart of Yours Truly as March 17 is also my birthday. We gathered at the Pentagon City mall parking lot on Army Navy Drive. Paul Cestone showed up with Dunkin Donuts (Thanks Paul!!). So after having our fill of the some Boston Creme deliciousness, we gathered for the drivers meeting and a group photo taken by Paul Benish.



Paul's lead vehicle and 14 beautiful Vettes, ranging from a 1966 Coupe to a 2012 Centennial Edition Coupe, headed over to the parade staging area at 10:15 AM, which gave us plenty of time to decorate our vehicles. At around 12:30, we started onto the parade route. Despite the cold temperatures, there were plenty of spectators to wave at (several of them even ran out from the curb to take pictures with our cars as we were moving down the parade route).



After the parade many of us met at Dogfish Head Alehouse for a post-parade lunch. All in all, it was a fun day with the rain holding off until later that night. Thanks to all the members who came out to participate.



– John Palmgren, NVCC NCM Ambassador



Some of the photos are a little dark, but rain was threatening and it was a cold day. A few of us started out with our roofs off, but it started to sprinkle just as we were about to start in on the route, and we all "bailed" and put 'em back on. We were ready with our heaters and seat heaters to brave it, like all those good American folk standing on the curbs and roadsides.



This was my first Parade experience – Shawn Waddell and I took up the rear. I had so much fun waving at all the folks and little kids, all bundled up in blankets, wearing their critter hats (with eyes and ears of mice, rabbits, monkeys, etc.) and many cute gals with 4-leaf clover "antennas" on their heads and people wearing green beads. Everyone was in such a festive and fun mood - it was really exhilarating.

After the parade, a bunch of us convened on Dogfish Head Alehouse in Seven Corners for traditional corned beef and cabbage. It was John Palmgren's birthday so the waitress brought him a whiskey cake that we all split (he, Kara, me and my dad). Generally a great day had by all!

– **Kris McCandless**



New GBM Meeting Location – Sterling Ruritan Club

By Doug Swanson

We will have our March General Business Meeting (7:30pm on March 26th) at the **Sterling Ruritan Club**. Please see the attached map for their location at 183 Ruritan Rd, Sterling, VA 20164.

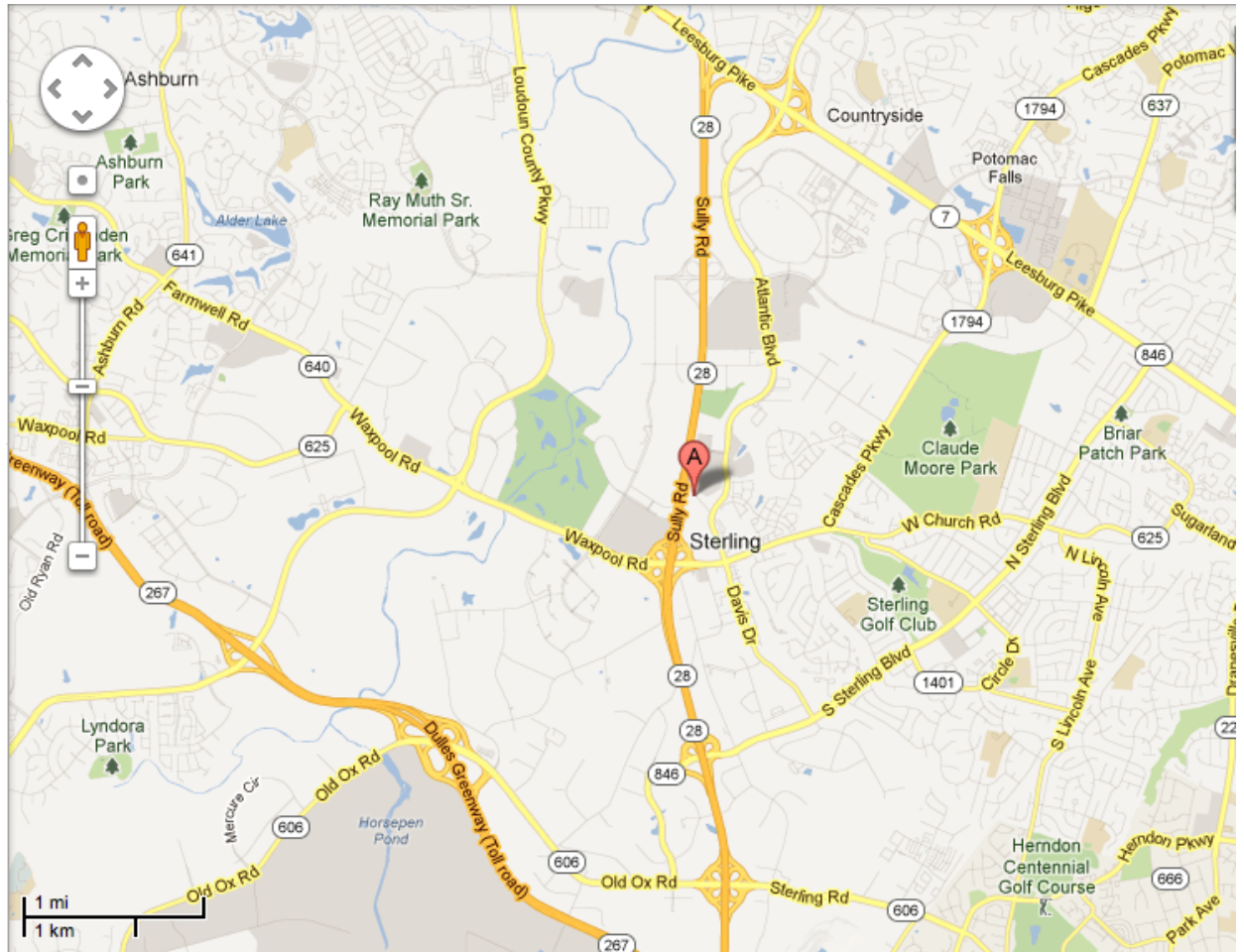
Directions to this location:

- South on Route 28 from Route 7 or North on Route 28 from the Toll Road
- East on W. Church Rd, Route 625
- Left on Atlantic Blvd at first traffic signal
- Right at next intersection (Ruritan Rd)
- Left at stop sign to stay on Ruritan Rd
- Sterling Ruritan is on left at end of road after passing under Atlantic Blvd.

At this meeting, we will be discussing plans for upcoming events such as our May 11th Teen Driving School. We will also announce our 2012 Member-of-the-Year. If you missed our March 9th club banquet, you missed the announcement of Stewart Fox as our 2012 Council Member-of-the-Year.

Again, our thanks to Sterling Ruritan for making their facility available for our GBMs. Also our thanks to Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald, L.L.P. for use of their law offices for our January and February GBMs and council meetings.

See you at the GBM!



DC Auto Show 2013 *by Paul Benish*



As was told in last month's newsletter, the DC Auto show was uneventful for Corvette fans. The C7 wasn't there and there was only one other Corvette there, a ZR1 that you weren't allowed to sit in. Truth be told the 2014 Silverado and the Hot Wheels Camaro was more interesting. On the other hand there were some custom Corvettes



downstairs that were interesting. Fleming's Ultimate Garage is a mainstay at the DC auto show and every year they have a good mix of classic cars and newer cars that appeal all sorts of car enthusiasts. This year they had three nice Corvettes, a gorgeous '69 C3 (I thought it was a 70 but they assured me it wasn't), a customized 2000 C5, and a real Greenwood competition C3.



Even though Ferrari, Lamborghini, and Porsche were not in attendance, there were still some interesting vehicles. There were a couple Karma



Fiskers as well as the R8 and some other cool vehicles that at least made it entertaining. Speaking of entertainment, WWE superstar Sheamus was there, and Jacob was very enthused to meet him. Plus there was some fierce competition at the RC race car course where even Lori was staring down the admittedly small competition. At the end Jake came out the winner and was very happy with his newly signed Sheamus picture and checkered flag. Look

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Final C6 Rolls off the Assembly Line

This morning at 8:04 a.m., the last 2013 Corvette came off the line at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. The celebration was short lived, as less than 30 minutes after the last car was built, workers began remodeling the plant to prepare for the launch of the all-new 2014 Corvette Stingray.

A total of 215,100 sixth-generation "C6" Corvettes were made at Bowling Green Assembly since production began in 2005, the last of which was the exclusive 2013 Corvette 427 Convertible Collector Edition outfitted with the 60th Anniversary design package.



The last C6 Corvette will join other historic General Motors vehicles at the GM Heritage Center in Warren, Mich. Even as the team celebrated building the last C6, Plant Manager Dave Tatman said there has been a great deal of anticipation and excitement toward building the all-new Stingray.

"The last C6 rolls off the line at 8:04 a.m. and I'll have people in here at 8:30 a.m. to start tearing down and putting in new tools," Tatman said.

The task will require that 120 workers take just four weeks to turn the Bowling Green plant around, completing a job that usually takes months to accomplish. All employees are slated to return to work on March 25, where they will learn the entirely new process required to build the Stingray.

Bowling Green Assembly, which hosts up to 50,000 visitors a year, is currently closed to the public to facilitate the remodeling of the line. Tatman said he plans to reopen the plant to outside tours as soon as possible, knowing that everyone is excited to see this new generation of Corvette built. However, he says this will not likely happen until Fall.

"As I always say, we don't build cars, we build dreams," Tatman said.

NCM Events Update

Sebring HPDE - March 29-30, 2013 - Famed drivers Johnny O'Connell and Andy Pilgrim are both expected to join us at the Sebring HPDE. Additional spots will be available for on-site registration starting at 2:00pm CST on March 28th for the HPDE, Touring Laps and Autocross. Garages for rent are also available.



2013 NCM Bash - April 25-27, 2013 - Corsa Performance Exhausts will be attending the 2013 NCM Bash with a full set up, ready to do exhaust installations on-site.

Mid-Ohio HPDE - May 6, 2013 - This joint HPDE event with Hooked on Driving is now [open for registration](#), and there are garages available. John Heinricy, retired Assistant Chief Engineer for the Corvette and Director of the GM Performance Division, is expected to attend along with a number of other GM engineers and designers.



The C7 makes an appearance in DC!!

Cyber Grey! A lucky few got to see it in the flesh. Our very own Paul Gestone is in the pic ...tall guy with hat on in the middle...



Karting with the Corvette Club of America by Stewart Fox

For the third year in a row, I received an email invite in January from our friends at Corvette Club of America, who were headed to AllSports GP in Sterling on Saturday Feb 23 for indoor karting action. This is becoming an annual event that I just can't pass up. While the event is primarily geared to CCA members, an invitation has been extended to a few NVCC members in order to round out the field. And an impressive field it was, as there were 36 CCA members in attendance. As you might expect, Andrej and I were also there, along with relative NVCC newcomer: Dave DuBois. Because of the heavy turnout, this year's event was split into two Arrive & Drive sessions PLUS four Mini Grand Prix's consisting of 10 lap qualifiers and 25 lap main heats. The action began around 12:30 and wrapped up at 2:30.

Dave was placed in the third heat and finished a very strong third place. Congratulations Dave!

Since CCA controlled the heat lineups, they placed Andrej and me in the fourth heat, along with CCA's heavy hitters such as Pat Roney, Andrew Thorn, Bion Stewart, and just for good measure, Alvin Brown.

Not trying to brag or anything, but Andrej and I SCHOOLED the CCA guys. We started (Andrej) one – (me) two on the grid and took off at the drop of the flag like we were shot out of a cannon. We locked bumpers for the next 20 laps of the race, setting a blistering pace and didn't see any space between us until we encountered lapped traffic late in the race. When the dust settled, Andrej finished first, I finished second and Pat Roney finished third, each of us heading home with some mighty fine hardware for the trophy shelf.

I hope our friend Pat Roney with CCA will let us know the next time they're in town.



Sat. 4/6/13 – Summit Point is hosting their first ever **Cars and Coffee Event** from 8-11 AM. Local coffee brewer **Black Dog Coffee** is the coffee vendor for the event, and OG Racing is donating T-shirts and coffee mugs to be given away during the event. The first 50 through the gate will get a mug with the SP logo, and the T-shirts will be given away by random drawing every half hour starting at 8:30 AM. BSR, the driver training unit at Summit is also giving away a free Accident Avoidance course to be drawn at 11 AM! SPK, (SP's kart racing program) and home to the fastest rental karts in the area, will be open and hosting a kids clinic (ages 8-15) on a first come/first served basis for \$75, a \$25 savings!

I am also told that the Potomac Region Porsche Club of America will be on track that day, which should add some extra excitement to the event.

Sun. 4/7/13 – It's about time for a Sunday brunch cruise! We will start in Centreville and drive some very twisty roads through scenic Clifton, Fairfax Station, Springfield, and Lorton.

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!

We will have brunch at the Fireside Grill in Lorton, Virginia. The brunch offerings are extensive and include an omelet station, waffle station, beef tenderloin carving station, eggs Benedict, French toast, bacon, sausage, chicken, potatoes, fresh fruit, salads, and desserts.

Fireside Grill

9000 Lorton Station Boulevard
Lorton, VA 22079-4748

Please bring **CASH - \$23.00 per person** (includes brunch, soft drink, tax, & tip) - **exact change or bring small bills to help make change!**

Please RSVP by Thursday 4/4 NLT 12 PM with full name and number attending to Laurie Kistner at social@nvcorvetteclub.com ASAP.

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.

Cruise start point [Google Map](#)

PS: As the owner of 2 almost-vintage Corvettes, I reserve the right to lead the event in the German Corvette (a.k.a., Hans the BMW) should either of my C4s decide not cooperate.

Sun. 4/14/13 – I have been informed that Broadview Auto (LS-based shop) is having a Dyno Day starting at 9 AM - ? (until all cars are done). There will be food and drinks will be available.

Dyno cost is \$60 for up to three pulls.....NO TUNING

Domestics and imports are welcome, but there is no AWD dyno available

Address:

10049 James Madison Highway
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Give John a call at 540-439-3737 if you have any other dyno questions. There is plenty of parking, so hope to see everyone there!

Sun. 4/21/13 – Annual Captain Billy’s Seafood Cruise - Sponsored by Aquia Creek Corvette Club.

Come out for an exciting drive to Captain Billy’s Crab House in Popes Creek, MD along the Potomac River. We will meet at the Route 630 commuter lot in Stafford County. This lot is just off Exit 140 along I-95, go west on Route 630 and the commuter lot is on the left hand side.

We will meet at the commuter lot at 11:30AM and depart the lot at 12:00PM. The caravan will pick up others at the Wal-Mart on Route 3 in Spotsylvania about 12:15PM, then head to the Dalghren Technology Center on Route 301 in King George County. We should arrive at the DTC by 12:45PM. For more information contact: acclub@aol.com

Sat. 4/27/13 – Drag Racing/Test & Tune Session

Who: NVCC, CCA, NCOA, NVMC, and special invites

Where: Mason Dixon Dragway, Boonsboro, MD

Time: 8 AM -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 30 pre-paid drivers 2 weeks ahead of the event or the event risks cancellation.** Or you may pay \$75.00 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 and pants, NO SHORTS or OPEN TOED SHOES

*Seat belts in working order

*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 (if you did not pre-register)

*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 Ceece Coburn (703) 346-8151 if you have any questions regarding the event being on time.

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.

It is officially spring and yet as I type, I see SNOW outside! Hopefully we can uncover the vettes and come out of hibernation soon...the cabin fever is just too much to bear. If anyone would like to host or organize an event, please let me know ASAP. Even if Mother Nature doesn't want to cooperate, we can still get together for Corvette-optional events. We just had a very successful gathering for billiards and darts with the Northern Virginia Mustang Club on March 24th, and hope to do more combined events this year.

We have *many* events coming down the pipeline for May and beyond – please bear with me as I sort through them all and get the details posted on the club website.

Vette Cheers,

Laurie Kistner

NVCC Social Director & Webmaster

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Corvette Cruise...on RCCL OASIS!! by Bob Devery, Travel for Donation Program

Well, the cruise on RCCL OASIS was truly amazing. First, there were 6 ships in the Fort Lauderdale port so, as a cruise ship geek, it was fantastic! However, the star of the show was our ship. The world's largest class of cruise ship lived up to its billing. For me, as a travel planner, it was like watching the C7 unveiling! The amount of things to do on this ship was almost limitless. Food was excellent along with high quality entertainment. I had a group of 18 onboard with one gentleman surprising his cabin mate by asking her to marry him during a special restaurant dinner that we planned! For those not getting married, the other excursion options even allowed us to spend an all-inclusive day at Sandals. We went from 8 am to 1 or 2 am each day.



The main reason that I asked Anne to add this note to the newsletter is because there was a **Corvette Cruise** on this cruise! Forty or so fellow Corvette owners made the run on OASIS. I was with one other Corvette fan when we took out "speed boats"...(no, Andrej, Stewart or Cassidy...not YOUR caliber of machine!!) but enough fun on a one hour ride in the Caribbean on a combo of smooth water as well as some wave hopping. So, I wanted to see if any of you might be interested in a **Northern Virginia First Annual Cruise Cruise!** Doesn't have to be 40 people. If we get a half dozen members and spouses or other family members or friends, it'd be great. While it can be "short notice"; i.e., under 6 months, most of my groups plan at least 6 months ahead. We could look at October; January; etc. If you have an interest, **let me know**. I can discuss options at a club Council meeting if I get enough feedback.

As for the other part of the group that was onboard, if it were our club, NVCC would have an added \$1500 to its treasury as part of the Travel for Donation effort from me! Whether you travel by land, sea, or air, NVCC will get cash if you take a moment to contact me before you book your next travel. You won't pay anything higher than booking yourself; you stand a decent chance of me beating your price; you'll get cash back as a credit AND you trigger a donation to help **YOUR** club. All of you travel...over a year, this program can pay for a track rental that we can't afford at this time.

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Grand-Am and American Le Mans merge: Autoweek TV

From autoweek.com, article by Mac Morrison

Grand-Am and the American Le Mans Series on Thursday finally announced the name of their newly merged series: "United SportsCar Racing" will indeed replace the "Grand-Am Rolex Sports Car Series" and "American Le Mans Series" labels when the two organizations begin racing together as one in 2014, beginning with the Rolex 24 at Daytona International Speedway.

As expected, the International Motor Sports Association (IMSA), presently the ALMS' sanctioning body, will remain in that role with United SportsCar Racing.

The announcements came during a press conference at Florida's Sebring International Raceway just two days prior to this weekend's ALMS season-opening marquee event, the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring. Speaking at the announcement were Grand-Am president and CEO Ed Bennett, ALMS president and CEO Scott Atherton, and SME Branding senior partner Ed O'Hara. SME worked with the newly unified organization on its future marketing strategies.

Additionally, officials from Grand-Am and the ALMS announced United SportsCar Racing's competition class names for 2014:

- The prototype class will be called, simply, "Prototype," and as announced previously, combine Grand-Am's Daytona Prototypes with the ALMS' LMP2 and DeltaWing cars.
- Prototype Challenge, a spec-class for General Motors V8-powered ORECA chassis, is retained from today's ALMS class structure.
- GT Le Mans (GTLM) will consist of the ALMS' current GT class.
- GT Daytona (GTD) will consist of Grand-Am's current GT class and the ALMS' GT Challenge class for Porsche 911s.
- Grand-Am's new-for-2013 GX class will keep its name.

It is worth noting that IMSA was co-founded in 1969 by the late Bill France Sr., who in 1948 co-founded NASCAR -- which is Grand-Am's corporate parent. IMSA will also sanction the new organization's various ancillary series, including the Continental Tire Sports Car Challenge, Ferrari Challenge, the IMSA GT3 Cup Challenge by Yokohama Series, the Cooper Tires Prototype Lites Powered by Mazda Series, and the Porsche GT3 Cup Challenge Canada by Michelin.

Thursday's news came a little more than six months after the two former rivals announced their merger on Sept. 5, 2012, at Daytona International Speedway, which is home to both Grand-Am and NASCAR. The announcement regarding the new name ended a four-month project that involved New York-based SME, an agency whose client list includes the NFL, NHL, UFC, the New York Yankees, Kentucky Derby, Madison Square Garden and NASCAR.

According to officials, "SME conducted stakeholder research and developed positioning strategy in addition to working on production of the series' name, logo and brand identity. The selection of United SportsCar Racing was derived from a submission by Cocoa, Fla., resident Louis Satterlee in Grand-Am's "Name the Future" fan contest.

"The logo, with its race helmet-like imagery, was developed to be an icon with a modern feel, representing a part of motorsports that is immediately recognizable."





NVCC General Business Meeting

February 26, 2013

Council Attendees:

Doug Swanson: Vice President

Marsha Batchellor: Treasurer

Kristopher McCandless: Officer at Large

Stewart Fox: Spook / TDS / Autocross

Cassidy Nolen: Chief Driving Instructor

Mike Gilliland: Secretary

Michael Rathbun: Membership

Wilfredo Sauri: Historian

John Palmgren: NCM Ambassador

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Vice President Doug Swanson at the law offices Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald, L.L.P. (WTH&F) 8405 Greensboro Drive, Suite 100, McLean. This was the Second General Business Meeting for 2013. There were twelve club members and three prospective members in attendance.

Richard did not make the meeting due to inclement weather. Doug began the meeting by asking if there were any perspective members in attendance. Three perspective new members identified themselves. The secretary will forward the names and contact information of the potential new members to Mike Rathbun, Membership Chairman.

Doug then told the group that the Teen Driving School now has a home. The facility includes classroom facilities and a lunchroom. There will be ample room to support a check in area as well as the driving course, braking lane, maintenance training and skid pad. Club members and guests must not venture beyond the defined boundaries provided for TDS. Failure to follow this guidance would lose the club the use of this facility.

Stewart – Corvette Club of America is planning a TDS. They will meet on April 13th at Lincoln Tech in Columbia. Stewart has asked our club members who wish to support their effort to join him there. Stewart is looking to put together a cone killers event at Summit Point, maybe in late June. Watch the web site for details. He is also looking for club participants for a Friday at the Track at Summit Point. For details, contact Stewart.

John and Kara Palmgren reminded the group that the Annual Banquet would take place on March 9th and urged anyone who had not signed up to do so. John told the group that the St. Patrick's Day parade group was full and Stewart let the group know that we would not have our usual police escort this year.

Wilfredo attended and held a quiz as well as a 50/50 drawing.

Question: What Corvette was designated as the EX122?

Answer: The original 1952 prototype Corvette

Winner: Michael Rathbun

Question: Name one of the unusual items stamped in the floorboards of 89-96 Corvette convertibles?

Answer: Apple Pie (also Baseball Bat and Hotdog next to the Chevy bowtie)

Winner: Mike Gilliland

Question: What new color was added for 2012 Corvettes?

Answer: Carbon Black

Winner: Kris McCandless

Kris also won the 50/50 for \$35.

The next meeting will be held at the Sterling Ruritan Club, 183 Ruritan Road, Sterling, VA on March 26. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Submitted by Mike Gilliland, Secretary.

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Newsletter News ...

Hello NVCCers!

Sorry that the newsletter went out a little late this month. I've been consumed with the final push toward my degree (and finding a job, the most important part!) Gotta be able to pay for those maintenance/repair issues... and hopefully upgrade to a C7 someday!

As always, thanks for all the articles, pictures, and tidbits you pass along. Please feel free to email me anything vette-related you run across, and I'll try to include it in the newsletter.

Til next time,



Anne Costolanski anne.steffie@gmail.com

Next General Business Meetings:

Tuesday, March 26th at 7:30 pm

Tuesday, April 23rd at 7:30 pm

March Meeting Location:

**Sterling Ruritan Club
183 Ruritan Road
Sterling, VA 20164**