

SOUTHERN TIER CORVETTE CLUB

JULY 2013

Highlights of July Meeting:

Mary Jane and John Sieczkos will be the contact people for the upcoming Corvettes at Carlisle August 22nd - 25th. If you wish to have a space reserved for you on the field, you must be there on Thursday (8/22) and leave your chair in the space overnight. It is no longer possible to mark off areas of the field with tape overnight.

Members were also reminded that Syracuse Nationals will be coming up on July 19-21. This is always a great show!!

Rich Lapcevich reported on a number of Autocross events:

July 14th STCC will be sponsoring an autocross at Cherry Valley. Trophies have been purchased from AAA Trophies. *Volunteers are needed to run this event.* Several people have already registered on line.

July 20-21st - several of our members will participate in an autocross at Sacondoga.

August 10th - STCC will sponsor an autocross at Binghamton University in conjunction with SCCA. Our event will run on Saturday (8/10) and SCCA will run their event on Sunday (8/11).

Help is needed from our members on Saturday.

September 29th - Our final event will be an autocross at Sacandaga.

Bill Dearborn reported that he has been in contact with NCCC concerning changes in the rules for autocross. More information will follow.

Gary Zisko has not had any further information about the Conklin car cruise on August 22.

Chris and Steve Czarnecki attended the "Six Hours at the Glen". This was a great events and we should consider doing this as an event next year.

For those who have an interest in BMWs, there is a wonderful display of vintage and current cars at the museum in Saratoga. There are racers from the 1930's as well as many outstanding BMW motorcycles. It is well worth the trip to Saratoga.

The meeting was adjourned and many stayed to view a Sebring video from Bill's recent trip to Florida.

In Other News:

Spiedie Fest - August 3rd - 4th

From our friend, Dave DuBois:

Dave's great ride ! 24 Hour Lemons Story

Stewart and I each rented a 20 minute session with the team that sponsors Wounded Warriors.... in the 24 Hours of Lemons. The Lemons race series has been described as the Halloween for race cars. The premise is that you can't spend more than \$500 for a car, not counting the roll bars, seats, harnesses, etc. They come in all sizes, shapes, and decoration. Look for a boat in one of the pictures. I have had the great luck to have driven in many 24 endurance races in my past and was greatly looking forward to my stint.

Stewart pointed out that our 4 cl. front wheel drive car didn't have a driver's door rear view mirror. Glad he did. We decided that

we would go down the main straights hugging the right hand side of the track to protect our “blind side” and that bit of pre planning worked out to be a great survival strategy.

There were over 75 cars on a 2.2 mile course that has 22 turns. If this were a parade, this would be one car for every 150 feet. But you are never spread out for that long. More often you were in the middle of 2 dimensional dog fight being held up by really slow cars and having faster cars trying to thread their way through the log jam.

With that many cars on the track, it was a “choreographed inches to inches ballet” with all the cars coming soooo close and never bumping each other. You very seldom had a complete turn to yourself. You spent as much time watching your mirrors as you did outside your windshield.

I took a few laps to get dialed back into a front drive car. The spinning front wheel as I passed the apex surprised me the first time. OH Yeah. I remember that sound. My stint was spent giving way to faster cars when I had to, often with a casual point by. Several times I had my apex suddenly filled with two cars underneath me in a train leaving me on the outside of the turn trying to hold on. I sometimes had to shut the door on someone when it was in my best interest... like coming up on a tow truck who was on the right side of the track so I moved to the center and let the fast guys pass you on the right... and then watched as they put their brakes on and had to wait for the train of cars going by the truck... as I smiled smugly!!! I like doing that!

I took ALL 3 lines around the carousel during my stint. I went 3 wide in every turn at least once. Now THAT was exciting.

At the loop turn at the end of the back straight we were always multiple cars wide in the turn. I got stuck on the outside... way on the outside a few times. I had one huge tail slide when the back end came out due to heavy breaking - the guy in front of me panic braked - and so did I. I floored the gas and barely kept it straight. It was awesome. AWESOME fun.

All you need is \$100 for a 20 minute session. No formal racing license, no formal racing experience. They supply helmets, driver's suits, shoes, everything. This means you have no excuse to say no.

I'm thinking of going to NJM Sport Park in July to join them for a few stints. Who is coming with me?



Mark Your Calendar for Corvettes at Carlisle August 23-25, 2013



Celebrate Corvette History and Save

2013 is very special for those attending Corvettes at Carlisle as we celebrate 60 years of Corvette production. In addition, Corvettes at Carlisle honors our co-founder and Hall of Famer Chip Miller with a must-see Chip's Choice display. Combine these with the

spotlight showcase of the 2014 Stingray and you've got a home run event. Best of all, you don't have to pay full price to attend when you utilize Gate-N-Go now through July 22. You can save 10% off the standard Funfield rate, get your gate passes weeks in advance and give yourself more time and money to enjoy THE BEST Corvette event in the world. Call 717-243-7855 today for details.

2013 Calendar

Additions and/or changes may be made throughout the year.

Detailed information on each event will be distributed as event nears.

Date	Event	Chair
July 14 th	Autocross at Cherry Valley	Richard Lapcevich
August 10 th	Autocross with SCCA at BU	Richard Lapcevich
	22 nd & 23 rd Corvettes at Carlisle	John & Mary Jane Sieczkos
September 2 nd	Lunch at the Farmhouse in Oneonta	John & Mary Jane Sieczkos
October 12 th	Cruise to Belhurst Castle	Bill Dearborn
December 14 th	Christmas Party	Mary Jane Sieczkos & Chris Czarnecki