

10th Season for the Corvette Challenge

The outlook is great as the East Coast Supercharging Corvette Challenge presented by Yank Racing Converters and Gear Star Transmission begins its tenth season in 2008. What started out as a few cars on Friday nights in 1999 has grown to the biggest and only model specific race series at Raceway Park. The Corvette Challenge returns with little change in 2008. The season opening non-points event will feature the 2007 Top 16 Gamblers Invitational that was moved to make room for a rained out points race will get us underway in March. It is followed with the 10-race points series where once again the points leader at the weekend of the bracket finals will be invited to represent Raceway Park in the NHRA Division 1 bracket finals. The season finale will be the 2008 Top 16 Gamblers Invitational for \$1,000 to win payout. The series continues as an optional point series where drivers can chose to sign up with Raceway Park to accumulate points toward a championship, rookie of the year title for Corvette rookies and year-end points payout for the top performers. Corvette Challenge event payouts will be expanding to the quarter-finalists where previously it was winner, runner-up and semi-finalists so more drivers will get to share in the payouts. The team cup challenge will also continue for the Corvette Challenge racers in 2008.

Basic Safety Rules

The series will be run under the rules and guidelines set forth by Raceway Park and the National Hot Rod Association (NHRA).

A helmet must be worn. If you do not own one, you can rent one at the track for \$3.00 and your license will be held until return of the helmet. Drivers must wear long pants and a shirt with sleeves (except where a fire jacket is required) when on the track. During the hot summer days many of us just wear shorts under gym pants and take off the gym pants between runs. Then we throw the gym pants on for the next run. Cars running faster than 11.50 seconds will require a rollbar and the driver to wear fire jacket. Convertibles must have a rollbar if they run faster than 13.50 seconds. (However if the convertible has a hardtop, it can run up to 11.50 without a rollbar. If you have a convertible, check out the hardtops from Smooth Line or Caravaggio. Additionally, if your car is required to have a rollbar, it is also required for the driver to wear a 3" wide 5-point safety harness. Keep in mind, we are a group of Corvette drivers having fun and the track has the right to impose any rule for the safety of the participants. This paragraph is not intended to be a complete rules list but a guideline for those that are unfamiliar with drag racing rules.

2008 Race Schedule

E1	March 15	9:30	N
E2	March 29	9:30	T
E3	April 12	9:30	P,E
E4	April 26	9:30	T
E5	May 31	2:30	P,E
E6	June 28	2:30	T

E7	July 12	9:30	P,E	E10	August 30	8:30	T
E8	August 2	2:30	T	E11	September 20	9:30	P,E
E9	August 9	8:30	P,E	E12	October 25	9:30	16

N - NON-points and '07 Top 16 • T - Includes Pro 10.0

P,E - Includes Pro 8 Shootout and 11.50 • 16 - Top16 - NON-points

2008 Points information

The 2008 East Coast Supercharging Corvette Challenge, The Vette Doctors Pro 8 Shootout, Cartek Racing Pro 10.0 and Pro 11.50 class points will be officially kept by Raceway Park and will also appear on this website. You MUST sign up for points if you wish to compete for the Championship. You do not have to sign up for points to participate but you do have to sign up for points to be eligible for POINTS prizes. The 2008 East Coast Supercharging Corvette Challenge presented by Yank Racing Converters and Gear Star Transmissions is a part of the Raceway Park Sunoco Saturday Points Series.

Points are earned only for the class in which you compete. Any driver can chose to sign up for any and all classes (Corvette Challenge or one of Pro 8 Shootout, Pro 10.0 and Pro 11.50), separately. If you plan on competing in the Raceway Park Points Series for 2008, the points will be as follows:

Please Note, this points system only applies to the Corvette Challenge (Bracket) series. Pro 8 Shootout, Pro 10.0 and Pro 11.50 Index have a different points system.

1. By signing up for points by the first points day you will receive 1 point.
2. By staging your car in the first round of eliminations, you will receive 1 point.
3. For each round you win during eliminations, you will receive 1 point.
4. Tie breaker positions are as follows
 1. Number of elimination wins
 2. The rating point system (also called power points) will be in effect at the end of our fifth race on our

schedule. At the end of each race starting with the fifth, you will be assigned a number based on what position you are in the points standings (or tied for). That number will be represented as a negative number next to your total points. Lower number is better. For example if in the first week of the rating system you hold the number one position, you will be assigned a -1. If the following week you are in 3rd place you will be assigned a -3. Your total negative number will be -4. If a driver finished in fourth place (-4) week one and then first in week 2 (-1) and you both have the same number of points, you will win the tie breaker because you have a -4 vs. his/her -5. Confused? Contact Edgar Perez and I can try to explain better.

3. A Run-off on the last day of Points.

Raceway Park is the official keeper of points. On the Saturday after a race, we will post preliminary point standings on this website. Complete and official points will be posted on the Corvette Challenge website after Raceway Park posts them on Tuesday following a race. Power points will not be updated until Tuesday. It is the driver's responsibility to ensure points are calculated correctly. Discrepancies must be reported to Raceway Park before the next race's points are calculated in order to get credit for the points. If you have signed up and want to contact Raceway Park at 732-446-7800 or at racewaypark.com.

2008 Payout and Prizes

The following Payouts and Prizes are specific to only East Coast Supercharging Corvette Challenge presented by Yank Racing Converters and Gear Star Transmissions bracket racers only.

For the Pro 8 Shootout Payouts and Prizes go to The Vette Doctors Pro 8 Shootout presented by Carroll's Rod & Racecraft, Pro 10.0 Index Cartek Racing Pro 10.0 presented by Silly Goose Racing Stables and Pro 11.50 Index at corvettechallenge.info. All Event cash and prizes are given at each event. All year-end cash and prizes are given at the 2008 7th Annual Awards Banquet, Date and place to be determined.

Event Cash & Prizes (at all but the Top 16 race)		
Name	Cash	Prizes
Event winner	\$300	Trophy from East Coast Supercharging \$100 gift certificate from Pro Torque Converters. (can be used for any converter).
Event Runner-Up	\$150	Trophy from East Coast Supercharging \$50 gift certificate from Pro Torque Converters. (can be used for any converter).
Each Event Semi-Finalist	\$75	
Each Event Quarter-Finalist	\$30	New for 2008!

Event First Round win		Trophy Optionally we offer a "1st Round Trophy Upgrade" Program. Instead of collecting a 1st trophy you earned, you collect 1 credit towards an upgraded trophy. At the end of the season, your total credits are used to reward you with a larger more elegant 1st round trophy for the season.
"Best Winning Reaction Time - 1st Round"		Trophy presented by Team Panuzzo Racing
"Ohh So Close Award" Event First Round Loss by smallest Margin of Victory		Presented by Zaino. A Zaino Products starter kit will be awarded at the track.
"Almost Perfect Award" Event First Round Loss by Red Light closest to a perfect .000		Trophy presented by Old Bridge Township Raceway Park
"Closest to Dial Award" Event First Round driver closest to dial-in (non breakout)		Trophy and free tech card entry into your next Corvette Challenge presented by Corvette Club of Delaware Valley (CCDV)
Year End Cash & Prizes		
Finish	Cash	Prize
1st - Points Champion	\$400	Champion Jacket and Trophy
2nd - Points Runner-Up	\$250	Trophy and Jacket
3rd	\$150	Jacket
4th	\$150	Jacket
5th	\$150	Jacket
6th	\$75	Jacket
7th	\$75	Jacket
8th	\$75	Jacket
9th	\$50	
10th	\$50	
11th	\$50	
12th	\$50	
13th		Free points signup for 2009
14th		Free points signup for 2009
Rookie of the Year	\$150	Rookie of the Year Trophy presented by Raceway Park
Gear Jammer Award Winner	\$250	Gear Jammer Winner Trophy presented by Spectrum Equipment Services.
Gear Jammer Award Runnerup	\$100	Gear Jammer Winner Trophy presented by Spectrum Equipment Services.
Team Challenge Cup		Corvette Challenge Team Challenge Cup is awarded to the club that earns the most points. Every points driver can get involved in this Team concept.

Top 4	Top 4 points racers are invited to participate in the 28th ANNUAL P.C. RICHARD & SON ALL AMERICAN JET CAR NATIONALS at Old Bridge Township Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ. The event will be held on Wednesday night, August 6. This year our Top 4 bracket racers will be joined by 2 Pro 8, 2 Pro 10.0 and 2 Pro 11.50 racers as well.
NHRA Bracket Finals	Our points leader after August 30 will be invited to represent, not only the Corvette Challenge, but Raceway Park at the NHRA Division 1 Summit ET Finals, which is a National competition and a very prestigious honor. The Division 1 Bracket Finals will be held September 25, 26 & 27, 2008 at Maple Grove Raceway, Reading, PA.
Top 16 Gamblers Race	Drivers finishing in the Top 16 will be invited to race in a special (non points) gamblers race for \$1,000. The race will be held November 15, 2008 at Raceway Park. This is an invitation only race.
2008 Awards Banquet	Open to all Corvette Drivers and their family and friends. Date and place to be determined.

Additional Information

Contact Edgar Perez.

1st Round Trophy Upgrade Program Continues for 2008

This successful program is once again returning to the Corvette Challenge for its fifth year. If you participated in the Corvette Challenges the first 3 years and won a 1st round race you will have received a trophy. You received a similar trophy for every event in which you won 1st round. A driver having won 1st round several times in those 3 years would have accumulated many very similar trophies. This sparked a new program at Old Bridge Township Raceway Park, Englishtown, NJ specifically for the East Coast Supercharging Corvette Challenge beginning with the 2003 season. It is the 1st Round Trophy Upgrade Program.

Drivers who are signed up for the points championship can now opt to not take a 1st round trophy after winning 1st round and instead receive a 1st round win credit. At the end of the season, the total number of credits, or 1st round wins, will determine the size and type of trophy you will receive. This upgraded trophy will be awarded to the driver at the Corvette Challenge Awards Banquet at the end of the season (if you cannot attend the banquet, the trophy can be picked up at the track after the banquet). You can still stop in the trophy room to get a win sticker and report you would like a credit for the trophy.

This program saves space on the trophy shelf and gives us the opportunity to reward each driver's annual performance with an improved upgraded trophy. This is an optional program. Once you have elected to take part in the upgrade program, please do not take a 1st round trophy at any of the events.

Raceway Park will enforce noise levels at the track

Raceway Park has to adhere to maximum noise levels on its Saturday night programs. All drivers have to adhere to the noise level guidelines. Most Corvette Challenge drivers will have no issue with the noise levels, however we need to ensure that you are aware that noise levels will be monitored. Modified Corvettes with aftermarket exhaust and headers will pass the test. However, if you think your car is too loud, you should test it to ensure you are not louder than the maximum allowed noise levels. Many of our drivers have been tested and have passed the noise level restrictions. Following is a message from Raceway Park as well as a link the Raceway Park official notification.

A message from Raceway Park

The decibel (DB) level will be measured in the following way: The car will be 100 feet away from the meter (the meter is a \$45 Radio Shack analog type). The driver will bring the RPM up to 5500 and hold it for 5 seconds and then "gun" the motor two times. The test will be done 2 times. This will give Raceway Park a representative DB reading on your car. It should not measure over **90 DB**. If your car is over 90 DB at the tech inspection booth, you will not be able to race. Also, if the management of Raceway Park feels your car is too loud and measures the DB level on the track it cannot be over **96 DB** under load (launch or burnout). If you go over the 96 DB limit on the track, which is done 100 ft to the side of the car, you will not be allowed to race. There will be no exceptions to the DB limit on Saturday or Friday nights.