



Cowtown 101

New Member Orientation

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This new member orientation is to help acquaint you with the various functions and benefits that Cowtown offers. During this orientation, we will discuss, at a very high level, what each of the functional areas and/or benefits are about. This is to only serve as a *quick-start guide*. It is recommended that you contact the chairperson of a functional area(s) of interest for more detailed information.

As you start looking thru this documentation and start your fun as a Cowtown member, keep in mind what your likes and desires are with your Corvette; and see what Cowtown offers to help you satisfy those desires. We would also encourage you to be open with your thoughts on new activities that you have never tried; there is a lot out there that many of us didn't join for however; we have found them to be lots of fun. The last page of this packet has a place to capture this info.

To restate, the information listed below covers functional areas at a very high-level. We would recommend that you visit with the appropriate chairperson for the function(s) that you are most interested in; they can provide a much deeper understanding than we can in this overview orientation. Their contact info is in the Low-Down, Membership Directory and on the Website. If you would like to be partnered up with a 'mentor,' they can provide more depth to specific interests.

Cowtown Vettes Overview and Resources:

- Was founded in April of 1974, and we celebrated our 35th year in 2009.
- We are affiliated with the [National Council of Corvette Clubs](#) (NCCC) as a "100% club," meaning that every Cowtown member is also an NCCC member. You may ask, so [what does NCCC gain me?](#)
 - Being a member of NCCC not only allows Cowtown to host annual events (provides our largest source of annual operating income), but it allows us to have insurance coverage for any event (large or small) that our members participate in.
 - As an NCCC member, you also receive discounts at many local and national businesses.
 - As an NCCC member, you receive a quarterly issue of *Blue Bars*, the national NCCC newsletter that highlights what is going on around the nation and within our own NCCC region, along with info on sponsors and their discounts.
 - If you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, you can sign them up as a member of the *Future Corvette Owners Association* (FCOA) that helps to pass along the love for America's Sports Car to the younger generations.
- Cowtown is active in various local charity functions either monetarily and/or with volunteer work. Early each year, our members help our *Charity Chairperson* shape that year's Cowtown's charities focus.
- Our club website can be found at <http://www.cowtownvettes.org>; this is your most-up-to-date source of information around club events / activities. Our website also offers links to NCCC national and regional websites, the National Corvette Museum, our sponsors and various Corvette Functions around the country. In conjunction with our website, we maintain an email distribution list for all club members along with various functional areas, helping our members to stay informed about upcoming activities.
- Cowtown publishes a monthly newsletter called the *Cowtown Low-Down* that you will receive in the mail during the week of the monthly membership meeting. The *Newsletter Editor* provides the authoring / editor functions of this newsletter and the *newsletter distribution committee* gets it to you.
- We would also recommend that you read thru the ***Cowtown Bylaws and Standing Rules*** to find additional information about each functional and award area: http://www.cowtownvettes.org/History/CTV-Bylaws_090107.pdf. *Note: A copy of the current Bylaws is being provided to you during Cowtown 101; however, all future updated copies may be obtained from our club's website.*
- As a Cowtown member, you will receive a URL (private) to download the latest *Cowtown Membership Directory* each time that it is updated; typically once per quarter. This directory is to only be used for non-commercial email and contact of other members in our club.
- Cowtown is a member of the *National Corvette Museum* (NCM) that provides the club and members various benefits; you can contact our *NCM Ambassador* for more information.

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Cowtown Functions:

- **Monthly Membership Meetings** – one general club meeting per month is held on the first Friday of each month; unless there is a conflict due to a holiday, where it is moved to an alternate date. The meetings run from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm; with an after-meeting social usually taking place at a local restaurant close by.
- **Monthly Club Socials** – 10 months out of the year, you will find at least one major club social per month, typically referred to as the 100%er social. Besides this 100%er social, you will find additional socials such as charity functions, Vette cruises, groups of folks participating in annual Corvettes events such as the *Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend*; other groups compete in NCCC events throughout the Southwest Region and the NCCC National Convention.
- **Monthly Board Meetings** – we hold one board meeting per month; typically the third Wednesday of each month unless there is a date conflict of some type. These are to be attended by all elected officers however; they are open to all chairpersons and club members; the meetings are from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.
- **Annual Car Show** – we host an annual Corvette Show, currently our second largest annual hosted function. Over the past several years, this has been held in south Ft Worth, in the October time frame.
- **Annual NCCC Event** – we host an annual NCCC Competition Event which is our largest annual hosted function. Typically, this event is held on the third weekend in September each year, at *Texas Motor Speedway*. Besides being able to enjoy your Vette on the infield track and the big oval, our members are asked to help work the event to continue our success to host one of the premier events in the Southwest Region.
- **Annual NCCC National Convention** – a group of our members attend the Convention; which is a week-long series of events consisting of parties, socials and competition events; some go all week and others for a few days.

Annual Competition Programs (alphabetically listed)

- **100%er Award** – in the calendar year following the year you joined Cowtown, you are eligible to participate in this annual competition. There is no limit to the number of participants that can be recognized for this achievement. Criteria is that you attend a minimum of nine (9) of ten (10) CTV 100%er Socials (Feb thru Nov) and eleven (11) of the twelve (12) CTV Membership Meetings. If you attend an NCCC event (participant or supporter) on the same weekend as the CTV 100%er social or the membership meeting, it is counted toward 100%er instead of the social. The eligible member's participation is tracked and the award is presented by the *Membership Chairperson* (Nancy Wells) at year end.
- **Car Show Awards*** – unlike several other types of competition, you can participate in this from the day that you join Cowtown. This competition tracks your car show participation using the current "Car Show points system", throughout the calendar year. There will be one member recognized for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place. The member's participation is turned into the *Car Show Chairperson* (Phil Higbee) where they are tracked and awards are presented at the end of the competition year.
- **Charity Award*** – is presented by the *Charity Chairperson* (Jane Buehler) to the individual who they feel has assisted them and benefitted Cowtown the most for the calendar year with the club's charity selected activities. The selection of the recipient is solely at their discretion and is presented at year end.
- **Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP) Awards*** – unlike other types of competition, you can participate in this from the day that you join Cowtown. Any member that participates and tracks a minimum of thirty-five (35) points for the year will be recognized as a Bronze Level Participant. The Silver and Gold Level Participants are the two levels above Bronze, with 50 and 75 points, respectively. The members participating with the three highest point levels will be recognized for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place. The member's participation points are validated at the end of the year via photos and the awards are presented by the *Cruiser Chairperson* (Douglas McMahan).

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- **NCCC Awards*** – a member is recognized for these awards solely on participation in NCCC competition events (in or out of region), in which you earn NCCC points. The annual awards are listed below and contain more details. The eligible member provides the *Cowtown NCCC Governor* (Glenda McMahan) their NCCC participation, where it is tracked and the awards are presented at year end.
 - **Men & Women's Concours** – The man and woman with the most NCCC points who show their Vette(s).
 - **Men & Women's Drags** – The man and woman with the most NCCC points who participate in drag races, with their Vette(s). This includes Record, Matching Time and Bracket (ET) drag events.
 - **Men & Women's Funkhana** – The man and woman accumulating the most NCCC points for participating in Funkhana events.
 - **Men & Women's Rallye** – The man and woman with the most NCCC points for participating in Rallyes with their Vette(s).
 - **Men & Women's Speed** – The man and woman with the most NCCC points for participating in high and low-speed events with their Vette(s).
 - **Governor's Award** – if deemed appropriate, this optional award shall be presented by the Governor to the person they feel assisted them the most to benefit Cowtown with NCCC. The selection of the recipient is solely at the Governor's discretion.
 - **Top Competitor** – The member (man or woman) with the most NCCC points will be the recipient of this award. Their name will be placed on the traveling club *Top Competitor Award*, which they get to retain for the calendar year after their win. Their Vette will be featured on that year's *NCCC Travel Award* in recognition as the *Top Competitor*. The year following their win, they receive an award to keep when they turn the traveling award back.
 - **Travel Award** – There is no limit to the number of participants that can be recognized for this level of participation. You can participate even if you do not compete in the events, just by being there as an on-looker, supporter, event worker, etc. Members attending a minimum of eight (8) or 65% of the total non-Cowtown NCCC Competition Events will achieve this award; out of region NCCC events also count towards the award.
- **Open Road Racing (ORR) Awards*** – This competition tracks your participation and points throughout the calendar year. There will be one individual or team which is recognized for 1st, 2nd & 3rd Place along with the *Disqualified (DQ* – meaning the one team that missed the worst) and *Outstanding Navigator* Awards. The eligible member's participation is tracked and the awards are presented by the *ORR Chairperson* (Karl Samuel) at year end.
- **Outstanding Male & Female Awards*** – These two awards are presented to the male and female that is considered to have gone above and beyond to help Cowtown the most during the year; it should not be a popularity contest. The secret balloting for these awards are is conducted three times a year by members in attendance of the April, July and November monthly membership meetings (no mail-in ballots). The *Vice President* (Candy Beck) will present these awards at year end.
- **President's Award*** – if deemed appropriate, this optional award is presented by the *Cowtown President* (Don Wells) to the individual who they feel has assisted them the most to benefit Cowtown during the current year. The selection of the recipient is solely at their discretion and is presented at year end.
- **Rookie-of-the-Year (ROY) Award*** – in the calendar year following the year you joined Cowtown, you are eligible to participate in this annual competition. Since there is only one *Cowtown ROY* recognized each year, it will be the member (male or female) who achieves the most annual competition points while participating in *Corvette* functions. Regardless of what your passion is to enjoy your Vette, you can enjoy it while obtaining points to win this prestigious award; the ROY point details are in the *Cowtown Standing Rules*. The eligible member's participation is tracked and the award is presented by the *Membership Chairperson* (Nancy Wells) at year end.

* The competition timeframe typically runs from January 1st thru mid-November each year; there can be exceptions depending on the year; please consult the chairperson for the functional area of interest.

Working at Texas Motor Speedway (TMS): As a Cowtown member, you will have the opportunity to work out at TMS during the Race Weekends; several options are available. As a result of our Members working these events, the club earns “track dollars” which are in turn utilized to offset the facility rental for our annual NCCC Event weekend. If you are interested in working, please contact the *TMS Chairperson* (TBD).

Reminder: please send an email to ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com if you change your 1) Home Mailing Address, 2) Phone Number(s), 3) Email address or 4) Vettes Owned, etc.

Month-By-Month Event and Award Calendar

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Membership Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Board Meeting	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
100%er Social	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Other Socials	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Car Shows¹	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Cruiser²	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
NCCC Events (SWR)³	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Open Road Racing⁴	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Charity Award	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Outstanding Male/Female	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
President's Award	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Governor's Award	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X

LEGEND:

✓	= Counts towards 100%er Awards
✓	= Counts towards Rookie of the Year in addition to the blue ✓ items, in addition to other criteria listed in Standing Rules
✓	= Participation / Involvement could impact "special awards"
X	= There may be events to enjoy however; they do not count towards Rookie of the Year
✓	= Represents Membership Meetings which Members (in attendance) Vote for Outstanding Members
Car Show Events ¹	= Events typically start in March / April timeframe and competition ends mid-November each year.
Cruiser Events ²	= Starts January 1st and competition ends mid-November; and any social on the club calendar counts.
NCCC Events ³	= SWR NCCC typically starts in Mar & ends late Oct - out of region is longer (CTV counts thru Dec 1 st); Top Competitor ONLY counts NCCC Points, for Rallye, Concours, Funkhana, Drags and Speed Event.
Open Road Racing Events ⁴	= These typically start in March & end late September.

Question: *What is the best way to enjoy anything you do in life?* Most find that enjoying any activity with friends with a similar interest is one of the best ways. To assist you to get acquainted and to enjoy Cowtown, we have members who have stepped up to assist in getting you involved and aligned with the function(s) that most suit your desires; a “mentor” so to speak. If you would like to have a focal contact to help you get started in more depth, let us know and we will do our best to pair you up with folks who have those interest(s).

*Last, but not least, Cowtown Vettes does **WELCOME** you to our family of “Corvette enthusiasts.” We do hope that you find that your new club has functions that will help you enjoy your Corvette(s); and, along the way, we hope that you find friendships that will last throughout the rest of your life.*

NOTES:

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My CTV Mentor: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____

My Interests: ☐ Autocrossing (high or low-speed), ☐ Charity, ☐ Club Chairperson, ☐ Club Officer,
☐ Club Socials, ☐ Drag Racing, ☐ Car Shows / Concours, ☐ Weekend Corvette Events(attending),
☐ Cruising, ☐ Open Road Racing

Members: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____