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January 2005








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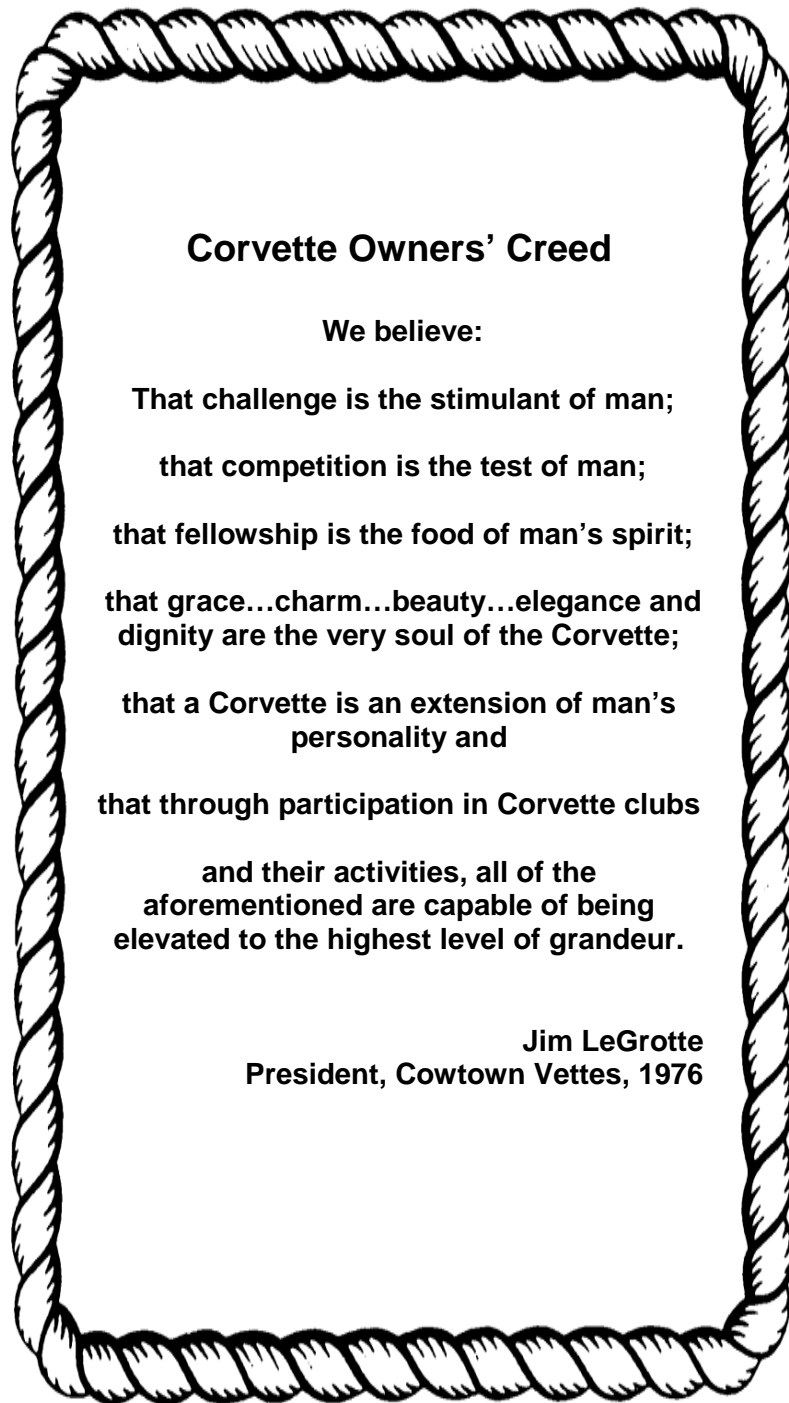


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**that grace...charm...beauty...elegance and
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**that a Corvette is an extension of man's
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President, Cowtown Vettes, 1976**

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Attention Cowtown Vettes Members:

According to ARTICLE IV, 4.0 BY-LAW CHANGES, "any By-Law amendment must be presented to the Elected Officers first and then printed in the newsletter prior to being presented to the general membership. All actions regarding amendments to the By-Laws will be governed by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at the meeting."

Enclosed in this newsletter, you will find a pamphlet entitled, "Cowtown Vettes, Inc. By-Laws and Standing Rules, Policies & Procedures." Please look over the highlighted changes and be prepared to discuss these changes at the January 7 membership meeting. Discussion will be limited to the highlighted changes. Plans are to vote on the changes to the proposed by-laws and standing rules as a package at the January 7 membership meeting.

CHANGES



Do you have a new address or telephone number? Has your email address changed? Have you purchased a new Corvette or sold the old one? If you said 'YES' to any of the above, it is very important that you contact the **Yvette Lewis** as soon as possible so that she can keep the club's membership information up-to-date.

Don't forget to contact **Viola Myers**, your NCCC Governor, concerning any address changes, vehicle changes, etc. so that she can keep NCCC's records up-to-date.

Car Show Points System

Show Entry - 1 point per show day (e.g., 3-day show, 3 pts.)

Show Awards:

1st -	3 points (also Class Winner)
2nd -	2 points (also Class Award)
3rd /4th	1 point
Bruce Lowrie Car Display	5 points

Best Paint/Engine/Interior/etc. - 2 points

Sponsor Award - 4 points

Best of Show Award - 5 points

Mileage traveled to show:

100 to 299 -	1 point
300 to 599 -	2 points
600 & over -	3 points

Some simple rules:

- The show season runs from January 1 through November 21, 2004.
- Corvettes only.
- Participant is a representative of Cowtown Vettes.
- Points will be given to the car, not the participant.

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Supporting Cowtown Vettes

2005 SW Region Schedule

<u>Event Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event Type</u>	<u>Club</u>
March	Fort Worth	SW Region Awards Banquet	CTV
April 9 - 10	Wichita Falls	Events TBD	TOCC
April 16 - 17	Tulsa - Hallett Oklahoma	Hi Speed Auto X Record Drags	CCO
April 23	Waco -TSTC	7 LA Auto X	Cen Tex
May 21 - 22	Waco -TSTC	7 LA Auto X	LCC
May 28 - 29	Oklahoma City	6 LA Auto X Record Drags	OCCC CCOC
June 11 - 12	TBD	7 LA Auto X	TV
July 23 - 29	St Cloud, MN	2005 NCCC Convention	COM
Sept 3 - 4	TBD	TBD	TVS
Sept 24 - 25	Fort Worth	7 LA Auto X	CTV

Legend

For additional information about the NCCC events listed above, contact Cowtown Vettes, NCCC, or Governor, Viola Myers.

- **C** = Concours, **CD** = Class Drags, **ETD** = ET Drags, **RD** = Record Drags, **MTD** = Matching Time Drags, **F** = Funkhana,
- **R** = Rallye, **LA** = Low Speed AutoX, **HA** = High Speed AutoX, **MTT** = Matching Time AutoX, **TBA** = To Be Announced,
- **TBD** = To Be Determined

Weekly & Monthly Events

Every Wednesday...Test-N-Tune, April - October, Texas Raceway, Kennedale 817-483-0536

Every Thursday...Street Night Drags, April - October, Texas Raceway, Kennedale 817-483-0356

Every Thursday...Cruise at Sammy Walker's Bar-B-Que on Dalrock Rd, one block South of Hwy 66, 7 P.M., Hosted by the Rowlett Cruise Knights and Rods & Relics, Rockwall

Every Friday...Buz Post Fun-N-Grudge, Texas Raceway, Kennedale 817-483-0536

Every Saturday...ET Points Racing, Texas Raceway, Kennedale 817-483-0536

1st Saturday...Show & Shine Hosted by Vought Car Club, April 7 - Oct 6 is 5-9 P.M., \$10 Auto Entry Fee, Sonic Drive In, I-20 & Greater Southwest Hwy, Grand Prairie 972-723-1506

1st Saturday...Pals & Gals Classic Cruisers at the Burger Box, 7700 Glenview Dr., Richland Hills, March thru October 5:30 – 8:30 P.M., \$6 Registration. For more info: 817-222-0556 or 817-428-0865

2nd Saturday...The Camaro and Firebird Car Club and Chuck's Lewisville location, 2267 I-35, north of Vista Ridge Mall, registration 5-7 P.M., awards 8:30PM, \$10 entry fee

2nd Saturday...Late Great Chevy's of Dallas 13th Annual Cruise Night in Old Downtown Carrollton on Broadway, 6 – 9 P.M., Open to All Models, \$5 entry fee, April 12th – October 11th, www.oldcarrollton.com

3rd Saturday...Christian Classic Cruisers and North Hills Mall, Loop 820 & Hwy 29, April and October shows 5 – 8 P.M., May through September shows 6 – 9 P.M. 817-267-5095

Note: Prior to attending any of the following events, please ensure that the event is being held at the location given on the date provided. Sponsor has the option to reschedule the event date and location. Weekend cruises at Restaurants are typically hosted during the summer months only.

Thanks to Paul Wolters for providing the above information.

C6 Facts & Figures

- The frame is definitely steel. Unless, of course, GM has found a form of aluminium that kitchen magnets stick to.
- The C6 Coupe/Vert is currently getting 7:56 around the Nordschleife at the Nurburgring.
- The C6's maximum load has gone up from the C5's 399 lbs. to 423 lbs.
- The front and rear brakes have cooling ducts that also reduce aerodynamic lift.
- The C6 has a smaller frontal area than the C5.
- The C6 Coupe does not yet officially have a Coefficient of Drag of .28. They are working on it, but it still rounds off to .29. A few tweaks should bring it down enough to round off to .28
- When the high-beam halogens are on, the low-beam HID's stay on.
- The HID low-beams have a color temperature of approximately 5500 kelvin.
- The Euro Export models have panels in the front bumper for headlamp washers and also have an additional tiny bulb in the lamp assembly to serve as a white DRL (instead of the amber turn signals that U.S. models use as a DRL.)
- The exhaust tips have holes on the inside surfaces which eliminate a high-RPM hissing noise that some people had complained about.
- The manual shifter's movement has been reduced by a total of 26 mm fore and aft. The height has been reduced by 14.5 mm.
- Official 1/4 mile times are now down to 12.5 seconds at 114 MPH.
- The mysterious little button between the #1 seat settings and #2 seat settings buttons is a manual button to set everything to easy entry/exit (i.e. wheel all the way forward and seat all the way aft.)
- The Convertible's latch is operated with one handle in the center.
- The "silver" center console is painted plastic, not metal. For reference, see the silver steering wheel spokes on the new GTO.
- The most common comment I heard about the seats was "Finally, seats as good as the C4's were."

C4 Trouble Codes

- [13](#) Oxygen Sensor Circuit
- [14](#) Coolant Sensor Circuit (High)
- [15](#) Coolant Sensor Circuit (Low)
- [16](#) Ignition Pblms (Used on 1992-1996 models only)
- [21](#) Throttle Position Sensor (TPS) (High)
- [22](#) Throttle Position Sensor (TPS) (Low)
- [23](#) Intake Air Temperature (Low)
- [24](#) Vehicle Speed Sensor (VSS)
- [25](#) Intake Air Temperature (High)
- [26](#) Quad Driver Module Number 1
- [27](#) Quad Driver Module Number 2
- [28](#) Quad Driver Module Number 3
- [32](#) Exhaust Gas Recirculation Circuit
- [33](#) Mass Air Flow Sensor Circuit (1985-1990)
- [33](#) Manifold Absolute Pressure High (1984)
- [34](#) Mass Air Flow Circuit (1985-1990)
- [34](#) Manifold Absolute Pressure Low (1984)
- [35](#) Idle Air Control Circuit (IAC)
- [36](#) Mass Air Flow Burn Off Circuit
- [41](#) Cylinder Select Error Circuit (1985-1991)
- [42](#) Electronic Spark Timing Circuit (EST)
- [43](#) Knock Sensor Circuit
- [44](#) Lean Exhaust Present
- [45](#) Rich Exhaust Present
- [46](#) VATS Anti Theft Circuit Fault
- 51 PROM/EEPROM Error
- [52](#) Oil Temperature Circuit (Low Temperature)
- [53](#) System Charging Voltage High or Low
- [54](#) Fuel Pump Circuit (Low Voltage)
- [55](#) Engine Running Lean
- [62](#) Oil Temperature Circuit (High Temperature)
- [63](#) Oxygen Sensor Circuit (Open)
- [64](#) Oxygen Sensor Circuit (Lean Exhaust)
- [65](#) Oxygen Sensor Circuit (Rich Exhaust)
- 66 Air Conditioner Pressure Limit Exceeded
- 67 Air Conditioner Pressure Limit Exceeded
- 68 Air Conditioner Relay Fault
- 69 Air Conditioner Clutch Fault
- 72 Gear Selector Switch Fault (Start Lockout)

30TH ANNIVERSARY BRICK

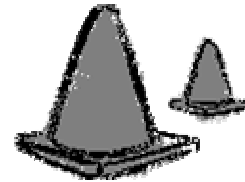


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Roger Mitchell
MID-AMERICA COORDINATOR

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President's Report

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday. My name is Bruce Lewis and I am your 2005 Cowtown Corvette Club (CTV) President. A little background history for everyone. I have been with CTV for 20 years and needless to say that is almost half my life. A lot has changed over the past 20 years for me personally and CTV has been their every step of the way, from the birth of my two children Brittany and Blake to the passing of my father. CTV has watched my family grown from showing our '70 Convertible in the North Hills Mall during Christmas, my first Auto Cross at North East Mall when I slid sideways across the timing lights; now that's a day to remember - I never saw people run so fast. When I think back, my driving style has matured greatly - well okay, for you all who have seen me drive lets just say not at all. Some day I have to take auto crossing lessons from my wife Yvette because she does an excellent job (second place this year in the Southwest Region), up to our last race in Oklahoma City 2004 when she slid into the curb. CTV has been there to help take care of us and pickup the broken pieces.

Looking forward I see great things, starting with, new members arriving all the time. Rick our 2003/2004 president helped grow the club to over 200 members and that's just fantastic. I see more outstanding Car Shows, Open Road Races, Auto Crosses, Charity Events and more just down right Fun than ever before.

I am not much of a writer and do not need to listen to myself talk, so let me just say - CTV is more than just a club to me, it is my extended family. That's why it is such an honor for me to be CTV's 2005 President.

Thank you for this opportunity.
Bruce Lewis



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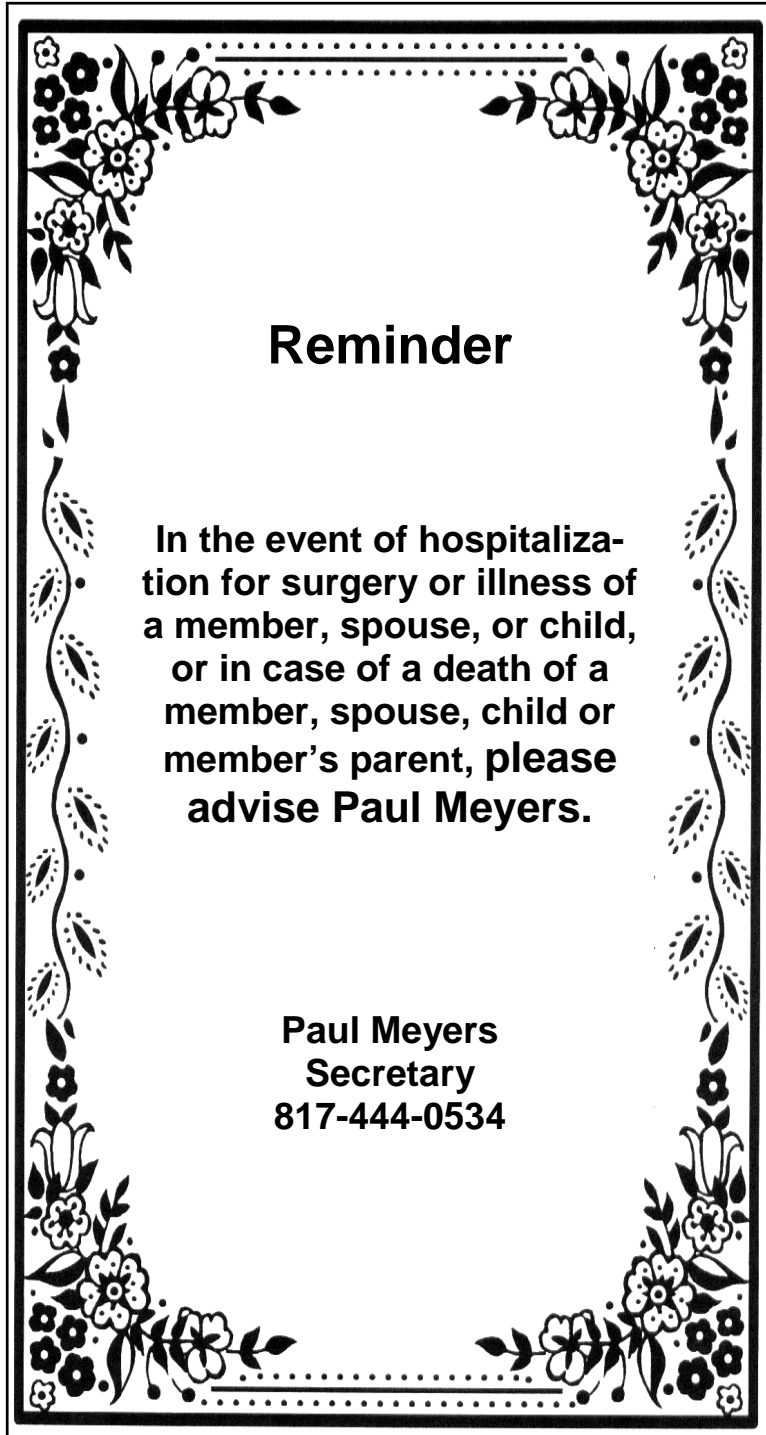
The Membership Committee needs your help to meet, greet, and welcome our guests and new members (they'll be wearing red badges) at our club meetings and socials. A smile and a "Hi! How are you? I'm _____". We're glad you're here," really goes a long way to make our guests and new members comfortable. Why not try it at the next membership meeting?

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Reminder

In the event of hospitalization for surgery or illness of a member, spouse, or child, or in case of a death of a member, spouse, child or member's parent, please advise Paul Meyers.

**Paul Meyers
Secretary
817-444-0534**

Vice President's Report

January is a month to catch up from all the holiday festivities. We won't be having a social this month but get ready for lots of fun starting in February.

February socials will be:

- Super Bowl party on February 6th at the Lowrey's
- Valentine Dinner on February 12th at Blue Mesa Grill on University

More details will be announced at the January meeting.

I have lots of fun things planned this year. If you have an idea or would like to be involved with planning or hosting a social please call, e-mail, or talk to me at a meeting or social.

Happy New Year!
Kim West

Past Vice President's Report

I want to thank the Membership for the honor of holding the Vice President position for 2001, 2002 and 2003. During the past three years my main goal was to increase the participation at our socials and become a closer family relationship. I feel I accomplished my goal with the help of our members who opened their homes, sponsored some great socials and you the members that attended. Also a special thanks to my wife and family for their support and the family events I missed when I put the Club first.

Once again the Christmas Party and Award Banquet was a success. We had 89 members and guests that attended. The evening was full of fellowship, fine food and dancing. A special thanks to Viola Meyers for doing the center pieces and Yvette Lewis, Paul Meyers, Nancy Wells and Sharon Zschirnt for help setting up tables and decorating Friday night.

I will miss being on the board, but I will continue to support our Club in any way I can. I wish the 2005 Board the best and with the membership support Cowtown Vettes will continue to be the best in the nation.

Don F Wells

Big Bend Open Road Race



BIG BEND RACE INFORMATION

Bob Vance

The 2005 race
April 20-23rd

Only 117 days left
to the BBORR

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P.O. Box 416
Fort Stockton, TX 79735



Bits n' Pieces

2004 Production Numbers - A total of 34,064 Corvettes rolled off the assembly line for 2004. Coupes were the most popular at 47%, convertibles accounted for 36% with the Z06 at 17%.

Stamped - A 1953 Corvette series U.S. Postal stamp will go on sale early this year. The Postal Service is honoring the American Sports Car of the 1950s.

C6 Collector? - Victory Red replaced Precision Red for the 2005 Corvette. Precision Red orders ended in mid-August. Precision Red production numbers are not available at this time...

C6R - The C6R, replacement for the C5R will debut in January along with the new C6 - Z06 at the Detroit Auto Show. The C6R will compete for the first time in the 12 Hours of Sebring in March. Spy pictures are posted on the Cowtown web site.

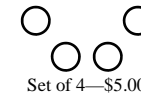
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OFFICIAL CLUB SHIRT	white, black (silk-screened)	\$20.00
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C6 CLASS

The NCCC had (2) C6 Corvettes in competitive races during separate events in the 2004 season. Both were novices who did well in the events. It has been determined that the NCCC does not have enough data to really do anything permanently with classifying the C6. So, the 2004 classification will carry over into 2005 until more is learned about the car. Therefore, in groups IS and I the C6 will run in the J class, groups II and III will run in the H class. There will be no updating or backdating parts between the C5 and C6. No statement thus far from the NCCC regarding the forth coming C6 Z06, guess we will have to wait until someone breaks one out at an event—what a blast, being the first to race that monster in an NCCC competitive event!



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Now that's a Win - Win!

San Jacinto Event Appeal Hearing

Reference: Protest and appeal of San Jacinto Corvette Clubs event results from SW-2004-81 thru SW-2004-87 by the Governor of Cowtown Vettes, and Jim and Leslie Hollinsworth.

An appeals committee was selected at random from the RCDs present at the national competition meeting on Nov. 12, 2004 in St. Louis, Mo.

The committee heard statements from SW RCD Joe Reese and Cowtown Vettes Governor Nelda Mitchell and asked questions of Ron Ruston SW RE and Bob Patillo Governor of San Jacinto Corvette Club. The room was cleared of all except the appeal committee and Vice President of competition.

- * The following items were considered by the committee:
- * Where waivers reasonably available for participants
- * Who initiated the removal of entrants from results
- * Could RCD remove entrants without protest
- * Did RCD handle protest per the rulebook
- * How should points be adjusted if names are removed

The committee's decision:

1. Entrants must sign waivers! It is a condition of our having insurance at our events. It is the responsibility of the participant to sign the waivers. Waivers are not required at pre-registration such as the night before an event. Waivers were available at the drivers meeting before the event and entrants were reminded to sign waivers. All entrants, except one couple, signed waivers.
2. The person from the host club that was doing the results called the RCD and informed him that there were people missing from the waivers. The RCD told him to send the results without the names removed until he could figure out what to do. After conferring with other people including V. P. of Competition, he removed names from the results.
3. Once the RCD was informed that the names were not on the waivers, he was required by the rulebook to remove the entrants from the results. No protest was needed. This was complicated by the fact that the RCD in the SW region assigns the points to all the results from that region. The host club would normally do this.

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Governor: Tom Moore

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Governor: Jon Bradford

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San Antonio, TX SW-143
Governor: James Garvin

CORVETTE OWNERS CLUB OF HOUSTON (COCOH)

Houston, TX SW-508
Governor: Milton Brown

4. The protest was handled by 5 governors at the next region meeting, as is an option in the rulebook. The protest was denied by them and not the RCD.
5. Since signing of the wavier is required to be eligible to compete the members were not entered in the event so their runs do not exist for results purposes. Results were correct as submitted.

The appeal is denied and the fee will be sent to the NCCC treasurer.

Michael G. Godfrey
Vice President Competition

TEXAS RACEWAY WINTER SCHEDULE NOVEMBER - FEBRUARY

THURSDAY

SPEEDTEK PERFORMANCE STREET LEGAL
6:00 PM until 10:00 PM

FRIDAY

RUN WHAT YOU BRUNG & JACKPOT
Race Cars, Street Legal Cars, & Motorcycles
Gates open at 6:00 PM

SUNDAY

STREET WARS - LEGAL ONLY
5:00 PM until 9:00 PM

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REGIONAL AND COWTOWN ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to those individuals that won elected office for 2005.

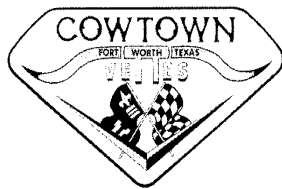
Southwest Region Elected Officers

- * Ron Ruston - Regional Executive
- * Joe Reese - Regional Competition Director
- * Brenda Lackey - Regional Membership



Cowtown Vettes Elected Officers

- * Bruce Lewis - President
- * Kim West - Vice President
- * Paul Meyers - Secretary
- * Don Fowler - Treasurer
- * Ken Sutton - Newsletter Editor
- * Karen Fowler - Board Member
- * Doug McMahan - Jr. Board Member



SAVE THE WAVE

Waving Techniques

The Gaping "Yoo Hoo!" - Good for waving at Vettes on the other side of divided highways, in medium-to-heavy traffic. Not much good for anything else.

The Two-Finger Flip - A move that can say "Hi." Or "Wow!" Or "Victory." Or most anything else, depending on the action of the giver, and the reaction of the taker.

The Four-Finger Pop-up - One of the classics. Palm grasps top of wheel, while fingers are extended snappily. An inscrutable expression helps the total effect.

The Eight-Point Spread - Broad, expansive and outgoing. The hand action is reminiscent of Bruce Lewis at his best.

The Pointer - Sort of a wink, a click and a "bang, you're dead!" combination. Can also be used to draw attention to a pursuing traffic cop, in which case, you are dead.

The Wiping Swipe - Sort of a "Hi, guys." Primarily given by patronizing father-figure types.

The Topper-Tipper - A rarely seen, but eloquent gesture. Can prove embarrassing when the tipper wears both a hat and a toupee.

The Right-Handed "Hi-G'Bye." - A desperation move, given only at the last minute. Hand shoots straight skyward, occasionally scrunching fingernails or knuckles in the process.

The Near-Futile Head Jerk - A last resort, when you think you'll be snubbed, but aren't; or when you think you haven't been daydreaming, but have.

The Last-Minute Left Elbow Grope - Another desperation tactic, usually seen only in rear-view mirrors. Has all the grace and finesse of a peg-legged man in a forest fire.

That's it folks! Remember, save the wave!

Cowtown History

Our NEW YEAR, 2005 is HERE... what kind of history will you be making this year, to make your mark in Cowtown History?



We hope that you had a great 2004 year with Cowtown along with all the Corvette Fun but lets make 2005 even better. With all the plans already underway by our President and Vice President, there will be lots of fun for you to enjoy your Vettes this year. There will be socials, car shows, funkhanas, rallyes, drag and autocross racing, cruises and more – hopefully a few of them will fit with your desires!

Remember, we only go around once in life and this is one more year in your life - so come out and get involved in the activity that best suits you and most of all, have FUN doing it. Additionally, when you participate and make your mark in the 2005 History Books, Cowtown will benefit.

30th Anniversary Cowtown Logo Sign – No, it is not archived yet! We had several members that have not had the opportunity to sign a paper copy of the 30th logo which will be kept in the Cowtown Historian archives. I will have it at the next Membership Meeting for you to sign if you haven't already – its not to late to make your mark!!!



Congratulations to Tom McHenry, for winning the 30th Anniversary CTV signed logo poster at the Christmas Party & Awards Banquet!

If you have any suggestions, questions, comments about our Club's history, please don't hesitate to email or call.

Douglas McMahan - CTV Historian

TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

TMS 2005 SCHEDULE

April 15	Crown Royal IROC race
April 16	NASCAR Busch Series O'Reilly 300
April 17	NASCAR Nextel Cup Samsung/Radio Shack 500
June 10	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Fort Worth 400
June 11	Menard's Infiniti Pro Series Texas 100
June 11	RL Indy Car Series Bombardier 500
November 4	NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series Silverado 350
November 5	NASCAR Busch Series O'Reilly Challenge
November 6	NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Lone Star 500

We have good news regarding our working at TMS in the future. It seems that our favorite supervisor, Shirley, will be staying at the Speedway after all and we will be working for her. I really think we dodged a bullet there; however, we did have a plan--just in case.

Panoz Racing School is providing Cowtown members with some reduced rates for race days at Texas Motor Speedway. This information is being provided by email and is posted on the website. If you are interested, contact Panoz directly.

Texas Driving Experience at TMS is also providing information for your driving pleasure. Their info is also being provided to you and is posted on the Cowtown website.

Our annual NCCC event will be at TMS September 24-25, 2005. This is tentative, of course, but we must get on the schedule as soon as possible, so it is tentatively booked. If you need further information or have suggestions or ideas, please contact me.



Nelda Mitchell
TMS Coordinator

Membership Meeting Minutes

December 2004 Membership Meeting Minutes

The CTV Membership meeting was called to order at 7:37 P.M. on Friday Dec 03, 2004 by President Rick Garabedian at the Coors facility.

President (Rick Garabedian)

Rick introduced the club officers. Announced the 50/50 tonight will go to charity to help the Childs and Busch family.

Secretary (Yvette Lewis)

Motion was made to except minutes as printed in Low-Down.
Passed

Treasurer (Bruce Lewis)

Motion was made and passed to except the report as printed in the newsletter.

Newsletter Editor (Leslie Hollinsworth)

Leslie thanked everyone for all the support over the last year, Rick thanked Leslie for a job well done.

Vice President (Don Wells)

Don thanked all for a good turnout at the progressive dinner. Car Show Dec. 4th at Bruce Lowrie. Christmas Party Dec. 11th at TMS clubhouse, begins at 6pm. Thanked the club for 3 years of support and fun.

Governor (Nelda Mitchell)

We now have 205 members.
Cowtown is number 2 in the region.
Spoke about the top competitor for 2004.

Membership (Linda Anthony)

See complete report in newsletter.

Logo Merchandise (Don Wells)

Name tags available for \$5.50 - lots of new merchandise for sale

Charities (Ron Stearman)

Ron read thank you notes from Cooks Children's and the Tarrant Food Bank.

Competition (Paul Meyers) No Report

Cowtown Website

Our Website's New Look??? I am still working with a few ideas for the website's new look, although the jury is still out on which format will win – who knows, it may even start with one layout and end with another one before its finalized. Along with the new look, several pages will have content changes due to the 2004 year ending. These changes will include the new Officers and Board, new Calendar pages, competition pages being reset, etc. There will also be a few Vettes removed from the Member Vette web pages due to folks that didn't renew.

If you have an event that you feel would be of interest to our members, send in the information and we will add it to the 2005 calendars.

Statistics (November): This past month, we have added 13 new pages; 1 member Vettes and with 3 photos, bringing us to a total of 92 Member Vettes on-line with a total of 401 pictures. Our website received 803 individual user hits this past month and 1,384 page views.

The Cowtown's eMail List Server – The Cowtown eMail Lists have been updated with the new Officers, Board Members along with non-renewing members email addresses being removed. Please remember to keep your email address updated with the Club Governor, the Membership Chairperson along with myself to keep our list server lists updated. Additionally, if you have an email address that you wish to not be used for Club communications, please let us know and it will be removed from the publications and CTV lists used for mailings.

If you would like to know more about this list server or in regards to our website, please feel free to contact me.

<http://www.cowtownvettes.org>

Douglas McMahan, (Cowtown Vettes Webmaster)



Car Show and Funkhana was all about – heck, it couldn't be all bad, the word started with FUN ;) Then we decided to try autocrossing at the next event; it was fun so we did the next one and the next one. With the end of the 2004 SW region NCCC year we had fun at the remaining events. Glenda finished 13th in the SW Region and I finished 16th which felt really good since this was our first year. The accomplishments would have felt even better if Cowtown had the additional 500 points it would have taken to beat OCCC for 1st in the SW region this year – 2005 is our year!

During the year, we have met some really great people, many new friends, many of which are very helpful sharing ideas and assistance to help us learn. Some loaned us a trailer, others that loaned race tires during our last event, to help us decide what and group and class to autocross in next year.

This past September, we purchased another Corvette, Red & Barb Greenfeder's black '01 coupe; when they purchased their C6. While the C5 has never been my favorite style Corvette, it is certainly the most practical for daily driving and Glenda loves it for the luggage space. I feel that the C5 was the cross-over point to which Corvettes took on being a true "daily driver" vehicle rather than just for special occasions and for fun.

Since May of 2003 all we can say is WOW – Cowtown Vettes and its members are great and we consider Cowtown our extended family. We will be out competing and participating next year, hopefully at all the NCCC events, at socials, car shows, rallyes, funkhanas and whatever it takes to have lots of fun enjoying one of our true passions "America's Sports Car - The Corvette"

Regardless what your passion is with your Corvette(s)... target some events, socials or other activities to come out and get involved for a great 2005 Year with Cowtown!!

Douglas McMahan,
Jr. Board Member
Cowtown Webmaster

Special Events (David White)

Bruce Lowrie car show Saturday, Dec. 4th from 9am to noon.
Linda Walker spoke about the year of car shows and Cowtown's participation.

T.M.S. (Nelda Mitchell)

See complete report in newsletter.

NCM/Open Road Racing (Bob Vance)

Bob spoke about money we have collected for the museum brick. Brick will be ordered soon.
Open Road race at Big Bend April 23rd 2005. Best hospitality Best Western Swiss Clock.

Webmaster/Historian (Doug McMahan)

Doug spoke about the growth of our website over the past year.

Old Business- Rick spoke about Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet, Chip really wants our business, please see him personally to get the best price.

By Laws will be worked on by the 2005 President.

New Business- Red Greenfeder thanked everyone for the flowers and visits to the hospital. Barb is improving every day. This evenings 50/50 was for charity, in the amount of \$405.00 that will be donated to the Childs and Busch family. Bob Lowrey had the winning ticket, and received the framed 30th photo put together and donated by Doug McMahan.

Rick announced the new officers for 2005

Pres.- Bruce Lewis

VP- Kim West

Sec.- Paul Meyers

Treasurer- Don Fowler

Newsletter- Ken Sutton

Board- Karyn Fowler

Jr. Board- Doug McMahan

Next Membership meeting Friday, Jan. 7th 2004 at 7:30 PM at the Coors facility.

Next Board Meeting Wed. Dec 8th, 2004 at 7:00 PM at the home of Rick Garabedian.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 P.M

Respectfully submitted,
Yvette Lewis
Secretary
Cowtown Vettes



Board Meeting Minutes

December 2004
Board Meeting Minutes

The CTV Board meeting was called to order at 7:32 P.M. on Wednesday, December 8th 2004 by President Rick Garabedian at his home.

President (Rick Garabedian)

Rick spoke about our Bruce Lowrie car show. We did not have the turnout that we planned

Secretary (Yvette Lewis)

No Report.

Treasurer (Bruce Lewis)

No Report

Newsletter Editor (Leslie Hollinsworth)

No Report

Vice President (Don Wells)

Decorating for the Christmas party will be done Friday night at 6:30.

Charities (Ron Stearman)

Not Present

Governor (Nelda Mitchell)

208 members to end 2004
175 renewals turned in for 2005
Much discussion about the Awards Banquet

Membership (Linda Anthony) Not Present

Logo Merchandise (Don Wells)

Don presented a Corvette Racing Logo to the Board.
A motion was made to spend \$50 on setup for the logo.
Passed by the Board

TMS (Nelda Mitchell)

Nelda is working on possible parade laps before Nascar event.

sun, a decision was made to buy another Vette; Glenda was really pushing the Vettes now. After looking at several C4s and C5s and after a few



good deals slipped thru our fingers, we decided we liked the C4 body better and found the red '93 convertible that we still enjoy today.

With the kids gone and our desire to find something fun to do with our time, along with a desire to meet friends with similar interests, we visited Cowtown Vettes in March of '03. We were NCCC members at large, with the primary thought that NCCC offered Vette only types of shows and other fun – we weren't into autocrossing at all. Like many of you, we heard lots about racing at the meetings and really had no desire to ever race our Vette. May rolled around and we had the qualifications to be voted on – so we joined Cowtown.

In June, we went to the 50th Corvette Anniversary in Nashville and Bowling Green, where we partnered up in a mini-caravan with other Cowtown Members. While in Nashville we spent time with several of the Cowtown group at the events and even more while out at an NCCC party at John & Sue McGee's Stingray Ranch.



Back in Texas, we continued to enjoy getting to know many of you at the meetings and socials throughout the year... including a practice autocross at Mineral Wells. September rolled around and it was time for our annual NCCC Event at TMS. I registered for the event but had only played at Mineral Wells and had no idea how to actually race in an autocross! We did have a great time and started to get more involved in the club, joining committees and getting to know more of the members.

As the year ended and the 2004 year was kicking off some members ask us if we were going to autocross this year, so we committed to trying a few. We started off attending the Wichita Falls event, to see what an NCCC

owner signing the waver on his liability if it broke apart while being towed – the owner was terrified. One of the firemen knew me well and told the owner that I specialized in Vettes and to make a long story short, I ended up towing it to our shop and eventually ended up buying it – now I was back with my dream of being a Corvette owner.

I didn't do much with it until early '78, just before the Car Show season kicked off, when one of my competitors asked me when I was going to get it built. Of course, this was followed by a statement that it was too bad I hadn't thought about getting it ready to compete against him in the Car Shows this year. Next was a statement saying that there wasn't any way that I could have it ready for the first one –the Challenge was on. I should have known better since this wasn't the first time they had challenged me like that – it happened the year before with our '55 Chevy.

Anyway, two weeks later and non-stop day and night working on it, I drove the '73 big-block Vette into the coliseum for its first car show; where it won several awards along with "the bet". Glenda and I continued to drive and show our Vette, including on the International Show Car Association (ISCA) circuit and several local shows. We participated in several rod runs, cruises while belonging to a couple of Street Rod Clubs.

The first frame-off rebuild of the '73 in '79, getting it ready for the 1980 show season, however we ended up moving to Odessa, TX in the Spring and never completed the show season. After spinning a rod, a friend that built drag and tractor-pulling engines rebuilt it for us; a custom upholstery shop did an elaborate new interior for the Vette. All that along with lots of gold and chrome plating has been sitting in boxes for many years now, due to my job which required lots of travel and other priorities in life. In 2001, after our youngest daughter reached driving age, it was time to provide her a first car, so she was given my customized Grand Prix. Now, it was time for me to find my new ride. After looking at almost every car under the



Historian/Webmaster (Doug McMahan)

Drawing for the 30th signed logo will be at the Christmas Party.

Doug is working on a new look for the website, and also needs pictures of the new officers.

Old Business

Motion was made to leave Sheila's add in the Low-Down for another year. Passed by the Board.

New Business

Don will purchase a case for the laptop computer.

Due to the amount of money collected for the brick fund, the board voted to rescind the original motion to donate \$200 to brick fund from the club's general fund. Motion passed.

Much discussion over By Laws and possible changes.

Bruce spoke about the upcoming year and some of his plans.

Kim also spoke about upcoming socials for 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 10:31 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvette Lewis
Secretary
Cowtown Vettes



Charities

A Chairperson for the Charities Committee has not been selected for the coming year. Charities Chairperson plays a key role in championing the membership's ability to give to the community. The membership has supported Cooks Children's Hospital, Tarrant County Food Bank, Humane Society, and Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Participation in these and other charitable activities reflect the heart of each club member. We are in need of a leader for this position. Please consider fulfilling this role during the next year and represent Cowtown Vettes in our charitable efforts for 2005.

Editorial

As Cowtown Vettes meets the new year, we look forward to the Club's growth and participation in the many activities organized by the new administration. We look forward to progressive change that will advance the Club and its membership in its quest in enjoying the great American Sportscar, the Corvette. One change being presented to the membership during the January meeting concerns the Club's By-Laws. The 2004 Board authorized changes in the By-Laws and voted to present them to the membership for ratification. The majority of the changes deal with updating the wording to reflect current semantics & and deal with important procedural matters essential to the Clubs operations.

Each member has been supplied with a copy of the By-Laws containing the proposed changes. Please take the time to review the changes so when a vote is called to address these issues we can all be comfortable with the results of the vote.

The changes presented for approval certainly benefits the Club. Clarification to certain procedures regarding the election of officers, officer duties, addition of committee positions, project funding, and the description of what constitutes a member insures the Club is operated in a professional manor that benefits its members. Let's take the time to thank the 2004 Board for their hard work and dedication that is bringing about these changes for our Club and its benefit.

Ken Sutton
Editor



Cowtown Connection

When Ken asked us to write a little something about us and our life with Corvettes, the past doesn't compare to the year-and-a-half with Cowtown but, here goes. Corvettes have been a dream I had as a child and even more so in my teen years – which made the C6 Dream commercial all that much more special in my eyes. Of course back then, it was drooling over the C1-C3 Corvettes.

After reaching driving age, I spotted a '60 Vette, which quickly sold before I could get the money– it was only \$1,200. The next opportunity was a few months later, a '64 convertible which needed a little TLC, but it became my first Corvette.



Most of my evenings and Saturdays were spent working at one of the local Custom Paint & Body shops in Abilene, TX. After working around one of them for several months, I ended up at the competitor, painting murals, flames, stripes, candy apples and pearls on both street and show cars, many of which were Vettes.

While cruising the local street scene in my '64 El Camino, Glenda and I met, dated and ended up getting married in February of '75. Soon afterwards our first child was born and we needed money for things other than fun toys, so the Vette was sold, unfinished and for a measly \$1,300. Even without a Vette, I continued to work and paint them at our Custom Shop, still dreaming of owning my next Vette.

During the late 70's and early 80's, I worked an 8-5 job for a steady paycheck and insurance, while the Custom Shop helped make ends meet. In the spring of '77, Glenda called me at work and told me of a C3 that she had just passed on the street that had burned and of course, I had to go check it out. The Vette was just back from England, where the airman had been stationed and it even had the England tags on it. While I was there looking at the gutted Vette, a wrecker showed up (the boom type) and wouldn't touch the Vette without the

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Governor's Report

My name is Viola Meyers and I am your new governor. I would like to say THANK YOU to the membership for your confidence in me. I will work hard at representing Cowtown Vettes at the regional and national NCCC levels. Cowtown Vettes was founded as a competition club following NCCC rules. However it has grown to be much more than that. Life long friends have been made here, our standing in the community has grown ten fold over the years, and our charitable contributions and activities have been well established. I very much would like to encourage ALL of you to get involved in some area of Our club. Pick an activity, Charities, Competition, Socials, volunteer for a committee. The main thing is to have fun and help the club grow.

The new season will soon be upon us, Cowtown Vettes has the honor of sponsoring and presenting the 2004 Awards Banquet for the NCCC Southwest Region. Presently arrangements are in progress. It is tentatively scheduled for March 19th at the Plaza Hotel in downtown Fort Worth. More details will follow shortly.

The first competition event of 2005 for the Southwest region is April 9 & 10 at Wichita Falls. The event schedule is on the web at www.ncccsouthwestregion.org. This year a high-speed event is scheduled for April in Oklahoma. All competitors for high speed events must be High Speed Certified to compete, Notify Joe Reese, Regional Competition Director (his email is jreese@hot.rr.com) for your license, Check your rulebook for qualifications.

I am setting a goal this coming year, I would very much like to urge each and every member of our club to earn just 15 NCCC competition points. As you are aware by now we narrowly lost first place in the region this year. Had more of our club members participated in competition events we would now be number one. Let's try to make 2005 the year Cowtown Vettes returns to its rightful status of first. There are many ways you can do this, come to events, volunteer to help work at events with other clubs, drive your Corvette (I did not say race it) at some events. You can drive your Corvette through a course setup for autocross at your own speed and comfort level and be safe.

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If you drive your Corvette to work, parades, to run errands or trips, I can tell you that you are safer at an event having fun with your car at your own comfort speed level. You'll never know unless you try at least once. Think about it, talk to people who do it and I'll see you at the track this year.

If you have questions or concerns about anything dealing with NCCC please feel free to contact me by e-mail, phone or at the meetings. If I don't know the answer I'll find out for you or direct you to someone who can help. I'm open to any and all suggestions from the members to help the club and region grow. Don't hesitate to let me know if you see a better way of doing something.

Slay the Cones,
Viola



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BIRTHDAYS !

Bonnie Armstrong 1/23
Debbie Patton 1/22
Sonny Bransom 1/27
Jacque Jones Erskine 1/11
Red Greenfeder 1/17
Barbara Greendeder 1/17
Daniel Hill 1/2
Larry Hoaldrige 1/27
Greg Holzer 1/31
Debbi Lambert 1/15
Yvette Lewis 1/23
Iris Perron 1/18
Tom Shalin 1/11
Sherry Smith 1/8
Ken Spencer 1/9
Don Wells 1/11
Ann Krull 1/15
J.D. Parker 1/22
David White 1/21
Bonnie Bransom 1/18
Sheila Moore 1/27
Sheila Spivey 1/27
Brandi Bransom 1/30
Adam Slaboda 1/8

ANNIVERSARIES !

Russell and Linda Fowler 1/9
George and Barbara Langdon 1/2
Jerry and Debbie Lindsey 1/28
Clifton and Meridith Randall 1/1
David and Cynthia Slaboda 1/13
Walt and Sharon Zschirnt 1/2
Keith and Becky Roberts 1/28

Cowtown 2004 Awards

Competition Awards

Top Competitor Award	Jim Hollinsworth
Top Male Speed Event	Jim Hollinsworth
Top Female Speed Event	Viola Meyers
Top Male Concourse	Doc Lambert
Top Female Concourse	Glenda McMahan
Top Male Drags	Bruce Lewis
Top Female Drags	Yvette Lewis
Top Male Rally	Doc Lambert
Top Female Rally	Cindy Morrison
Top Male Funkana	Bruce Lewis
Top Female Funkana	Yvette Lewis

Travel Award

Kevin & Cathy Antoney	Dennis McPeak
Red & Barb Greenfeder	Pete McGrath
Paul & Viola Meyers	Roger & Nelda Mitchell
Jim & Leslie Hollinsworth	Bruce & Yvette Lewis
Doug & Glenda McMahan	Ken & Kerrie Sutton
Bob & Cindy Morrison	Marvin & Donna Snyder

100% Award

Don & Karyn Fowler	Jack & Carla Gandy
Red & Barb Greenfeder	Bruce & Yvette Lewis
Larry & Sylvia Hoaldrige	Doc & Debbie Lambert
Doug & Glenda McMahan	Carol Savage
Bob & Candy Lowrey	Paul & Viola Meyers
Bob & Cindy Morrison	Walt & Sharon Zschirnt

Rookie of the Year	Doug McMahan
Traveling Charity Award	Ted Anthony
Permanent Charity Award	Karyn Fowler
Outstanding Male	Doug McMahan
Outstanding female	Nelda Mitchell
Governor's Award	Doc Lambert

CONGRATULATIONS !

Past Governor's Report

Congratulations 2004 Competition Season winners! Cowtown Vettes Competition Awards are given to the men and ladies with the most NCCC points in the club in a particular series.

SPEED:	Jim Hollinsworth	Viola Meyers
CONCOURS:	Doc Lambert	Glenda McMahan
DRAGS:	Bruce Lewis	Yvette Lewis
RALLYE:	Doc Lambert	Cindy Morrison
FUNKHANA:	Bruce Lewis	Yvette Lewis

The **Top Competitor trophy** goes to the person in the club who earns the most NCCC points during the season. **Our Top Competitor for 2004 is Jim Hollinsworth.**

TRAVEL PATCHES: Travel patches are earned by members who attend eight NCCC events during the year, not including Cowtown's. You don't have to enter events; you just have to attend the weekend. The car depicted on the patch is the car that belongs to the Top Competitor for the Year. **This year it is a black ZO6 that belongs to Jim Hollinsworth.**

In 2002 I awarded 9 travel patches. In 2003 I awarded 17. This year patches were earned by:

Kevin Anthony	Dennis McPeak
Cathy Anthony	Paul Meyers
Red Greenfeder	Viola Meyers
Barb Greenfeder	Roger Mitchell
Jim Hollinsworth	Nelda Mitchell
Leslie Hollinsworth	Bob Morrison
Bruce Lewis	Cindy Morrison
Yvette Lewis	Marvin Snyder
Peter McGrath	Donna Snyder
Doug McMahan	Ken Sutton
Glenda McMahan	Kerrie Sutton

This is a total of **22 patch award winners for 2004!**

GOVERNOR'S AWARD: Doc Lambert. Thank you Doc for your support of our Club. You always represent Cowtown Vettes well!

Nelda Mitchell
Governor 2001-2004



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SLOWING DOWN TO GO FAST

One of the best ways to reduce those lap times is with a braking system that is in optimum condition. This may seem all too simple, but too many racers take brakes for granted and neglect one of the most important performance aspects of the Corvette. By shortening your braking distance, you can stay on the power longer and drive deeper into the next corner.

Brake Fluid

If you can't remember the last time you changed your brake fluid, do so now. Brake fluid absorbs moisture which can cause problems including rusting/sticking components and a spongy feeling to your brakes during operation. Select an appropriate brake fluid & bleed your brake system until clean. It may also become necessary to bleed your brakes during or following a weekend of autocross events.

Caution: Do not use DOT 5 brake fluid on Corvettes with anti-lock braking systems.

Brake Lines

When you get on the brakes approaching Turn One, the fluid not only pushes through the brake lines, it pushes out against the brake lines. Stock Corvette brake lines (at the wheels) are a rubber compound that can expand under extreme operating conditions. Changing to a DOT approved stainless steel brake line, while not expensive, will deliver a firmer brake pedal feel.

Brake Cooling Ducts

Brake systems convert Kinetic energy into Heat energy. Ducting cool air onto the brake rotor can significantly enhance braking performance. By helping the brake system shed heat they will function more efficiently and consistently. Several companies sell these systems for Corvettes - buy one from Mid America and

WHAT THE JUDGES WILL BE LOOKING FOR

Entries will be judged on content and completeness in the following categories:

Local News: News of your club

Technical News: Repair – Replacement - Restoration-Tech. Information

Charity News: Any and all contributions to Charity.

NCCC National News: Contains items concerning NCCC

Regional News: Your Region news or other Regional news

Composition: Structure and content of your magazine

Scoring will be on a 10-point scale, with 10 being the highest.

Winners will be announced and Awards will be presented to the Top 5 Entries at the 2005 NCCC Convention. A complete list of Winners and Entries will be published in *Blue Bars*.

2005 JUDGES

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2005 Newsletter Contest

NEWSLETTER CONTEST RULES

Each NCCC Club entering the contest will submit 3 issues covering the period from January thru May. For monthly newsletters; this would be January, March, and May. For a bi-monthly, this would be the first three issues of the year.

Each newsletter should be clearly marked "Contest Entry". We highly recommend that you place your newsletter in an envelope as several past entries have been damaged in mailing.

All entries must be sent by standard mail. No registered, return receipt, postage due type mailings will be accepted. Addresses of Judges are listed below.

The entries should be sent out, one issue at a time as they are published. If you would like to verify that your entry was received, please enclose a self-addressed stamped post card or envelope with each submission.

The first issue must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2005. The final issue must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2005.

2004 Newsletter Contest Results

Corvette Club of Iowa	First Place
Xtreme Corvettes	Second Place
Cowtown Vettes	Third Place
Nashville Corvette Club	Fourth Place

save 10% plus freight thru the Cowtown Mid America Coordinator, Roger Mitchell. A99HTOP@AOL.COM

Brake Pads

Brake pads were not all created equal. The major categories available are Organic, Semi-metallic, and Carbon-based metallic. Organic pads are available at any auto parts store and are not suitable for Autocross events. Semi-metallic pad are a step in the right direction and are best for street/track driving.

Carbon-based metallic (CBMP) and ceramic pads are available in several different compounds suitable for competition. Stopping power is measured by the pad's friction coefficient number. Brake compounds with higher coefficient numbers tend to be hard on brake rotors and take time to reach operating temperature. Often a compromise is required when selecting a brake pad compound to meet the driver's specific braking needs.

Mechanical Devices

Without getting into the details of brake caliper and master cylinder operation - it is important that these components be in top working condition. If the results of your brake maintenance program do not improve your braking system's performance, these components should be closely inspected for wear.

Following the 2002 racing season, the brake system on our 1990 Corvette underwent a complete overhaul. The braking improvement was amazing - and greatly contributed to a victory at the opening autocross event in Stroud, OK. It is a real confidence builder to know that your Corvette will brake hard and consistently when needed. Finally, once your Corvette's brakes are working perfectly - learn how to use them. In competition, having a performance oriented braking system does little good if you are "coasting" into the corner. Run deep and then brake...and enjoy the performance of your Corvette.

Ken Sutton

