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All in the Family

By Yvette Lewis

Corvettes have been a big part of my family since the 70's. The Corvette was my mom's dream car. Her dreams came true the day my dad gave her a white, 1970, 4-speed convertible for her birthday. This car was hands down, the hottest car around. A car that would

turn heads everywhere we took her.

During my school days, we only lived a few blocks away from school. However, I vividly remember asking my mom to pick me up from school. This request for a ride wasn't because I was a lazy teenager. It was for the rush; the thrill to hear all my friends say, "Nice Car!" Those are great memories.

In the 80's, a job transfer would bring my parents to Texas. The Corvette would make the long trip in a tight spot on a large moving truck. Eventually, the time came that moving into a rural area forced the sale of my mom's car for fear she would be damaged on the horrible roads.

The new owner was a 22 year old, first time Vette owner. Believe it or not this new Vette owner's name was Bruce Lewis. Bruce's eyes shined as he pulled out of the driveway with the car he affectionately named, Casper. It was a sad moment but little did anyone know that she would only be out of our lives for a short time. In 1988 I married Bruce.

Many years have passed since those days growing up in St. Louis, and Casper is still a part of our family after 30 years. Today Casper shares the garage with our 1972 & 1984 coupes. She makes her regular trips each year in the Homecoming parade for our teens' high school.

What I have learned the most over the years is that the passion for these cars continues from generation to generation. Our teens, Brittany and Blake, will be Corvette owners in the future. Casper will be anxiously waiting for her next trip to our grandkids school, where she will hear those words again, "Nice Car!"



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- 1 LINDA BENWARE'S BIRTHDAY
- 2 ***CTV MEMBERSHIP MEETING***
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- 9 MO WHEELER'S BIRTHDAY
- 10 ***CTV VALENTINES DINNER***
5:30 CARRABBA'S ITALIAN GRILL
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

My Thoughts...

Here is something interesting I found on the Internet about the Corvette emblem. The address is www.corvetteactioncenter.com/history/emblem.html.

The History of the Corvette Emblem

Over the years, the Corvette has gone through many design changes; some subtle, some not so subtle. The Corvette's symbolic crossed flags emblem has also seen its fair number of changes. If you've taken a close look at the emblem over the six generations of Corvette, you'll notice that even though the design has changed dramatically from time to time, a few design cues remain. These include some form of a checkered flag and a bow-tie emblem. From time to time, a strange, maple leaf type of insignia, called a "fleur-de-lis" also shows up from time to time in the emblem. So what does all this mean and how did it get started?



Figure 1

The original Corvette logo (Figure 1) was designed by Robert Bartholomew, an interior designer at Chevrolet in 1953. This emblem was destined to appear on the 1953 Corvette prototype which was introduced to the public for the first time at New York's Waldorf-Astoria hotel in January of 1953. It had crossing staffs with the checkered flag on the right hand side, and the American flag on the left hand side. However, four days before the Corvette was to go on display at the show, Chevrolet management decided that it should be redesigned. The problem with the proposed emblem was that it included the American flag which is illegal to use on a commercial product. Right before the show, redesigned emblems were attached to the front hood and steering wheel of the Corvette. The new emblem contained the checkered flag on the right side as well as the white racing flag, red Chevrolet bow-tie symbol and a fleur-de-lis (Figure 2).

Where did the fleur-de-lis come from? At the time, Chevrolet was conducting research on various emblem designs for the 1953 and 1954 passenger cars. They looked at the Louis Chevrolet family history in



Figure 2

an attempt to discover a crest or some type of heraldry that they could utilize. Unfortunately, they came up empty, but they did realize that Chevrolet is a French name and the fleur-de-lis (flower of the lily) is a French symbol meaning peace and purity. They decided to use the fleur-de-lis along with the famous blue Chevrolet bow tie on a new flag which replaced the American flag on the Corvette. When the 1953 Corvette first appeared to the public at the Waldorf Historia Hotel, the redesigned emblems were in place.



1997 Emblem

However, this emblem was temporary and used only for press photography at the show. A new emblem was designed prior to the 1953 Corvette going into production.

If you're wondering what ever happened to the original 1953 Corvette emblem by Robert Bartholomew, it's currently on display at the National Corvette Museum! I have seen the original emblem at the museum, it is quite a sight. I hope everyone enjoyed this.

Keep on Vette'n
 Kim West, 2007 President

Trivia Question: What model year Corvette did Reeves Callaway first introduce the Callaway Twin Turbo Corvette? If you know the answer at the meeting you could win a prize.

Last month's answer: 1961. A lot of you were very close.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

And The Survey Says...

The results are in and man, **I am surprised**. Looks like we will be doing some drag racing this year. I appreciate all that completed and turned in their surveys. You will be the ones deciding what we will be doing this year. I have included the results in a leaflet for all to see how the votes went. I think many people will be surprised. The results will make planning the socials and events much easier. It will also assist in tailoring the activities to what the club says they want.



After January's membership meeting, about twenty-five of us went to Shady Oak Barbeque. We had a nice time, lots of fellowship and visiting going on. If you didn't make it, you missed a great time. Not to fear though, every month I will be pre-planning our get-together spot. February's 'after' membership meeting get-together plans will be at Scotty's Diner. Once again "The Survey Says..." Scotty's was one of the top picks. We hope to see you there.

Although Texas De Brazil won by a few points for the CTV Valentine Dinner, the cost per person was much higher than what the average result of the survey permitted. (Texas De Brazil is about \$45.00-\$50.00 per person). The second choice from the Membership was Carrabba's Italian Grill. We have been to Carrabba's a few times and the food is excellent. So taking all into account the 2007 CTV Valentine Dinner will be at Carrabba's - Sat, Feb

10th 5:30 pm - Northeast Mall . The cost is between \$12.00 and \$15.00 per entrée. You can look at the menu on their web site if you like, the address is www.carrabbas.com. There is also valet parking available on the west side of the restaurant for \$5.00. Please RSVP to me before February 7th so that I may give the restaurant an accurate count. **This activity will be a 100%er activity.**



Finally, I wanted to let everyone know that very soon I will begin planning the calendar for 2007 with all CTV's social activities. As soon as that calendar is worked out with all committees I will provide that calendar to all of membership. Once again thank you for your response and I will do my best to make sure your vote counted.

Best regards,
Bobby Gorman
CTV Vice President
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Friday, February 2nd - after the meeting
Membership Get-Together at Scotty's Diner

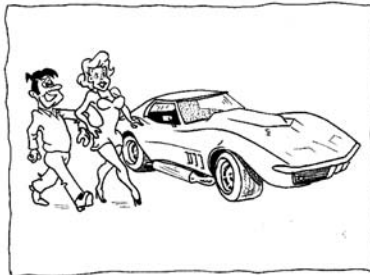
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Wednesday, February 7th - 5 pm
Valentine Dinner RSVP Deadline

Saturday, February 10th - 5:30 pm
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CHARITY

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation



The 2007 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 2007 in downtown Fort Worth.

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2007

Time: Meet at 7:15 am

Place: YWCA parking lot at the NW corner of 4th and Lamar in downtown FTW (same as previous yrs)

Cost: \$25.00

Registration: Will be announced when forms are available.

The walk is a 5K (about 3-1/2 miles) and starts near the corner of Houston and 4th Streets about 3 blocks from the lot where we will meet.

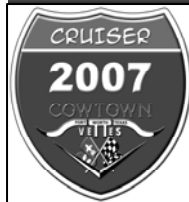
If you want to participate in this event, I need to know ASAP, so I can have every-one registered. Please call me or email me at kfowler@theblumfirm.com and let me know if you want to join in the fun. If you want a Cowtown Racing for the Cure t-shirt, please let me know that ASAP as well; there's a minimum order of 24. Prices are \$8 for short sleeve and \$10 for long sleeve. You must let me know no later than the March membership meeting or sooner if you want to order a shirt. You will also receive a Race for the Cure shirt in your packet as part of the \$25 registration fee. So you can wear either shirt. After the walk, we will go for brunch and I'll take any suggestions on where we should go. If you can't participate in the walk, you can meet us for brunch, but please let me know if you are coming.

Be there or be Square!!!



Karyn Fowler
CTV Charities

CTV CRUISER PROGRAM



The 2007 Cruiser Competition has started and the 2007 Documents are available at meetings or contact me.

We do have a few ideas queued up for CCP Cruises this year (see below), a couple of which are overnight cruises to some neat destinations. We also have a couple of members that are wanting to sponsor some cruises this year, so stay tuned to my articles and the CCP schedule on the website to participate in those.

<http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruiserpgm.html>

Don't forget to capture your CCP points at the Valentine's Social on February 10th. All Cowtown Socials, 100%er or just a social all count for the CCP program because they are all participation in Cowtown events with your Vette. To qualify as a Cowtown Social, it has to be published in the Low-Down and on the Website, even if it is a CCP cruise you are sponsoring, providing all members the opportunity to read about it and to participate if so desired.

2007 Cruiser Schedule

Cruise Date	Depart Time	Depart Loc	Destination	Miles **	Pts ***	Cruise Spon.	Misc. Info
TBD	8 AM	TBD	Out West Cruise	TBD	TBD	Doug	
TBD	8 AM	TBD	Blue Bonnet Cruise	TBD	TBD	Doug	
TBD	8 AM	TBD	East TX Piney Woods	TBD	TBD	Doug	Overnight
TBD	6 PM	TBD	Georgetown / Gruene	TBD	TBD	Doug	Overnight



2007 Cruiser Photo Contest – There are 11 months to take photos while enjoying your Vette—lets see some pictures next December of what you enjoyed this year!!! The Contest Rules can be found on our website at:

http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/CCP_PC_07.html

If you have any questions about the Cruiser Program or Photo Contest, please feel free to contact me.

THANK YOU COWTOWN

... for the Cookie Bouquet, thoughts & prayers during my recent neck surgery & hospital stay, it brightened my days. —Doug

...Doug McMahan
2006 Cruiser Chairperson

HISTORIAN / WEB MASTER



We started off this year with great donations to Charity between the 50/50 raffle and the Charity Check Auction. Charities are just one of the functions that Cowtown activity participates in so find your passion and enjoy it. We would also challenge you to find something new that you haven't tried before and give it a try once and maybe twice, after all, how do you know that you don't like something that you have never tried?

Our website has a wealth of club history as well as information for you to use. If you ever find yourself stumped to know where to look – check out the Site Index. The site index is organized to hopefully guide you to the information your looking for – if not, give me a shout. Did you know we have on-line calculators to let you arrive at your Horsepower (HP) based on some track information? Do you want to know more about the annual CTV awards? Have you been having trouble with something on your Vette? If so, we have links for Recalls and Warnings which might be of assistance – these sites will also work for all vehicles, not just Vettes.

If you have any ideas for how to make our Club's Website the #1 NCCC Website for 2007, please give me a shout and share your ideas with us.

One of the goals of Historian is to capture the club's history in photo albums / scrapbooks as well and the club has dozens of these which are packed away. We would welcome any printed photos from events that you participate in to contribute to these albums.

If you would like to donate or even loan your photo CDs to us, we do select various photos during the year to have printed; allowing us to permanently place in them albums and scrapbooks.

If you have any suggestions, questions or comments about our how we are capturing our Club's history, please don't hesitate to get with me.

...Douglas McMahan - CTV Historian & Webmaster

REMEMBER: whatever your Corvette interest is, pursue your passion, keep the spirit of fun and fellowship in mind ...and most of all... HAVE FUN DOING IT!!!

CAR SHOW

Greetings, hope everyone had a good holiday and a great New Year. This is the beginning of a new and exciting year for car shows and other special events. First on the car show venue, is the Fort Worth Rod and Custom Car Show at Will Rogers Coliseum March 2-4. There are still a few spaces available in the Cowtown display, so if you're interested in having your Vette in the show, contact me (johnb96lt4@aol.com) or Bob Vance.

During the year, various car shows and special events are listed on the website and I will also highlight several in the Low-down or the meeting. If anyone wants to enter a car show, call me, I'm always ready to go!!!!

John Breczynski, CTV Car Show

MEMBERSHIP / WELCOME

January Membership Meeting - Attendance - 61 members and 12 visitors (below)

Kerry and Nancy McGovern 2007 ZO6 red/black	Alan and Mickey White 1998 C5 Coupe red	Doug and Becky Dale 1977 Coupe black/black
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David and Lauri Robbins 1981 Coupe black	Craig and Laura Satterfield 2005 C6-Z51	Joshua Dodson 2000 Coupe torch red/black
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Respectfully submitted, Mo Wheeler - CTV Membership

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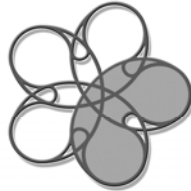
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GOVERNOR



PARDON FROM THE GOVERNOR
 At the January CTV Membership meeting I presented my take on our national organization, NCCC (National Council of Corvette Clubs). The topic I've got planned for February is our region within NCCC, the Southwest Region.

The NCCC competition season, while officially started now, gets going with events in March. I don't have any event flyers for Southwest Region events yet. When I do they will be posted on the CTV award winning website and printed in Cowtown's award winning newsletter, The Low*Down. I do have flyers for out of region events; contact me for more information.

We do have a regional event coming up soon. The Regional Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 17 at the Radisson Hotel on Meacham Boulevard in Fort Worth. That's right across the freeway from our membership meeting spot. The registration form can be printed off CTV's website. The

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awards banquet is a fun evening of dinner and socializing with folks from our region. It's a good opportunity to pay tribute to the Cowtown Vettes competitors who keep us well respected around the region and nation as they get their hard earned awards. I'm torn between two traditions... wear Green for St. Patrick's day and the racer superstition of avoiding green. I think I'll just settle for green beer.

I need to make you aware of some governor business. On February 23-24 the first 2007 National Governors' Meeting will be held. The national Competition Committee will begin finalizing the 2008 rule book. If you have input for the rule book, let me know so that I may pass it on to Bob Patillo, the Southwest Regional Competition Director. Bob serves as our representative on the Competition Committee. Then on March 18 the first Southwest Regional Governors' Meeting will be held on March 18 at the aforementioned Radisson Hotel. Green beer consumption notwithstanding, I'll be at the meeting. You are welcome to attend. I'll also be glad to represent any business for you at the meeting.

Don't forget to write or call... /Scott

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