

# Cowtown Low-Down

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## "THE OLD GIRL"

I always wanted to own a Vette, but with raising kids and moving to Texas from Florida, the time was never right. A good friend of ours bought a '73 coupe and it was love at first sight. From then on, my dream was to find a '73 of my own

One day I was driving around and came across a classic car dealership and there she was, my dream car. It took some convincing on my part, but for my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday Nancy and I became the owners of our first Corvette. The previous owner was the father of the owner of the classic car dealer. With that in mind, I felt the Vette would be in real good shape. Boy was I wrong!!!

After three trips back to the dealer and having them take me on a bad ride with AC and carburetor repairs, I started to look for someone honest to help. It was a Saturday afternoon in March when I stopped once again at the dealer in Arlington, and that is where I saw a copy of the Cowtown Vettes Low-Down. Our lives were changed that day by seeing that copy of the Club Newsletter. During the past six years Nancy and I have had the pleasure of being part of Cowtown's family and it has brought lots of fun into our lives. We have made many new friends and traveled to places we would not have if it wasn't for "The Old Girl".

I would like to thank some great friends (current and past Cowtown members) for their friendship and many hours spent keeping "The Old Girl" on the road. The list includes Pete McGrath, Walt Zschirnt, Dan Hill, Bob & Shawn Lowrey, James West, Bob Morrison and Doug McMahan. If it wasn't for them, she would just be an old car in a garage. The numerous repairs and upgrades include a new frame to replace the rusted out old one, new suspension, brakes, rear-differential, electrical, starter, new front nose, etc. Rick Garabedian has also loaned us his car trailer to haul her for trips to Eureka Springs and to Oklahoma City for a play day.

My goal is to continue restoration of "The Old Girl" to show room condition and hope to someday display her at the Corvette Museum; possibly to even donate her there for permanent display.

The Old Girl's Owners,  
Don & Nancy Wells  
(centerfold on page 8 & 9)



## March 2007

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**Bold, Blue, Italicized lettering  
denotes 100%er award activity.**

Stop by Bruce Lowrie for "March Madness" specials and the 'new' exclusive "supplier pricing" for Cowtown Members!

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## President's Report

Do you know what month your Corvette was born? It might be important to know. Years ago after I bought my car I had to do a little research on her. The main reason was for ammunition for getting her inspected. I had hell each year. They saw a young single woman drive up in her '69 vette and lord only knows what they thought. I was told many times that I had the wrong air cleaner because the '70's cars had to have a closed one. I told them it was not a '70 but a '69 and they did not believe me. I also pointed out to them it did not have some of the '70's body changes but they did not care. They would walk me to the door jam where they showed me the date of when the car was made. Mine was born in December of '69. She is a late model. Why were they making '69's so late in the year??? They had a strike and the '70's did not debut the fall before. And what made me even madder was my dad or James can get her inspected with out one question or problem.

Another reason to know the month in the case of '69's is they have different parts. James and I have had to know if our car was an early or late model to insure we get the correct parts. And what's cool about our 2 '69's...we have one of each. James' was born in October of '68.



I hope everyone is ready to get this year started. Spring is around the corner and this is the time to start dusting off the winter. Good luck on a great rod and custom show. I know our members will do well. It is a great show to go to. Thank you, Bobby for a very nice Valentines dinner.

There is a by-law proposal in this newsletter to change the requirement to join the club. It is very important so please read it and come to the March meeting prepared to discuss it and take a vote.

### Keep on Vette'n

Kim West

*Win a prize, Trivia question: What year Corvette was the first to feature roll-up windows? Hint: The year before was the last year for snap-on windows. Know the answer at the March meeting for a cool prize.*

*Last months answer was 1987. Judy Shanholtz the next time I see you, you can pick a prize. She emailed me the answer.*

## By-Laws

### PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

The following By-Laws change will be presented at the March 2<sup>nd</sup> Membership Meeting. Discussion and voting will be held at the April 6<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting. It will be effective immediately if passed by a 2/3rds vote of those present. Your vote counts!

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Greenfeder, CTV Parliamentarian '07



### ARTICLE II

#### 2.2 Primary Member:

To become a primary member, one must be 18 years of age, attend three (3) meetings, or attend two (2) meetings and either one (1) monthly Club social or one (1) NCCC sanctioned event, and be voted in by a majority of the members present at the meeting in which the prospective member is presented for membership. All criteria must be met within a period of six (6) months. Upon acceptance by the membership, one must pay dues to the NCCC Governor.

Proposed change to read:

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To become a primary member, one must be 18 years of age and be voted in by a majority of the members present at the meeting in which the prospective member is presented for membership. Upon acceptance by the membership, one must pay dues to the NCCC Governor.

# Vice President's Report



After February's Membership meeting many of us went for a little socializing at Scotty's Diner. If you haven't joined us after the meeting before, or it has been awhile, I encourage you to do so. We have been

having a great time at these relaxed and impromptu socials. I have selected a restaurant from your surveys for each month and I am contacting these restaurants before the meeting so that they can be geared up for our group. This has been a great success. This month we will be meeting at Bennigan's. St. Patrick's Day is just around the corner so whether you are a connoisseur of green beer or not, I hope to see you there.



Last month's 100%er social was the Valentine's Dinner at Carrabba's. We had 44 members attend and I appreciate all for being there. I hope you enjoyed yourself.



Now, on to March. The Event Training and Practice Autocross on March 24<sup>th</sup> will be the 100%er Social. Your surveys voted for the Mineral Wells Airpark. If you haven't been there before it is a short drive from Fort Worth and a great location for us with lots of room to enjoy. We are planning a well rounded day, full of activities. This social is designed to encourage a fun environment among members, visitors and our guest from other NCCC clubs. The more volunteers we have for this activity will only increase it's success. I encourage you to sign up as soon as possible, we need everyone's participation. Our NCCC 1<sup>st</sup> choice weekend is just around the corner and Doug McMahan has laid this fun-filled day out very similar to an NCCC event. We need to train and determine who will be in charge of what so that our event in September runs as smooth as possible and is as formidable as in years past. It won't be all work and no play though, along with the autocross we will be setting up a funkhana and be serving up hamburgers and hot dogs right off the grill. So register today, check out your car and driving skills in a safe environment, make a fool of yourself in the funkhana, volunteer for a worker station and be ready for lots of laughs and camaraderie.

Be sure to check out the event information on the back of the Low-Down and the website. It will be fun for all. An additional note: Our special guest will be members from Brazos River Corvette Club. BRCC club members have volunteered to train and participate in this fun-packed Saturday, so be sure to give them a warm CTV welcome.

Best regards,  
Bobby Gorman, CTV Vice President '07

## 'toons by Kevin Anthony



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## Charity

Hi All - If you were at the February membership meeting, you were lucky enough to see the presentation by Alan R. Bonderud, Executive Director of Mercy MedFlight, a charitable air ambulance service for patients who lack their own resources for commercial services. (Craig Murphy recommended Mercy Med thanks, Craig). Alan presented a video and explained how their services operate. Most of their volunteers are medical people however, they do need office volunteers. If you can help, email Alan at [alan@mercymedflight.org](mailto:alan@mercymedflight.org). A few of you gave him checks at the end of the meeting, I really appreciate that. The board approved a donation of the 50/50 raffle at the meeting (the charity half).

The charities we will be working with this year will be the top three from the survey that Bobby Gorman sent out. They were: Race for the Cure (Susan G. Komen breast cancer walk), Santa's Helpers and Make a Wish Foundation. We're already gearing up for the Race for the Cure (info to the right), Santa's Helpers will be later this year and I'll check into Make a Wish Foundation and pass that information on to you soon. I've had a few other suggestions, Mercy Med as mentioned above, Habitat for Humanity and one I'm excited about, Welcome Home a Hero. I'll have info at the next membership meeting.



See you in March ~

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2007

Time: Meet at 7:15 am

Cost: \$30.00

Place: YWCA parking lot at the NW corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Lamar Streets downtown Fort Worth (same place as in previous years)

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

I previously sent out a club email asking everyone to register online and it included all the instructions for doing so. If you didn't receive the email or haven't been able to register online, let me know and I'll try to help you. So far, we have 19 registered and we need a lot more. If you were at the February membership meeting, you saw the two framed Race for the Cure posters we were awarded for 2005 and 2006, for having the second most members on our team in the community category. The past two years, we've had 40 or more participating. Please sign up and join us.

After the walk, we'll be going to brunch at Jack's Off the Wall restaurant on Koch Street off White Settlement Road at 11:00 am. They normally don't open until noon, but have agreed to open at 11:00 for us. So if you can't or don't want to walk, meet us there. I'll have details with directions at a later time.

Please call me <removed> or email me at [kfowler@theblumfirm.com](mailto: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; 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 \$30 registration fee. So you can wear either shirt. Let me know!!!

Be there or be Square!!!

Karyn Fowler, '07 Charities Chairperson

**RAFFLE TO WIN A 2007 Corvette**  
BENEFITING THE **National Kidney Foundation**  
Contact: Debbie Lindsey  
TICKETS: \$10 EACH or 3 for \$25  
DRAWING: JUNE 22, 2007  
<http://www.corvettesncc.org/raffle07.pdf>

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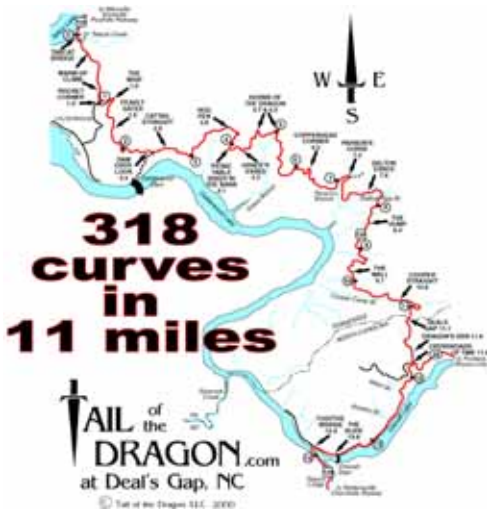


**History is being made** - we have had some of our Members competing in Car Shows and Cruises already, not to mention the 1st SW Region NCCC event is being held at the end of this month. Find something that interests you and join in the participation - *and have fun!*

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

We hope that you will consider attending the **SW Region NCCC Awards Banquet** on March 17th, in FW. There are several Cowtown Members being recognized for their achievements in 2006 not to mention it will be fun. Registration deadline is March 1st.

**NCCC National Convention** is approaching fast. This is a week-long event with competition, parties, banquets, etc. Several of us are attending along with enjoying a private Corvette Assembly Plant tour on the 15th along with a visit to the National Corvette Museum. Following the convention, some of us are also going to run the "Tail of the Dragon" on the way home. Even if you can't make the entire event / trip, come join us for what you can and help us make some history this year. More information can be found at: [http://www.cowtownvettes.org/misc/NCCC\\_Conv07.html](http://www.cowtownvettes.org/misc/NCCC_Conv07.html)



In the summer of 2010, what do you have planned, if anything? If it is a trip to Disney, Mexico, etc. and you're a Vette enthusiast, you might want to re-plan for a trip to Bowling Green, KY.

According to reliable sources, the next generation of Corvette (the C7), will start rolling down the line during mid-2010. However, even with that reliable scuttle, ANY program on the next generation is far from launch, delays can and usually do happen. Within the next two years, some important milestones in the C7 program will become finalized and the timelines will become much clearer.

If the C7's drop in 2010 the C6 will be tied with the C2 Corvette for the shortest production run in Corvette history with only 5 model years; doubt they ever reach the investment value of the C2's though. All we can say at this time is that the summer of 2010 should be extra spectacular and exciting in the history of the Corvette.

**The NCCC 2007 National Club Website Contest rules** have now been posted - and we are eligible this year. The contest starts May 1 and runs until June 1, with the winner being announced at the '07 NCCC National Convention in Nashville June 22. I'm working on a few ideas on changing the look of our website so if you have any ideas, or opinions on our website, please get with me - this is yours / Cowtown's site.

If you have any suggestions, questions or comments about our how we are capturing our Club's history, please don't hesitate to drop me an email or give me a shout.

--Doug 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!!!**

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# Car Show



Greetings! I would like to invite everyone out to see the Fort Worth Rod & Custom Show at Will Roger Exhibit Bldg, 3401 W. Lancaster Ave. web: [www.txshowcar.com](http://www.txshowcar.com).

The show times: Fri, March 2<sup>nd</sup> 4-11pm  
Sat, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 10am-11pm  
Sun, March 4<sup>th</sup> 11am-7pm

Award Presentation: Sunday at 4pm- Main Stage  
Admission is \$12 for adults, \$5 for 6-12 years and old and under the age of 6 is free. There will several Cowtown members entered in this show, be sure to come out and support our members as they support Cowtown Vettes.

This past month, Doc Lambert and "Ann" journeyed to the Houston Auto Rama. Although there were no awards in his class, thanks for representing Cowtown. (see article to the right)

Bob Vance also entered the Dallas Auto Rama.

Good job guys!

John Brefczynski

CTV Car Show Chairperson '07



Debbi and I took ANN to the Corvette/Chevy Expo 2007 in Houston. 'Twas 262 miles each way and two events for two days each. The Texas Chapter of NCRS had a portion of the floor space in the same Expo so it was an event within an event. I

helped judge the NCRS cars on Sat and displayed ANN as a Sportsman entry. We received the Green NCRS Sportsman award ribbon.

For the Corvette Expo (Corvette Promotions) show they put ANN into a "Retro Custom" class along with three other cars. During the awards ceremony they announced the description of the four cars and then said "*that will be an interesting class that will see more entries in it in the future*" but admitted that they did not judge the four cars! So other than getting our names and cars announced in that class there were no trophies or plaques awarded. I think all four of us assumed that we might have a chance to win something for the \$45 entry fee! Best analogy I can think of is "*you helped buy the keg but you are not allowed to drink the beer!*"

But ANN always had a crowd around her and many people stated that she was the best in the house.

Cheers,  
Doc Lambert

## Detailing Tip of the Month

A lot of people think washing a car is easy, and it is if done properly. People do a lot of damage to the paint and clear coat because they scratch the surface from scrubbing too hard, and cause scratch and swirl marks. The following will help you from doing damage to you Corvette finish.

To start you will need:

- Good car wash—don't use dishwasher soap; it will strip all the wax off your car.
- Garden hose and spray nozzle
- (2) 100% cotton towels
- (2) five gallon buckets

Put car wash and water in first bucket and just water in the second bucket.

Fold towel in quarters and wet in car wash bucket.

Rinse car with hose and nozzle to loosen dirt

Take the wet towel and lightly pull across the surface, starting from the top, hood, rear end, and then the sides.

After wiping a section with the towel, rinse it in the water only bucket to get rid of all loose dirt. Refold towel and return to car wash bucket for next car section.

Rinse car after each section. Keep surface wet at all times; don't let water dry on paint.

Wash wheels with nozzle on high spray.

Drying your car with water.



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Remove nozzle, kink or turn down water to a slow trickle. Keeping hose away from surface hold hose 3-5 inches from paint and use water to knock off big water spots.

Start at top of car and work down. Water will cause a sheeting action and most of the water will drain off.

Take the dry towel and pat the water droplets. Don't rub, it might scratch paint. Turn towel as it gets wet.

You can also use an air compressor to blow dry your car. Remember you can minimize damage to your paint by not rubbing. Any questions or comments call.

John Brefczynski, CTV Car Show Chairperson '07

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Next month: Clay Bar

# Competition



The '07 Competition has begun... have you found your area of interest yet? Cowtown has many supported areas of competition – see the brief listing below and check out the “NCCC Functions” and “Other Competition” tabs on our website for more information:

http://www.cowtownvettes.org/bp/Competition.html

Here is a list of various competition venues that you might be of interest to you along with the chairperson:

- **Annual Awards:** <http://www.cowtownvettes.org/Awards/Awards.html>
- **Car Shows:** CTV's CS Program; *John Breczynski*
- **Cruising:** CTV's Cruiser Program (CCP); *Doug McMahan*
- **National Council of Corvettes:** NCCC; consisting of Autocross (low & high speed), Concours, Drags, Funkhanas, Rallyes, Top Competitor; *Scott Wheeler*
- **Open Road Racing:** CTV's OOR Program; *Bob Vance*
- **Socials:** CTV's 100%er & Rookie of the Year; *Mo Wheeler*

**CTV's 2007 Event Training & Practice Autocross:** I would like to announce and invite all of you to come out to our the event which will be held Saturday, March 24, at Mineral Wells Airpark. This event has been designated as our March 100%er Social and we would like to enlist your participation as a worker and/or to try out your skills on the course. Spectators, guests, etc. are welcome and lunch will be provided. Info is on our website and an event flyer will be available at the March Meeting.

We need volunteers in the following areas: Corner Workers, Course Setup, Lunch, Safety Tech, Staging, Starters, Timing, etc. – if you have an interest in one or more of these areas for participation, please contact me.

In order to participate in the event, your Vette will go thru a “Safety Tech” and you will need closed-toed shoes and an approved NCCC helmet. You can find out more info on the event / requirements on our club website at:

[http://www.cowtownvettes.org/Events/2007/032407\\_PA\\_1.html](http://www.cowtownvettes.org/Events/2007/032407_PA_1.html)

Even if you don't want to all-out race your Vette, your welcome to come out and try your skill at maneuvering thru the course at any speed comfortable to you. If you would like to ride with a seasoned competitor or have them ride with you for pointers, we will have several there and I'm sure that any of them would be more than willing to oblige you.

If you would like paint-friendly competition numbers for your Vette, you can check out my 2006 article on the Newsletter page of our Website.

Miscellaneous track, driver training and racing venues can be found at:

[http://www.cowtownvettes.org/misc/MR\\_Cal07.html](http://www.cowtownvettes.org/misc/MR_Cal07.html)

If you have any questions about any of the Cowtown Competition Programs, please feel free to contact me.

...Doug McMahan – 2007 Competition Chairperson



Lee & Lisa Savage - at an SCCA event in New Orleans, LA last month. (Lisa is driving)

## April 2007

31-1	NCCC Wichita Fall Is
1	April Fool s Day
6	<b>CTV Membership Meeting</b> <b>7:30 at Coors Faci lty</b>
6	CTV Vote for Outstanding Male & Female
6	Texas Roadhouse social izing after Membership Meeting
7	Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure (TBD 100%er) & Jack's Off the Wall brunch
8	Easter
19-22	Hot Springs Corvette Weekend
18	Board Meeting
19	Low Down Deadl ine
25	Committee Meeting
25-28	CCP Blue Bonnet Cruise (Tentative)
19-22	NCCC Hall ett

## May 2007

4	<b>CTV Membership Meeting</b> <b>7:30 at Coors Faci lty</b>
4	Chil i's Bar & Grill social izing after Membership Meeting
5	CTV Drag Racing (Tentative & TBD 100%er)
4-5	National Governor's Meeting
12	Laps for Charity
13	Mother's Day
16	Board Meeting
17	Low Down Deadl ine
18-20	Lone Star Cl assic
19-20	NCCC Waco
23	CTV Committee Meeting
26-27	NCCC Okl ahoma
28	Memorial Day

**Bold, italicized lettering denotes 100%er award activity.**

Email any upcoming date to the editor.



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# Cowtown Cruiser



The 2007 Cowtown Cruiser Competition (CCP) has started and the 2007 Participation Packets are available.

Are you an avid "bird watcher" or might you be interested in watching Bald Eagles in the wild?. Our March CCP

kick-off cruise will be to see and watch adult eagles taking care of a new-born eagle, in the wild!! This is a rare site, especially this close to the highway; where you can watch the adult eagles chase off predators, feed the young and fly gracefully thru the air. We were there in '05 watching them and it was awesome to watch this in a natural setting vs. seeing them in a zoo.



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

You can visit the CCP page on our website to validate your CCP entry data and points for club and NCCC functions. Be sure to also check there for more upcoming cruises.

Date	Depart Time	Departure Location	Destination	Miles **	Pts *
03/10/07	8:00 AM	Albertsons @ I-20 & 377	<b>Eagle Cruise</b> (Llano) - the three adult Bald Eagles are back with a new baby	365	12
04/28/07	8:00 AM	<TBD>	<b>Blue Bonnet Cruise</b> - Awaiting word on the premium bluebonnet date form the area	<TBD>	<TBD>
<TBD>	8:00 AM	<TBD>	<b>East TX Piney Woods Cruise</b>	<TBD>	<TBD>
10/19-21/07	6:00 PM	<TBD>	<b>Georgetown / Gruene Cruise</b> - NCCC Concours & Funkhana followed by cruising, wineries, etc.	<TBD>	<TBD>

**2007 CCP Photo Contest:** Regardless if you are competing in the 2007 Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP) or not, you can still enter this contest. The Contest Rules can be found on our website at:



[http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/CCP\\_PC\\_07.html](http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/CCP_PC_07.html)

If you have any questions about CCP / Photo Contest, please feel free to contact me.

...Doug McMahan - '07 CCP Chairperson

# C6 Vette SS - Blue Devil

For those of you that have been following the next *Corvette Supercar*, read on. From a reliable source, its motor is a 6.2L supercharged V8 and will be called the LS9. It will



be supercharged and will utilize an intercooler that is integrated into the intake manifold. The motor is making significantly more than 650hp on a test stand but it is expected to be rated very close to, if not at, 650 HP. It will not be switching to a mid-engine as many rumors have stated and it is solid enough the program code identifies it as GMX245 SSC. The body components will have significant use of carbon fiber, with at least the hood, roof, fenders and rockers while other components will be polycarbonate.

Program timing is the big item and it has never been slated for the 2008 model year. If it had, it would have started in this production year, which just isn't possible with the amount of engineering work remaining. While the original timing for the car had it starting production in March of 2008 with an annual volume of 1500 units that remains true to plan. Due to issues GM is currently having with a supplier (un-named) the start of production has slipped to July 2008.

The latest plans would put this car debuting at NAIAS 2008 in Detroit - the only auto show GM would debut a car like this at. The only way you wouldn't see this car at NAIAS 2008 is if the program suffered a major set back or was cancelled for some reason. While major set backs are always possible with such tight tolerances, cancellation would be virtually impossible, given the amount of money already invested in the program.

Additional Engine Photo/Article info can be found at:

<http://www.leftlanenews.com/2006/06/28/mystery-high-performance-gm-engine-ls9/>

Further information (stated below) was also found in Automotive News, dated Feb.12th (page 75) - the Headline: Limited-edition Corvette will jump to 600 hp

*"Call it horsepower wars. In summer 2009, Chevrolet will add a limited-edition Corvette producing about 600HP. General Motors' announcement at the Chicago Auto Show last week follows a vow by GM Vice Chairman Bob Lutz after the Chrysler group showed the 600-hp Dodge Viper last month at the Detroit auto show"*

*"There is a distinct appetite for something beyond the Z06 in performance, beyond the Z06 in exclusivity and beyond the Z06 in price," Lutz said in an interview last week.*

*"The car is expected to have styling cues that separate it from other Corvette models."*

*"Said Lutz: "Corvette has taken on the character of a brand" and can support several models."*

...article re-cap/info provided by Doug McMahan

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# Governor's Report



**PARDON FROM THE GOVERNOR**  
Sad news this month. A good friend of many Cowtown members, Larry Kolb, died suddenly. Larry was a member of Tin Hall Toys. Cowtown Vettes will be donating to the NCCC Southwest Region Scholarship Fund in Larry's behalf. The scholarship fund will be renamed to include Larry's name as a way to remember the educator who was instrumental in establishing the fund.

The NCCC new member packets and renewal packets seem to be taking longer to arrive this year. However, I know some of our new members have received theirs. If you haven't received yours, please let me know.

It's not too late to register for the Southwest Region 2006 Awards Banquet. The form is on the web site or I'll give you a printed copy. The banquet is a great way to meet folks from around the region or renew acquaintances.

Honor your award-winning fellow club members on March 17 at the Radisson Hotel on Meacham Boulevard right here in Fort Worth.

Here's something that could interest any of you putting on an event like a car show. NCCC has a traveling display. It is available from the NCCC Director of Publications, Larry Beebe from the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club located in Eastern Iowa. The display is a photo board and also includes a DVD (with a player) along with brochures and magazines (Blue Bars) to pass out. The displays (there are two to circulate) are shipped to clubs via FedEx at NCCC's expense. There is information on the NCCC website (<http://www.corvettesnccc.org/displayonthemove.html>) about the display and its availability.

I will be happy to help anyone with this.

/Scott

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CTV has to spend \$500 as a club to place an order. Members can call or email me with the order information and mail or deliver the payment to me.

The MAM website (<http://www.mamotorworks.com>) is a great place for members to set up a mock order and then email the order to me.

Paul Hackleman, CTV Mid America Chairperson '07  
[mhack1424@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mhack1424@sbcglobal.net)

**Keep in mind that not only does Mid America Motorworks offer a discount to our club members, they are also a national NCCC sponsor!**

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*contact your Logo committee chairperson - Don Wells*

## Who Does What

Club members enjoy a free Who Does What Listing.

*Check out the CTV web site for additional coupons.*

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Who Does What Ads are free to members.  
If you would like a listing notify the editor.  
Ads renew each December.

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<p><u>Business Card</u></p> <p>\$5 month \$50 year</p> 	<p><u>1/4 Page</u></p> <p>\$ 10 month \$ 75 year</p> 	<p><u>1/2 Page</u></p> <p>\$20 month \$100 year</p> 	<p><u>Full Page</u></p> <p>\$30 month \$200 year</p> 
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All correspondence should be sent to:  
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## Membership / Welcome

There were 62 members and 9 Visitors who Attended the February Membership Meeting .  
 new visitors were:

**Brian Paul ter - 2004 ZO6 Silver/Red**  
**Todd and Jill I Reinders - 2003 Coupe 50th Anv.**  
**Kevin Bel knap - 1981 Beige/Beige 383 Stroker**

New Members Voted In Were:

**Craig  
 & Laura  
 Satterfield**



Attention: All candidates for Rookie of the Year should visit <http://www.cowtownvettes.org/bp/about.html>  
 Go to the By-Laws link , Page 16 and then item 7 to view the standing, rules, policies and points system.

Got a new address, phone number or email address?  
 Sold your Corvette or bought a new one? If so, please contact Membership and help keep our records and our up to date.

The new membership directories will be published in the next few months. Ensure your info and photo is up to date, See membership.

## 2007 NCCC EVENT TRAINING / PRACTICE AUTOCROSS Sat. March 24, 2007 at the Mineral Wells Airpark

**\$5.00 for Workers w/Lunch**

**\$15 for CTV Participants w/Lunch**

**\$20 fo non-CTV Participants w/Lunch**

**RSVP by Monday, 3/19/07, for lunch count**

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