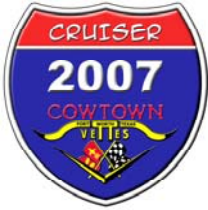


COWTOWN CRUISER



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	Eagle Cruise (Llano) - the three adult Bald Eagles are back with a new baby	365	12
04/28/07	8:00 AM	<TBD>	Blue Bonnet Cruise - Awaiting word on the premium bluebonnet date form the area	<TBD>	<TBD>
<TBD>	8:00 AM	<TBD>	East TX Piney Woods Cruise	<TBD>	<TBD>
10/19-21/07	6:00 PM	<TBD>	Georgetown / Gruene Cruise - 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

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 hear 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/display_onthemove.html) about the display and its availability.

I will be happy to help anyone with this.

/Scott

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