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I am sure most of you, when young, had the dream of owning a Corvette. I was no different and I finally got the chance to own one. It was in 2003 that my wife and I went to the local dealer to look at Corvettes. I fell in love with a Z06 floor model. When my wife saw the price tag, she almost fainted. The first words out of her mouth were, "I don't think so dear." I tried to talk sense to her, but the more we talked the more negative she got. We finally got into a heavy discussion over it, you know, the kind a married couple gets into. The salesman who was working with us asked if we could finish the discussion at home and when it was settled, then come back. We continue the discussion all the way home and into the evening. Needless to say, I slept in the doghouse with Fido. During the next couple of days, there was little interaction between us. I think I talked more to Fido than to her. Finally, my wife came to me and said she would consider (I swear I heard she agreed to) a later model Corvette. I asked how old and she said "in the sixties." Well, if you read my story in the April 2007 *Low Down*, you found out I purchased a 1964 Daytona Blue beauty! Again, it came with a "what the hell did you do" and again a visit with Fido. Notice I wrote above she would consider. Although I did not hear that (it is a moot point to have argued), I lost again because she never thought a classic would cost so much...almost as much as the Z06 in the show room at the dealership.

In November 2004, I was offered a promotion at work but it meant a transfer to Fort Worth, TX. At the time, I was an engineering manager for Lockheed Martin on the F-22 in Palmdale and the promotion would be to a senior manager on the F-35 in Fort Worth. After a lot of deliberating and talking it over with my wife (at least I thought I did but she claims I did not), we, I mean I, made the decision to accept the promotion. Do you get a feeling that we had a problem in communicating?

In April of 2005, I moved to Fort Worth. Notice I said "I" and not "we." My wife made every excuse why she had to stay in California. I started my job, looked for a home to live in, and bought a small three-bedroom home in West Fort Worth. As time passed, it was I traveling back and forth to California to visit my wife who could not leave her dogs or house alone. I bought into it; hey, what can I say, I am lame.

Just because I am an engineer does not say I understand women. I took courses in Static's, Dynamics, Strength in Materials, Thermo Dynamics, and so on, but never a class in mind reading and understanding the opposite

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CTV CALENDAR 2008

➤ DENOTES 100%ER EVENT

➤ 2/1 ~ MEMBERSHIP MTG

7:30-9:00 P.M.

COORS HOSPITALITY ROOM
135W @ JOHN MCMILLAN PKWY.

2/3 ~ SUPER BOWL PARTY
NO FRILLS GRILLS ~ MANSFIELD, TX
(SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS.)

➤ 2/16 ~ VALENTINE SOCIAL
JOHNNY CARINO'S ~ MANSFIELD, TX

(SEE FLYER FOR DETAILS.)

2/20 ~ BOARD MTG
7:00 P.M. ~ CONFERENCE ROOM
COORS DISTRIBUTOR
135W @ JOHN MCMILLAN PKWY.

2/23 ~ CCP CRUISE
(SEE CCP ARTICLE FOR DETAILS.)

➤ 2/29-3/2 ~ FORT WORTH
ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW
~ COUNTS AS 100%ER FOR ENTRANTS ONLY ~
(SEE DETAILS ELSEWHERE IN THIS
ISSUE AND ON THE CTV WEBSITE.)

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PEARLS FROM THE PRES

Barrett-Jackson is behind us, but most of us are still dreaming of getting those prices for our cars. Can you believe how those prices have gone out of sight since Speed TV has been televising these auctions live? They even broadcast a live auction from Florida later in the year to compliment the Scottsdale auction. I would really like to go out there sometime to see all the happenings in person, but that takes planning and I'm still trying to figure out what I'm goin' to be doing tomorrow.

As we move into February, the weather gets a little colder, you stay inside a little more than usual, and what does everyone think of? The DAYTONA 500, of course! The Super bowl of racing, with wind blowing through your hair (for those that have some), racing on the beach, the sound of roaring engines, and on and on. I guess they don't race on the beach anymore out there, but that's how it started in the 1950's. This year brings many changes with NASCAR - the biggest I can think of is Dale, Jr., moving to the Hendrick team. They already have little Jeff Gordon and Jimmy Johnson, and now the most popular driver in the sport. It will be interesting to see how that team starts the year, and how they progress through the year. We've been out to Charlotte (and surrounding area) to tour a lot of the NASCAR shops. There is some really big money spent in this sport now. Those race shops are really unbelievable, and so many of them. I miss a lot of the races through the year, but I always try to watch the Daytona 500.

Cowtown has its own activities lined up for the end of the winter season. Once we get past the football Super Bowl party (no Cowboys this year either) on February 3, and the Valentine's Dinner on February 16 (details in the Vice President's article), the Fort Worth Rod & Custom Car Show comes up at the end of the month. John Brefczynski is organizing the 10 spaces they have set aside for our club. It's an inside event, so even if the weather is cold and wet, you can have a great time hangin' out with other car guys, checking out the vendor displays, and critiquing all the cars at the show. Rumor has it that our '58 will be in the show along with a really diverse selection of other Corvettes representing all the different generations. There is usually a group dinner scheduled for Saturday night. I hope to see you guys at the show. It starts Friday, February 29 and runs through Sunday, March 2.

The February meeting comes up quick. It's on the February 1. We will have cake at the meeting to celebrate our 34th year as a club...and still going strong. I hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Don Fowler

NOTE: The Trivia question of the month will be asked at the membership meeting, so start studying your little black books.

BYLAWS

HAVE YOU READ...

Have you read the club's By-Laws and Standing Rules, Policies & Procedures recently? It's on our club's website, www.cowtownvettes.org, under About Cowtown or use the site index. There were a lot of changes last year that members voted in to help the club grow and to update procedures. Your input is always welcome to draw attention to areas that need improvement.

Please contact Parliamentarian and By-Laws Committee Chairperson Barb Greenfeder or any Elected Officer with your ideas to make the club better.

Your input and vote counts!

Barb Greenfeder

Parliamentarian & Jr. Board Member

VICE PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

Happy 34th Cowtown Vettes !!

I hope everyone had an enjoyable January. Unfortunately we can't say that about the Cowboys. Hope they do better next year.

February is going to be a busy month for Cowtown Members. At the February membership meeting, the members who attend will enjoy birthday cake celebrating Cowtown Vettes' first meeting 34 years ago. Hope you all will join us.

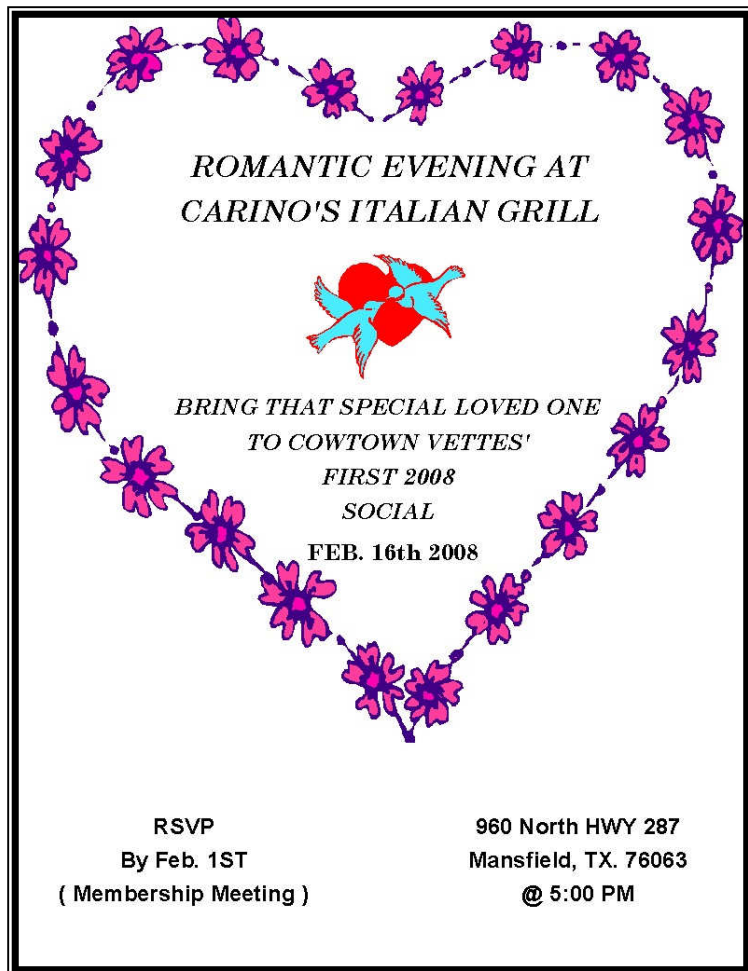
At the January board meeting, I advised the Board of the social events I have planned for the remainder of 2008. There are a few months I have open, so if you have an idea, please let me know. On November 15, the 100%'er event will be the progressive dinner. I need three members to open their homes in the same area of town. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me. Check your Cowtown's website for future event dates.

There will be two socials this month. On February 3 at 5:00 p.m., our first social (not a 100%'er event) will be held at No Frills Grill in Mansfield to watch the Super Bowl. The restaurant has good food and cold beer. The second social (100%'er event) will be "Romantic Evening at Carino's Italian Grill" on February 16, also in Mansfield. We have reservations for 5:00 p.m. We will have a private room for our Members and guests. Please RSVP by February 1 to my email address shown below. See flyers elsewhere in this newsletter for details. Please check our website for directions for both events.

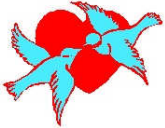
The social for March is the Practice Autocross (100%'er event) at Mineral Wells on March 22. See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for details.

Remember This Is Your Club

Don F. Wells



ROMANTIC EVENING AT
CARINO'S ITALIAN GRILL



BRING THAT SPECIAL LOVED ONE
TO COWTOWN VETTES'
FIRST 2008
SOCIAL
FEB. 16th 2008

RSVP
By Feb. 1ST
(Membership Meeting)

960 North HWY 287
Mansfield, TX. 76063
@ 5:00 PM



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FEB. 3th 2008

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We're off and running for 2008. My friend Walt tells me that New Year's resolutions go in one year and out the other...

At the January membership meeting, I presented a brief overview of our national organization and sanctioning body, NCCC (National Council of Corvette Clubs). NCCC, with over 19,000 members, is the largest non-profit, all-volunteer Corvette organization in the United States. It consists of 281 clubs encompassing 15 regions. Cowtown Vettes is a member of the Southwest Region. I plan to give a brief (?) Southwest Region presentation at the February membership meeting.

What's Coming Up

- 2-29/3-1 NCCC National Governors' Meeting, St. Louis, MO
3-15 NCCC Southwest Region 2007 Awards Banquet, Austin, TX
3-16 NCCC Southwest Region Governors' Meeting, Austin, TX
4-19/20 Competition Corvettes of Oklahoma (CCO) First Choice Weekend in Tulsa. There will be autocrosses at Hallett. I believe the record setting drags will not be happening.
5-2/3 NCCC National Governors' Meeting, St. Louis, MO
5-10/11 San Jacinto Corvette Club (SJCC) and Corvette Owners Association of South TX (COAST) first Choice Weekend in Houston (11 low speed autocrosses)
6-21/27 NCCC National Convention – Tulsa, OK

I want to remind you of the Awards Banquet. The registration information is on the Southwest Region website (now developed and maintained by our own Webmaster, Doug McMahan). There is a link to the regional website on our CTV website. I encourage you to join us for a relaxed evening of socializing and honoring the regional competitors from last year, especially the Cowtown crew.

Membership

Members who renewed prior to the late period should be getting their 2008 membership packet from the National Distribution Center RealSoonNow. The renewal packets should contain, among other things, registration forms for Convention and a member's discount entry form for the NCCC Charity raffle car that will be awarded at Convention in June. There will be additional 'perk' goodies – membership pins, calendars, and possibly more – that I will be distributing after I receive them. I expect to have them by the April meeting. These items were previously mailed in the renewal packets. Postal expenses prompted NCCC to try this new distribution method.

Governor Scott, P.I.

You may recall, at the December membership meeting, one of our shy and retiring members, Doc Lambert, questioned why we had been identified as "Cow Vettes" in the Fall 2007 issue of Blue Bars. After an extensive investigation, I learned it was not a trick by any of the clubs we compete with – even though it was in the points standings – nor was it a joke by the Southwest Regional officers. It was a simple editing error. Case closed.

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

If you can read this, I've lost my trailer. - bumper sticker

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➤ CANDY LOWREY

CTV CAR SHOW

Greetings, everyone! Hope you had a good holiday and a nice New Year. The first big local car show is the Dallas Autorama, February 15-17 at Market Hall. In the past, they have had some great cars, and this is the first year I've entered a car. The Fort Worth Rod and Custom Car Show is February 29-March 2 at Will Rogers Complex. This year, Cowtown has 10 entries and, as of press time, they're all filled, but that can change (and has many times in the past). If you would consider being part of the show, call me.

Hopefully, everyone will come out and enjoy some really good-looking cars, trucks, and even motorcycles. Awards are Sunday at 6:00 p.m.

This is just the beginning of a great year for car shows. Last year with all the rain, making plans to enter shows was usually tentative. Christian Classic Cruisers always has a good show the 3rd Saturday of each month at Birdville Stadium in NRH. Jan and I met the Littlefields at the Decatur Square car show, where the gals shopped and we had prime rib at Sweetie Pies. We'll definitely go back to that one. I'll try to keep the website updated as I hear of shows, and call me when you hear of a good one. Please phone, email, or give me a note at the meeting with the show you entered, the car, and any awards won.

Thanks,

John

Committee members: John and Jan Brefczynski, Fred and Donna Rosett, Kim West, Karyn Fowler, Hector Sandoval, Don Wells

CHARITY

2008 SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE

The 2008 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2008 in downtown Fort Worth. Details are listed below:

Date: Saturday, April 26, 2008
Time: Meet at 7:15 am
Place: YWCA parking lot at the northwest corner of 4th and Lamar Streets downtown Fort Worth (same place as in previous years)
Cost: \$25.00

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.

Yes, I know the Race is later in April than usual. Reliable sources have told me the committee had to work around other events in downtown Fort Worth and they also made it later in case of snow again this year! Personally, I thought it was wonderful!

We'll register online again as we did last year, which worked out great. As soon as registration is up, all who registered online last year will receive an email letting them know that registration is open and they can register online for this year's event. If you didn't participate last year and want to this year, call me at (817) 379-6182 or email me at kfowler@theblumfirm.com and I'll give you the details for registering online.

We'll be going for brunch again after the event, but I haven't picked a spot yet. Jack's Off the Wall, where we went last year, has since closed. If anyone has any suggestions, send them my way. We'll want to stay close to downtown but not too close so as to avoid some of the crowds. If you can't participate in the walk, you can meet us for brunch, but please let me know if you are coming so I can give the restaurant as accurate a count as possible.

I believe we had 39 CTV members participate last year. How many more can we get this year???

Be there or be Square!!!

Karyn Fowler

COWTOWN CRUISER



2008 Cowtown Cruiser Program is now underway... I have heard from a few that they have their packets and are ready to start cruisin' which we will kick-off on February 9th with the *first sponsored cruise* to see the Bald Eagles in the wild. There was at least one eaglet was born on January 4th and it is still unknown if there are more. This is an over-night cruise which will take in the eagles, Fort Croghan Grounds and Museum, supper at Cooper's Old Time Pit BBQ, then to retire at the Best Western in Llano. Sunday, we may loop back to the eagles, but afterwards will continue on to Brennan Vineyards, then a stop at Dublin Dr. Pepper before heading home. We have



several CCP points stops along the way, tied in with pit stops, etc. There are a few fun twisty back roads in the route both days - more fun than Interstates ☺

Our second sponsored cruise will be held on Sunday, April 13th or April 27th, contingent on when the Bluebonnets are at their peak; more details later - stay tuned.

The latest information on the sponsored cruises:

http://www.cowtownvettes.or/CCP/cruierpgm.html#2008_CRUISE_SCHEDULE

2008 Cowtown Cruiser T-Shirts are available for a minimal cost and the CCP Participant packets are FREE.

If you don't know how to get started, give me a ring, catch me at a meeting and I'll gladly give you the scoop. Additionally, there are a couple of routes on our cruiser webpage that helps to identify 25 and 50 easy points, right here close to home - within a day's worth of crusin'. While these are an easy quick start, you will find yourself replacing some of them as the year and trips go by with neater places and ones that might have more value in points. ...and don't forget, you are welcome to join the cruises even if you aren't tracking the points.✍

Annual Vette Photo Contest: The "What You Saw Along the Way" Photo Contest is underway for 2008 so don't hesitate, start taking the photos while you are out cruisin' with your Vette - it is never too early to start. You will find the rules for it on our website.✍

http://www.cowtownvettes.or/CCP/2008?CCP_PC_08.html

...keep on cruising' & "Save the Wave"

Doug McMahan - 2008 CCP Chairperson



WEBMASTER



There continue to be more changes made for 2008, including the utilization of the SWR Website for several pages that use to be hosted on our website. Webpages like the listing of other Southwest Region Clubs along with the 2008 SWR Competition Schedule are linked to the SWR web now that the site is maintained and up to date .

If you encounter links that don't work, outdated information, or items you wish to see on our website, please contact me - this is Cowtown's (your) website. We also welcome event pictures and information to used on the website.

--Doug McMahan - '08 CTV 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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**Celebrates Racing Success
and Improves the C5 Drive!**



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LOGO MERCHANDISE

We have club logo merchandise available at each monthly club meeting. You can place a custom order for shirts or a bronze name tag. If you have any idea of merchandise you would like the club to get, please let me know. All suggestions are welcome!

Kim West

MEMBERSHIP

January brought several visitors to Cowtown.

First time Visitors:

- Gary Belcher ~ 1972 coupe white w/black interior
- Alan Hofeling ~ 1961 convertible red/white, 1997 Orange and 1997 ZR6 Yellow
- Pat Mosley ~ 1972 coupe white/blue stock restored
- Mark & Alice Muratore ~ 1993 torch red convertible
- Kevin Prochaska ~ 1991 ZR1 red/white

Visiting for a second time:

- Michael Frazier ~ 1990 coupe white/red interior

Cowtown would like to welcome back CANDY LOWREY, who owns a 1993 black coupe. We missed you, Candy, and we are glad you're back.

Nancy Wells



BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 ~ Linda Benware
- 2/4 ~ Nancy Greene
- 2/4 ~ Jamie Hagwood
- 2/5 ~ Ruth Hicks
- 2/8 ~ Debbie Larsen
- 2/9 ~ Scott Wheeler
- 2/10 ~ Doug Batista
- 2/11 ~ Beth Batista
- 2/14 ~ Paul Hackleman
- 2/18 ~ Don Fowler
- 2/20 ~ Doc Lambert
- 2/24 ~ Michelle Hackleman
- 2/24 ~ Kim West
- 2/25 ~ Jane Braswell

ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/6 ~ Don & Nancy Wells
- 2/14 ~ Alan & Judy Shanholtz
- 2/17 ~ Fred & Donna Rosett
- 2/27 ~ Bruce & Yvette Lewis
- 2/28 ~ Doug & Glenda McMahan

OPEN ROAD RACING

Here is a quick recap of last year's CTV Open Road Race year-end results:

- 1st Place – Karl and Audrey Samuel - Total points: 37
- 2nd Place – Steve Gilland - Total points: 18
- 3rd Place – David and Lauri Robbins - Total points: 3
- Navigator of the Year – Audrey Samuel - Best time error: 0.197 seconds



What the heck is Open Road Racing you ask? Well, it is a timed precision rally style race that requires good reaction times for starting and stopping a stop watch, good driving skills, and some math skill to calculate speed from time and distance measurements. It is not wheel-to-wheel racing. It is considered a high speed event by any race event measure. The object of the race is to try and accurately average a "target speed" without exceeding a maximum speed, known as a "tech speed," over a closed road course of 80 to 120 miles. The course is not a straight roadway but has corners of varying difficulty, as well as elevation changes. It is about precision and an error greater than 0.1MPH from the target speed is usually not good enough to win a trophy.

The "target speed" you choose depends on your driving experience, safety equipment in the car, and personal safety equipment. The faster your "target speed" the more safety equipment that is required. Absolute minimum safety equipment is a fire extinguisher mounted in the car and a helmet. The target speed classes in the Big Bend Open Road Race start at 85MPH and for the majority of cars end at 150MPH. However, do not think that just because you have had your car up to greater than 100MPH on the freeway for a short distance (Shame on you for doing it.) that you can easily average those high speeds for a long distance negotiating corners as is required in this race. Trust me, it ain't even close to a quick jaunt to a high speed on the freeway.

The first ORR race for 2008 is Big Bend ORR April 23–26, 2008. Visit www.bbrr.com for more information. This race usually sells out, so you need to get your entry forms sent in at least one month before the race, if not sooner, to guarantee entry. You can download and print out the entry forms from the website, as well as the complete rules for the race.

If you think there is even a slight chance you will go, I strongly urge you to get hotel reservations NOW, because all the hotel rooms in Ft. Stockton are booked on a regular basis by all the oil workers in town for the oil boom due to high oil prices. Hotels and phone numbers are also listed on the website.

If you have any questions about the rules or entry forms, please contact me.

Karl Samuel

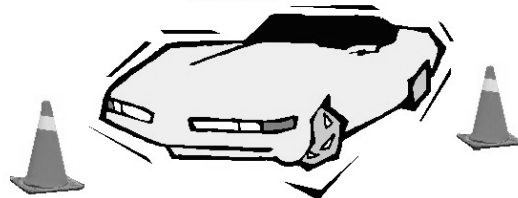
ORR Committee

NOTE: Photographer—Steve Gilland



PRACTICE AUTOCROSS

CORVETTES ONLY



MINERAL WELLS

March 22, 2008

Practice

8:00 AM til 3:00 PM

Lunch

12:00 PM to 1:00 PM

Must have Helmets & Closed Toed Shoes

Members Drivers / Lunch - \$15.00 ea
Non Members Drivers / Lunch - \$20.00 ea
Non Drivers / Lunch - \$5.00 ea
(Hamburgers & Hotdogs)
(Drinks)

March 100%er
Mineral Wells Airpark
Mineral Wells, TX
RSVP by March 12th 2008
(To guarantee lunch)

BRCC-BRAZOS RIVER CC GRANBURY, TX SW-540	2/29-3/1	National Governors' Meeting	St. Louis, MO
CCO-COMP. CORVETTES OF OKLAHOMA TULSA, OK SW-423	3/15 3/16	SW Region Awards Banquet ~ LCC SW Region Governors' Meeting	Austin, TX
CCOC-CC OF OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA CITY, OK SW-468	4/19-20	CCO (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>) ~ LS / 2 HS + TBA	Hallett, Tulsa, OK
CCT-CC OF TEXAS DALLAS, TX SW-074			
COAST-CORVETTE OWNERS ASSN. OF S.TX SAN ANTONIO, TX SW-143	5/2-3 5/10-11	National Governors' Meeting SJCC/COAST (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>) ~ 11 LS	St. Louis, MO Houston, TX
CTCC-CEN-TEX CC WACO, TX SW-200	5/17-18	CTCC / MCCC (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>) ~ 10 LS	
CTV-COWTOWN VETTES FORT WORTH, TX SW-055	5/24-25	OCCC / CCOC (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>) ~ 6 LS / MTD / 2 ETD / RD	Oklahoma City, OK
LCC-LONGHORN CC AUSTIN, TX SW-200			
MCCC-MID-COAST CC LAKE JACKSON, TX SW-170	6/7	THT (Regional Fundraiser) (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>) ~ 7 LS	Oklahoma City, OK
MTCC-MID-TEXAS CORVETTE ASSN KILLEEN, TX SW-185	6/21-27	~~ NATIONAL CONVENTION ~~	Tulsa, OK
NTV-NORTH TEXAS VETTES FORT WORTH, TX SW-555	7/26-27	SCCC / CCOC (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>) ~ 11 LS	Oklahoma City, OK
OCCC-OKLAHOMA CITY CC OKLAHOMA CITY, OK SW-131	9/6-7	CCT / NTV (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>)	
SCCC-SUN CITIES CC ALBUQUERQUE, NM SW-085	9/12-13 9/20-21	National Governors' Meeting CTV / BRCC (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>)	St. Louis, MO Fort Worth, TX
SJCC-SAN JACINTO CC HOUSTON, TX SW-063	10/4-5	LCC / CTCC (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>) ~ 11 LS	
THT-TIN HALL TOYS CC SANTA FE, TX SW-392	10/11-12	TV (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>)	
TOCC-TEXAS OUTLAWS CC GRAHAM, TX SW-198	10/18	BRCC (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>) / CTV Non-Sanctioned Car Show	Fort Worth, TX
TV-TEJAS VETTES PLANO, TX SW-163	10/25-26	TOCC (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>)	
TVS-TULSA VETTE SET TULSA, OK SW-248	11/7-8	National Governors' Meeting	St. Louis, MO

NCCC Event Codes: C = concours; CD = class drags; ETD = e. t. drags; RD = record drags; MTD = Matching time drags; F = funkhana; R = rallye; LS = low speed autocross; HS = high speed autocross; MTT = matching time autocross; TBA = to be announced; TBD = to be determined; PCC = people's choice concours

TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

All TMS Pit Road volunteers who have not contacted me concerning working at the Speedway this year need to do so as soon as possible if they desire to be on the list of volunteers. I talked with the TMS Assistant Director of Operations (Security Manager) on January 16, 2007, and he had some good news! Any Cowtown Vettes member who would be willing to work at TMS as a Suite Security person instead of in the pits has an outstanding opportunity of being selected now. I also talked to the Administration and Events Assistant who coordinates Pre-Race Laps. He stated that this event may resurface with the July IRL race.

David Pakebusch, the TMS Special Events Manager, was very pleased with his plaque of appreciation from the Club and is looking forward to working with us again this year.

Harry Rumzek
TMS Coordinator

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sex.

In December 2005, I went home for the holidays. I was very excited and looking forward to spending 10 days with my wife. When I got off the aircraft in Burbank, CA, my brother-in-law met me. I was confused and asked, "What are you doing here and where is Ginny?" He said he needed to talk to me and that I would meet up with Ginny in a short time. He took me aside, gave me a letter from Ginny and then handed me a large envelope. I first read the letter with tears in my eyes and then opened up the larger envelop. My brother-in-law, a San Diego Policeman, had just served me with divorce papers. I could not talk or even think. He apologized to me and said he did not want to do this, but he was helping his sister out. You know, blood is thick. Anyway, I probably have bored you already; I spent a few days with my kids and came back to Texas, since I had no more reason to stay in California. As soon as I got home, I brewed some coffee, opened the newspaper to relax and saw an ad for an almost new Z06. I got in my car and went to Huffines (Sorry, Nathan.) in Plano. As I walked into the showroom, I saw a beautiful 2004 Commemorative Z06. A salesman walked up to me and asked if he could help me. I said, "Yes, I want that Z06." He laughed and said. "Yea;

sure, everyone wants it, too." I looked him straight in the eye and again repeated, "I want that car." He answered me, "How serious are you?" I said, "Dead serious." The next thing I heard was, "Hotdog, I got it sold!" He explained that I would have to pay full sticker price and I said I did not care. That evening I walked out with a beautiful 2004 Z06 Commemorative with only 3000 miles.

When I got home, I called Ginny and said, "I got a new Corvette," and before she could answer, I hung up; I knew what her response would be anyway. I felt good and this helped me get through the New Year. Three years later, I still have the Z06 and the '64 and a beautiful home in Springtown. I am having the time of my life enjoying the Corvettes. Last year, I went on some cruises with the club and had a great time. I got better acquainted with some members and I feel some new friendships are developing. I am looking forward to the cruises in 2008 and will try not to miss any of them. I had the '64 in some car shows last year and I already signed up for the 34th Annual Fort Worth Rod & Custom Car Show.

So, why not join me on the cruises or at the car shows? I may buy you a beer, sit down and talk some more BS. I am really good at that. What is more important, I will get to know you better and develop a good friendship. That would be very nice, don't you think? By the way, I am seriously thinking a ZR1 next year. Hey!!! No discussions with anyone!!!! I have talked to Nathan already. Okay?

Bobby Gorman

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Pick up your ballot at the membership table, fill it out and drop it in the Mystery Member box. A prize will be awarded to the person correctly guessing who the mystery member is. If two or more guess correctly, the winner will be determined by random drawing prior to the 50/50 drawing. If no one guesses correctly, the Mystery Member wins.

If you would like to be the next Mystery Member, submit your photo to Cindy Morrison at cinbob75@charter.net or put your photo along with your name in a sealed envelope and drop it in the Mystery Member box.

January's Mystery Member was RED GREENFEDER.
Winner by random drawing was Donn Beck.

Thanks to all who participated.

