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The date: Tuesday, May 3, 1988. The headline on the front page of the Lifestyle/Entertainment section of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram read, "CORVETTE CRAZY: Owning one would be enough for some people but not for Larry and Sylvia Hoaldrige."

"I was a kid, and kids like neat cars and the 'Vette was as neat as you could find," said Larry Hoaldrige, recalling his first attraction to the Chevrolet Corvette.

"Besides, the better your car, the less work you had to do when you were chasing girls. You let the car do the work. That may or may not work now, but it did then."

Did it work with wife Sylvia? "I wouldn't say that," he said, glancing over with a smile at Sylvia Hoaldrige, whose own smile said he'd better not say that.

But the attraction to the Corvette must have been somewhat mutual when Larry and Sylvia got together because then he owned just one pink one and now they own four – including a hot pink racer. They are dedicated, leading members of [Cowtown Vettes] and the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

As such, they were busy over the weekend helping put on Super Chevy Sunday, the big car show and drag-race meet at Texas Motorplex in Ennis. The Cowtown club and Plano's Lone Star Corvette Club were hosts for the event.

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CTV CALENDAR 2008

➤ DENOTES 100%'ER EVENT (*)

➤ 2/29-3/2 ~ FORT WORTH
ROD & CUSTOM CAR SHOW *

~ COUNTS AS 100%'ER FOR ENTRANTS ONLY ~

➤ 3/7 ~ MEMBERSHIP MTG *

7:30-9:00 P.M.

COORS HOSPITALITY ROOM
135W @ JOHN MCMILLAN PKWY.

3/19 ~ BOARD MTG

7:00 P.M. ~ CONFERENCE ROOM
COORS DISTRIBUTOR
135W @ JOHN MCMILLAN PKWY.

➤ 3/22 ~ PRACTICE AUTO-X *

MINERAL WELLS, TX

(CHECK THE FLYER AND VP REPORT SHOWN
ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER OR THE CLUB'S
WEB SITE FOR DETAILS.)

➤ 4/26 ~ SUSAN G KOMEN *
RACE FOR THE CURE

SUNDANCE SQUARE, FORT WORTH
(CHECK THE FLYER AND ARTICLE SHOWN
ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSLETTER OR THE CLUB'S
WEB SITE FOR DETAILS.)

➤ 10/20 ~ NKF KIDNEY WALK *

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PEARLS FROM THE PRES

Presidential Caucus

Before you even say anything, I know what you're thinkin' -- The PA system at the meeting could use some improvement. I'm already working on it. I had hoped to have a better one at last month's meeting, but I will definitely have it at the March meeting.

Sylvia is still in need of some Member Spotlight photos and articles. It's a way to show off your Corvette and give other club members a chance to know you better. Check with Sylvia at the next meeting and get signed up for an issue this year.

By the time you get this, the Ft Worth Rod & Custom Car Show will be history. I hope that a lot of you were able to go down and see Cowtown's Corvettes in the show, as well as all the other custom cars. Thanks go out to JOHN BREFCZYNSKI for organizing this for our club and getting the club display together. I would also like to thank the members who entered their cars this year. It's a lot of work to set up your display, and a lot of time is spent down there representing our club. This show is also a great opportunity to get new members to join our club.

Our next big social event is the Practice Autocross that will be held March 22 at the Mineral Wells Airpark. We had a great turnout last year and, if the weather is as good as last year, I hope we have an even better turnout. The lot at the Airpark is a great big concrete and asphalt area with nothing for your car to hit (except the cones we set up to mark the course). It's a great way to try out that power your Corvette has and test your skill going around turns and powering down the straight-aways. BRUCE LEWIS is organizing the practice this year, and I don't think he likes using a lot of cones, so look for a wide-open course and plenty of fun. As always, we'll have some members available to help you get started and show you how to do it if you haven't done this before. We will be serving lunch for those who sign up by March 12. Members race and eat for \$15, or just come out and enjoy the crowd and eat for just \$5. Non-members driving Corvettes will pay \$20. Either way, you have to sign up by March 12 to get the food. If you forget to pre-register, come out and enjoy the fun and run your Corvette, but you'll be on your own for lunch.

We will have some food at the April meeting...not the meeting coming up on March 7, but the April meeting. It won't be a full meal, but we'll have some food/snack items. Mark you calendar now to come a little early, mingle with the crowd, and enjoy the treats before the meeting.

Be sure to check out the Mystery Member photo on the back of the Low Down. Bring your guess to the meeting and let's see if we can get someone to guess whom it is this month. We were all stumped last month.

The March membership meeting is scheduled for March 7. I'm planning to have a guest speaker come and talk about other Corvette events in our area. I hope to see all of you at the meeting.

Don Fowler

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

VICE PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

Happy 34th Cowtown Vettes !!

Our socials in February started out with a bang. Even with the Super Bowl Party not being a 100%er event, 17 members and six guests attended. We had plenty of good food and the beer kept flowing. We had a fun football pool that Glenda McMahan, Don Fowler and Joe Ramos' son won. Everyone had a great time.

Cowtown's first 100%er event (a Romantic Evening at Carino's Italian Grill) was one of our best restaurant events. The private room gave everyone a chance to visit without interrupting others who were eating. Thirty-six members and two guests attended the dinner.

The Practice Autocross at Mineral Wells Airport will be Cowtown's social for March. The flyer for this event can be found elsewhere in this Low Down. This is a great opportunity for our new and seasoned members to learn how to drive a low speed track and what happens at our Texas Motor Speedway Event. Our Club Racers will have extra helmets for you to use to drive your car or just ride around the track. You must wear closed shoes. Setup time will start at 8:00 AM, Safety Tech at 8:00 AM and we will practice from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Lunch will be served around noon. Please register by March 12th so we can have food for everyone. You can go to Cowtown's web site to register and get directions to Mineral Wells. Cost is as follows:

CTV Members (racing) - \$15.00 – lunch included

CTV Workers / Visitors - \$ 5.00 for lunch

Non CTV Members (racing) - \$20.00 – lunch included

The social for April is the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in Sundance Square, Fort Worth. The flyer for this event is shown on this page. An

article about the Walk can be found elsewhere in this Low Down. Mark April 26 on your calendar for this 100%er event. Parking will be in the YMCA parking lot at 4th & Lamar Street. Meet there for our group photos at 7:15 AM. Brunch at a location yet to be determined will take place at 11:00 AM. Details will be forthcoming.

If you missed the Romantic Evening at Carino's Italian Grill, you must attend March thru November socials plus the required meetings to qualify for the 100%er Award at the Christmas and Awards Banquet.



On November 15th, the 100%er event will be the progressive dinner. I need three members who will open their homes in the same area of town for this event. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me. Check Cowtown's web site for future event dates.

Remember This Is Your Club!

Don F. Wells

APRIL 26, 2008

**THE SUSAN G. KOMEN
RACE FOR THE CURE**



DOWNTOWN FORT WORTH

APRIL 100%er

Susan G. Komen Race
PLACE - YMCA Parking Lot (4th & Lamar St.
Time - 7:15 AM

LUNCH AFTER RACE
@ 11:00 AM
TO BE ANNOUNCED

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Our first sponsored cruise of 2008 was a blast... We had 10 Vettes with 19 participants head out on Saturday, February 9, to see the Eagles in the wild. We found our way there via Glen Rose then



onto some sparsely used back roads, which is all fun 'til you have issues with one of the vehicles. After a short delay waiting on a tow truck, we were back on our cruise, with lunch at the Horney Toad, rather than the original destination. After lunch, we headed on down the road to Hamilton, where we visited the Courthouse. From there, we zipped on down to Burnett where the Courthouse and Jail's history was our focus.

From Burnett, it is only a short drive on out Hwy 29 to where the Eagles nest is located. While the sun was disappearing fast, we did see the two eaglets which were now 5+ weeks old along with two adult eagles. It was supper time now and we headed on into Llano to *Cooper's old time pit BBQ* (awesome food if you haven't tried it). After the tow truck got our broken down member home, they jumped in another vehicle and made it just in time for supper. Next, we headed on over to the Hotel for the night, where we crashed the suite of one of the members to socialize for the evening ☺



The next morning, we headed back out to the Eagles' nest for a better viewing with morning light. After an hour or so, we loaded up and headed on down the highway, with a few more stops along the way for some history, CCP points and a "wine down" at *Brennan Vineyards*. Check out the event pages on the website for lots more on this cruise.✍

Our second sponsored cruise will be held on either Sunday, April 13 or April 27, 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 now available for \$8 each or Custom T-Shirts with your Vette for a slightly higher price 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 ...and don't forget, you are welcome to join the cruises even if you aren't tracking the points.✍

Annual 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 or don't hesitate to ask.✍

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

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

Doug McMahan – 2008 CCP Chairperson

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!!!

PARDON FROM THE NCCC GOVERNOR

I try each month at the membership meeting to take some of the mystery out of the NCCC portion of our hobby. In February, I discussed the four-state region that we belong to, the Southwest Region. Bernyce Molenda, from Tin Hall Toys Corvette Club, is the Region Executive for 2008. Participating in regional events is a lot of fun and the group of people you get to hang around with become like a big extended family. Give it a try.

What's Coming Up

- 3-15 NCCC Southwest Region 2007 Awards Banquet in Austin
- 3-16 NCCC Southwest Region Governors' Meeting in Austin
- 3-22 CTV Practice Auto-X – Mineral Wells
- 4-19/20 Competition Corvettes of Oklahoma (CCO) First Choice weekend in Tulsa. There will be autocrosses at Hallet.
- 5-2/3 NCCC National Governors' Meeting in St. Louis
- 5-10/11 San Jacinto Corvette Club (SJCC) and Corvette Owners' Association of San Antonio TX (COAST) First Choice weekend in Houston (11 low speed autocrosses)
- 5-17/18 Cen-Tex Corvette Club (CTCC) and Mid-Coast Corvette Club (MCCC) – First Choice weekend in Waco (10 low speed autocross)
- 6-21/27 NCCC National Convention – Tulsa, OK

Practice Auto-X

Come see what we're talking about. Cowtown Vettes is hosting a Practice Auto-X at the Mineral Wells Ring on March 22. You can come out and watch; you can come out and help; you can come out and drive. Better yet, do it all! (A flyer can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Membership

The latest that I have heard is renewal membership packet distribution is still going on for some clubs. Late renewal packets will not be shipped until renewals are complete.

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

"90% of all the Fords are still on the road. The other 10% made it home..."

WEBMASTER



WOW, it is the end of February already? ...we already have event pages for three 2008 events on our website; the Super Bowl Social, the Eagles Cruise and our Valentine's Social. Speaking of that event page, I tried something a little different, specifically since it was people in a room - you will find a slide show for that event rather than individual pictures like the Super Bowl pages - share your thoughts.✍

Cowtown Email lists - don't forget to let me know if you change your email address; if I don't know about the change, you won't receive emails about upcoming Cowtown Events and News.

We currently have 24 different and specialized email lists for Cowtown; so if you have a certain area that you are interested in (i.e. NCCC functions, or Open Road Racing, etc..) we have an email list for those.

Membership Directory Photo - if you would like a photo for the upcoming CTV Membership Directory, catch me at a meeting or social and we will get you "shot" ☺

--Doug McMahan - '08 CTV Webmaster

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Otherwise, the Hoaldridges would have been racing their pink '66 roadster and/or their '67 dragster and showing their mint-condition '56 Corvette classic. The fourth 'Vette in the family is a 1981 model that Sylvia drives.

The Hoaldridges have been racing – in drag events and autocrosses (parking lot and road racing) – since 1978. They have been involved with the Cowtown club since it started in 1974, have won numerous awards and honors, and have held local, regional and national offices.

Both have been named the outstanding club members in the Southwest Region – Larry in 1982, Sylvia in 1986. [Both have also been named Outstanding Club Member of Cowtown Vettes.]

Cowtown Vettes, one of about a half-dozen NCCC-affiliated organizations in the Metroplex, is among the largest in the nation, with 110 to 115 members. It was honored as the #1 club in the nation in [competition] in 1981 and [ranked] as #1 in the Region.

[The Hoaldridges] recently built a 1,000-square-foot, detached garage and “playhouse” for their Corvettes behind their home in Fort Worth’s South Hills area.

Is Corvette clubbing a hobby for the rich? “By no means,” the Hoaldridges say. “It is expensive, especially if you race,” Larry said. “But we and the people we know aren’t affluent yuppies. We work hard for a living.”

“We don’t have any children,” Sylvia said. “That makes a difference. If we had kids, there’s no way we’d have four Corvettes.”

“Corvettes can be a good investment,” Larry said. “The '56 classic certainly is, and the dragster. The pink racer could be, but it’s mainly for fun.”

Larry bought his first Corvette brand new when he was 21, and it was stolen. He [then] bought an earlier model, fixed it up and painted it pink. That’s the car he had when he and Sylvia met.

But the attraction then might just as well have been a mutual fondness for bacon cheeseburgers, because they met in the parking lot of the legendary Carlson’s Drive-In on University [now the site of the University Car Wash and Staples office supply store] where they used to hang out – separately – with friends.

It was an unlikely match in a way. He had gone to Arlington Heights High School, she to Paschal High School. That’s almost as much of an impediment as Romeo and Juliet’s. [For those of you who are unaware, AHHS and PHS were staunch rivals in the '50’s and '60s to the extent that the Fort Worth ISD had the football schedules changed, so that neither AHHS nor PHS would play its homecoming game with each other.]

But even before they married in 1975, Larry’s enthusiasm for the 'Vette had rubbed off on Sylvia to the extent that she attended Corvette club meetings when Larry was detained at the firehouse. [Larry just retired from the Dallas Fire Department with 35 years of service.] She became so involved in club activities that she was made the club’s first Honorary Member in 1974.

Ever since, both have devoted most of their leisure hours to their cars. “There isn’t time for much else.”

“Corvettes are fun,” Sylvia said. “And it’s not just the racing. We all get together socially a lot.” Money-raising for club activities and the club’s special charity, Spina Bifida, also keeps members involved, she noted. [Spina Bifida was NCCC’s official charity at the time of this article.]

“But the important thing is that we could sell all our Corvettes and still have friends – not just here but around the country – who will be friends for life.”

Please keep in mind that the above article is 20 years old. A few changes have taken place in those two decades, namely, the '81 coupe was replaced by a '94 coupe, then with the current '99 convertible; a '68 coupe has been added to the corral of Corvettes; and the 1,000 sq. ft. garage/playhouse has been replaced with a 2,350 sq. ft. 8-car garage (bigger than our entire house in South Hills.) What has NOT changed is our love of America’s sports car, the Corvette; our love of competing; and our admiration and respect for Cowtown Vettes, its members and the friendships we have made along the way. WHAT A GREAT COMBINATION!

Larry and Sylvia Hoaldridge

2008 SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE

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 three 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 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

4TH OF JULY PARADE

Friday, July 4th, 10:00 a.m.

Featuring the Fort Worth Fire Department truck and vintage fire truck, the Corvette Club, the Volkswagen Club, the Westcliff West Marching Band and all of those great volunteer neighborhood floats (Anyone seen the Elvses???)

Do you have a classic or unusual vehicle? Decorate it and join us! *(We need volunteers to help with the parade route. If you can help, please call Caroline Carson at 817-923-0259.)*

A few reminders:

- Bring small, wrapped candies to toss to the kids along the route. (And don't forget goodies for our canine friends.)
- Bring WATER, sunscreen and hats.

All non-motorized participants are invited to join the parade at the corner of Bellaire Circle and Encanto. Rest in the shade and wait for the vintage fire truck to appear.

KIDS: Stay behind the vintage fire truck as we go down Encanto!

CHARITY

2008 brings us more opportunities than ever to give to others in our community. We've already started this year with LINDA LUMMUS heading up a team of volunteers for the Easter Seals Walk on Saturday, March 8. She and her team will be asking for your support at the meeting on Friday, March 7. Thanks to everyone who has already signed up to walk!

I will have a questionnaire on every table at the March membership meeting to give you the opportunity to provide your input and suggestions regarding our 2008 charity participation. I specifically want your input on how we should use the money we earn this year through our 50/50 raffle.

Thanks in advance for all your support in 2008!

Jane Buchler

CTV Charity Chairperson

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

Take the "Pit Crew Challenge" – New Interactive Exhibit

The National Corvette Museum just added its first-ever interactive exhibit – the "Pit Crew Challenge" to its regular display lineup. Guests touring the Museum can take part in a simulated pit crew to keep the Museum's Corvette Race car in the lead by fueling up, changing tires & putting out accidental pit crew fires. Guests can compete individually or as a team to beat the clock & get the racecar back on track. The Pit Crew Challenge offers a real hands-on experience through the use of actual tools and devices created to simulate a racing pit. The exhibit has been added after months of preparation & has made its home as part of the Museum's race track area. This is a real hands-on experience & guests will actually feel like part of a pit crew as they use tools to compete in the game that comes to life the minute they take control. There is no additional fee required to experience the "Pit Crew Challenge."



Raffle Not To Be Missed

The 427 Limited Edition Z06, number 2 of the 427 to be built for sale in the United States will be raffled June 24, 2008. Each example is numbered & comes with a certificate of authenticity. Only 427 will be offered in the United States & Canada, with 78 more exported outside North America. This unique Corvette also includes exclusive new chrome wheels, body-color rear spoiler and door handles, exclusive dark titanium custom leather-wrapped interior, special Crystal Red interior trim plate graphic pattern & Wil Cooksey (Plant Manager) autographed console armrest. It also comes with 427 embroidered seats & floor mats, & Z06 sill plates.

This raffle is limited to only 500 tickets available at \$500 each. The winner will be drawn on Tuesday, June 24 at 2:00 p.m. CT & need not be present to win. "We are thrilled to be able to offer a Corvette as special as this Limited Edition Z06," states NCM Executive Director, Wendell Strode. "We offer many raffle fundraisers each year & this one is very special for its significant importance & especially for the stunning design. With the limited production of this Corvette, we feel this will be a dream for any raffle winner."

I really encourage all members to support the Museum & its efforts to promote the love we share for the Corvette. The Museum now offers everything from reproduction window stickers to apparel & parts & at competitive prices. It's great way to support the Museum through purchases we already make!

Jamie Hagwood

Cowtown Vettes' NCM Ambassador

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

February Visitors

First time Visitor:

Ray Peeler-1971 Coupe

Second Time Visitors:

Pete Mosley-1972 coupe

Alan Hofeling-1961 Convertible, 1977 Orange, 1974 ZR1

Gary Belcher- 1992 coupe

Cowtown would like to welcome back:

Joe Rosales-1999 coupe

Nancy Wells



BIRTHDAYS

3-4 ~ Hank Holt
3-5 ~ Linda Lummus
3-11 ~ Bob Greene
3-14 ~ Bruce Lewis
3-15 ~ Donna Rosett
3-16 ~ Manda Gorman
3-17 ~ Jack Gandy
3-24 ~ Mike Braswell



ANNIVERSARIES

3/30 ~ Jim & Linda Benware
3/30 ~ Kerry & Alaine King



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Larry & Sylvia



TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

COWTOWN TMS VOLUNTEERS

Gary Belcher— Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Cliff Griffith – ALL
Harry Rumzek—ALL
Hector Sandoval—Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday
Scott Wheeler—ALL
Carl Williams—Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Sharon Zschirnt—Friday, Saturday and Sunday

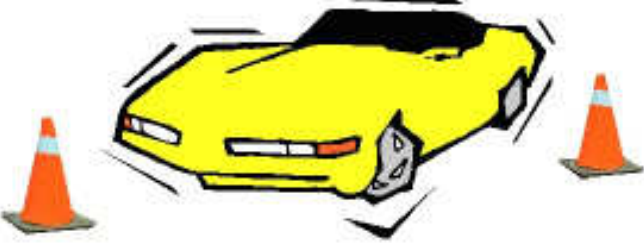
Thursday, April 3 [10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.] *
NASCAR Nationwide Series Practice and Qualification
Friday, April 4 [10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.] *
NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Practice and Qualification
Saturday, April 5 [9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.] *
NASCAR Sprint Cup Series “Happy Hour” + NASCAR Nationwide Series O’Reilly 300 Race
Sunday, April 6 [8:00 a.m.—6:0 p.m.] *
NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Samsung 500 Race

* approximate hours; work schedules may vary.

Harry Rumzek
TMS Coordinator

PRACTICE AUTOCROSS

CORVETTES ONLY



MINERAL WELLS

March 22, 2008

<p style="margin: 0;">Members Drivers / Lunch - \$15.00 ea Non Members Drivers / Lunch - \$20.00 ea Non Drivers / Lunch - \$5.00 ea (Hamburgers & Hotdogs) (Drinks)</p>	<p style="margin: 0; text-align: center;">Practice 8:00 AM til 3:00 PM Lunch 1200 PM to 1:00 PM Must have Helmets & Closed Toed Shoes</p>	<p style="margin: 0; text-align: right;">March 100%er Mineral Wells Airpark Mineral Wells, TX RSVP by March 12th 2008 (To guarantee lunch)</p>
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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	SW Region Awards Banquet ~ LCC	Austin, TX
	3/16	SW Region Governors' Meeting	
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	National Governors' Meeting	St. Louis, MO
	5/10-11	SJCC/COAST (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>) ~ 11 LS	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	National Governors' Meeting	St. Louis, MO
	9/20-21	CTV / BRCC (<i>First Choice Weekend</i>)	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

NCCC SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

NCCC Scholarship Information

The NCCC Scholarship program is funded through donations from Clubs, individuals and corporate friends, such as Mid America Motorworks. The NCCC Scholarship Committee awards \$1,000 scholarships to worthy young people, who have some connection with NCCC through a father, mother, grandparent, etc., who has been a member of NCCC for at least three years. "Some connection" implies that the applicant's relatives should have knowledge of the various requirements of the Scholarship Program.

Remember...If the relative is not the Applicant's parent, the relative must write a letter to be included with the completed application indicating the following:

His/Her relationship with the Applicant

His/Her NCCC Member Number

If He/She will be the Applicant Sponsor

If He/She has been closely involved with NCCC for a period of three or more years.

Application forms for the Scholarship Program may be obtained from **PATRICK DOLAN** or **RHONDA HIGGINS** at any National Governors' Meeting, from www.corvettesnccc.org or by mail from Rhonda at:

Rhonda Higgins
National Distribution Center
907 Oakcrest Drive
Champaign, IL 61821-4167

All scholarship applications must be completed correctly, returned and residing in the post office box shown below **no later than MAY 1, 2008:**

John Osborn
Scholarship Committee Chairman
P. O. Box 5032
Lafayette, IN 47903

Please note that the deadline is not a mailing date but a date in which the completed application appears in P. O. Box 5032. Applicants submitting forms after MAY 1, 2008 will be asked to have their application considered in 2009. This delay for late applications has been in effect for a number of years. The deadline may change from year to year depending upon the date of the annual NCCC Convention.

2008 NCCC CLUB WEB SITE CONTEST

Contest opens March 2 and entry closes May 2.

Listed below are some of the things the Judges will be looking for in 2008:

- Identification of Club
 - Location of Club
- Contact Information for Club and response time
 - Meeting Information and Schedule of Events
 - Club Activity News
 - Club Charity News
 - Club Community Involvement News
 - NCCC Affiliation (Link-Logo-News-Information)
- NCCC Region Affiliation (Link-Logo-News-Information)
 - FCOA Affiliation (Link-Logo-News-Information)
 - Overall first impression
 - Overall appearance
 - Ease of navigation and links accessibility
 - Timely and current information
 - Plus other features



2008 NCCC NEWSLETTER CONTEST

2008 Newsletter Contest Rules

Each NCCC Club entering the contest will submit three (3) issues covering the period from January thru May. For monthly newsletters, this would be January, March and May. For bi-monthly newsletters, this would be the first three (3) 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 or postage due type mailings will be accepted. Addresses of the Judges are listed below:

Calvin Camp
Midwest Region RE
3109 West State Route 90
Edelstein, IL 61526-9709

Charles Heretta
East Ohio Region RE
346 Barrister Avenue SE
North Canton, OH 44720-3985

Jerry Limpach
West Ohio Region RE
829 Brookmere Avenue
Tipp City, OH 45371-2765

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 postcard or envelope with each submission.

The first issue must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2008. The final issue must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2008.

Awards will be presented to the Top 5 winners at the 2008 NCCC Convention in Tulsa, OK. A list of the winners and all entrants will appear on the NCCC Web Site and in *Blue Bars*.

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.

Be sure to check out the past winners since 1972 on the NCCC Web Site.

CTV CAR SHOW

Hey, everybody!

It's that time of year again...time for the Fort Worth Rod and Custom Show. Fred and I have been working on a banner system, which had us stumped for a while, but Fred finally solved the problem and everything is a GO for Friday, February 29 - Sunday, March 2, at Will Rogers Complex.

This year we have 10 spots. The members displaying their cars are: LARRY HOALDRIDGE, '56 Aztec Copper Convertible; DON FOWLER, '58 Red and White Convertible; FRED ROSETT, '65 Red Convertible; HECTOR SANDOVAL, '64 Black Coupe; DONN BECK, '71 Yellow Coupe; BOB GREENE, '76 Red Coupe; DOUG McMAHAN, '93 Red Convertible; JOHN BREFCZYNSKI, '98 Radar Blue Pace Car; DOC LAMBERT, '62/03 Almond Beige Convertible; and DON LITTLEFIELD, '07 Black Z06.

I would like to invite everyone out to see some great cars and motorcycles while supporting the club at the same time. I will announce the results at the March membership meeting.

Thanks to all the entrants and those who helped get the show set up and torn down.

Thanks,

John

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

Bobby Gorman

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Supplementary Inspection Guide by Item

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HOT SPRINGS CORVETTE WEEKEND

April 17-20

If you are interested in attending the *Hot Springs Corvette Weekend*, let me know. We will have at least one caravan heading out to the event, usually a couple leaving at different times.

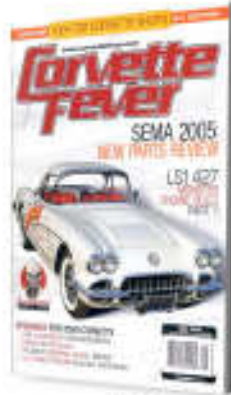
They have something for everyone, including a parade, car show, rallye, poker run, autocross, scavenger hunt, road tours, parties, etc.

You can find more information by clicking on the event off our April calendar or directly by going to: <http://www.centralarkcc.com/>

If you have questions about the event, you can get in touch with me (or any of the participants from previous years) - last year's event pages are located off the Photo button, under 2007 events or directly at: <http://cownvettes.org/Events/2007/042007HSCW-P01.html>

...Doug McMahan - 2008 CCP Chairperson

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Many thanks to the Club for the flower and balloon bouquet. It really brightened up my stay in the hospital. I would also like to thank everyone for their best wishes, visits and cards. I look forward to being back on my feet and seeing everyone again.

Donna Rosett

Thank you to my Cowtown Vettes family for the phone calls, letters, cards, beautiful flowers and prayers for Lei and me during my recent illness and hospitalization. Despite all of those prayers, I recovered and am doing well.

Seriously, I am doing well and truly appreciate all of you.

Frank Testa

Check out CTV Logo Merchandise available at every Membership Meeting.



Kim West

CTV Logo Merchandise 2008

Be sure to let me know if you need to place an order from Mid-America. The club members will get a discount and free shipping. You can contact me at 817-249-2855 or email me at jnk69vette@sbcglobal.net.

James West

A Racer's Motto

Winning is always just the end of a long cycle that begins with getting your butt kicked.

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COWTOWN VETTES' MYSTERY MEMBER

Who am I ???

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, a drawing will be held to determine the winner. 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 cin-bob75@charter.net or put your photo in a sealed envelope and drop it in the Mystery Member box.

February's Mystery Member was DON LITTLEFIELD.

Since no one correctly guessed the Mystery Member, Don Littlefield was the Winner!

Must be present to win.
Thanks to all who participated.

