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CONGRATULATIONS!

These candidates were uncontested at the November Club Meeting and therefore will take office on January 1, 2010. Take the time to say 'thank you' and to congratulate each of them!

Vice President Candy Beck
Secretary Donna Rosett
Treasurer Donn Beck
Newsletter Editor Dollie Hunley
Webmaster Doug McMahan



YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

The Annual Election of officers and the Special Election for an interim term Board Member position will both be held at the December 4th Club Meeting. We have many qualified candidates that should all be congratulated for their willingness to serve as your representatives. The ballots were mailed November 20th. Be sure to follow the instructions!

Members will vote on the Annual Election Ballot for President, two Board Members to serve terms ending in 2011 and for a Junior Board Member. The Board Member nominees receiving the most and the second most votes will be elected. If the immediate past President's Board Member position is available, the Board Member nominee with the third most votes in the Annual Election will fill that one year term.

In compliance with the By-Laws, the Special Election Ballot is for one interim term Board Member position ending in 2010. Some of the five nominees will be elected to the Board in the Annual Election. If a majority of the total votes cast was not attained by any of the remaining candidates, a run-off ballot will be distributed to the members present at the meeting. Only the top two remaining nominees will be in the run-off.

Barb Greenfeder, Secretary

Special thanks to Hartness/Print Central of Weatherford for again printing our election material!

CTV CALENDAR 2009

➤ DENOTES 100%'ER EVENT (*)

➤ 12/4~ MEMBERSHIP MTG *

7:30-9:00 PM

COORS HOSPITALITY ROOM

135W @ JOHN McMILLAN PKWY.

12/12 ~ CTV'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

& AWARDS BANQUET &

35TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

(DETAILS CAN BE FOUND IN THE

VP REPORT AND FLYER AND ON

THE CTV WEBSITE.)

12/16 ~ BOARD MTG

7:00 P.M. ~ CONFERENCE ROOM

COORS DISTRIBUTOR

135W @ JOHN McMILLAN PKWY.



CTV OFFICERS 2009

PRESIDENT

DON WELLS

VICE PRESIDENT

CANDY BECK

SECRETARY

BARB GREENFEDER

TREASURER

DONN BECK

NCCC GOVERNOR

SCOTT WHEELER

WEBMASTER

DOUG McMAHAN

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SYLVIA HOALDRIDGE

CTV BOARD MEMBERS

BOARD MEMBER (TERM 12/09)

DON FOWLER (IPP)

BOARD MEMBER (TERM 12/09)

KARYN FOWLER

BOARD MEMBER (TERM 12/09)

BOB MORRISON

BOARD MEMBER (TERM 12/10)

CINDY MORRISON

JR. BOARD MEMBER (TERM 12/09)

DAVID GILL

PRESIDENT

“Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year”

It has been an honor and privilege to have served as your President for the year 2009. I want to thank the 2009 Board and Committee Chairs for their hard work and support this past year. Also, I want to thank you (Cowtown's Membership) for supporting our car show, charity events, cruises, NCCC events, open road racing, socials and our members that work TMS race weekends.

During the past months, the Club has been honored with an increased amount of guests attending our meetings and socials, which have resulted in more than 80% becoming new members. It's been so exciting to see so many of our new members volunteering their time at our socials and being on committees. This type of commitment is why Cowtown Vettes is the best.

On behalf of the membership, I want to thank CHRIS & JENNIFER KIRCHEM, DONN & CANDY BECK and KEITH & JAN FITZGERALD for their hospitality and for opening their homes to our members for the progressive dinner. We enjoyed some great homemade appetizers, desserts and tacos.

Remember to mark your calendar for the Club's Annual Awards and 35th Anniversary Banquet on December 12th. CANDY BECK has planned an exciting evening you don't want to miss.

At the December 4th membership meeting, the 2010 Board will be voted in. At this writing, ballots have been mailed to the membership. Please check the Club By-Laws on our Web site for voting guidelines. If you are unable to make the membership meeting, you can send your Ballot to the Club's P O Box.

“Remember this is your club”

Don F. Wells

DFW73VETTE@att.net

ATTENTION CTV MEMBERS!!

**Bios for Contested Offices for
2010 (President, Board Members
and Junior Board Member) can be
found on CTV's website,
www.cowtownvettes.org**

VICE PRESIDENT

Thanks to all of you, the Progressive Dinner was a huge success! Since I was preparing the Main Course, I was not able to attend the Appetizer Course at the KIRCHEM's, but from what I heard (and based on how many tacos did NOT get eaten), there was a plethora of AWESOME appetizers. I did, however, manage to partake in the Dessert Course at the FITZGERALD's where there was a very nice spread of sweet stuff. A special THANK YOU to JENNIFER & CHRIS KIRCHEM and to JAN & KEITH FITZGERALD for opening their homes and making this event such a great success!!

I can't believe how quickly the Annual Awards Banquet and Holiday Party is approaching! I received quite a lot of RSVP cards at the November membership meeting, but if you have not already given me your RSVP card and your check, you MUST do so no later than the December 4th membership meeting. If you will not be at the meeting, please mail it to me ASAP. Don't forget... the Party is BYOB!!

Call me at (817) 223-9285 if you have any questions.

See ya soon!

Candy Beck



TRAVELING HELP NETWORK

Years back, the *Southwest Region of NCCC* (our region) published a Traveling Help Network directory. It was to share among the region so that when a member was traveling and had issues on the road, they would have someone in that area to contact for assistance.

The assistance could be in the form of being mechanically technical, someone with a trailer that would offer to help get their vehicle to a repair shop or even being a shop / business owner that could get the vehicle in for work.

Well, we are doing it again so if you have technical expertise and/or willing to lend a hand to a fellow NCCC member, please contact me. The committee's goal is to have a preliminary publication ready by January of 2010 - so if you are interested or willing, please contact me.

Thanks,
Doug McMahan
SWR Webmaster / THN Committee

Nominations, Votes & Candidacies Count!

Get involved.

CTV COMMITTEES 2009

➤ DENOTES CHAIRPERSON

AUDIT

➤ GLENDA MCMAHAN

CAR SHOW

➤ JOHN BREFCZYNSKI

CHARITIES

➤ JANE BUEHLER

COMPETITION

➤ DAVID GILL

CTV CRUISER PROGRAM

➤ DOUG MCMAHAN

EQUIPMENT

➤ HECTOR SANDOVAL

HISTORIAN

➤ GLENDA MCMAHAN

LOGO MERCHANDISE

➤ KAREN WATSON

MEMBERSHIP/WELCOME

➤ NANCY WELLS

MID-AMERICA

➤ JAMES WEST

NCCC EVENTS

➤ RICK GARABEDIAN

➤ DENOTES CHAIRPERSON

NCM AMBASSADOR

➤ KIM WEST

NEWSLETTER

SYLVIA HOALDRIDGE

DOUG McMAHAN

GLEND A McMAHAN

OPEN ROAD RACING

➤ KARL SAMUEL

PARLIAMENTARIAN & BY-LAWS

➤ ➤ HOW ABOUT YOU???

DEBBI LAMBERT

DEBBIE LINDSEY

SOCIALS

➤ CANDY BECK

SPONSORSHIP

➤ HOW ABOUT YOU???

TELEPHONE

➤ ALAINE KING

TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

➤ HARRY RUMZEK

TIMING

➤ CANDY BECK

... a report from the NCCC Governor

Thanks to all for getting the renewal dues to me. It's a very labor intensive time getting the dues recorded and preparing the portion that goes to our national organization, NCCC (National Council of Corvette Clubs). And a very large thank you to Donn Beck for collecting the renewal dues at the November meeting while I was working for the club at Texas Motor Speedway.

Some members wonder if it is optional to renew in NCCC ... or could you just renew in Cowtown. The answer is that you must renew in both. Cowtown Vettes is a 100% NCCC club which is why all CTV members must also pay national dues. A long time ago the leaders of Cowtown Vettes decided that it was important that we operate as a 100% NCCC club.

I've been asked, "I don't compete. Why should I be in NCCC?" Perhaps the most tangible benefit to your NCCC membership is insurance. As an NCCC member, you have liability coverage during club events. This includes more events than our NCCC-sanctioned competitive events. Coverage typically is provided for our membership meetings, socials, group travel and non-sanctioned events such as practice auto-crosses and our annual car show. There are some NCCC clubs who never participate in NCCC activities; they belong solely for the insurance protection. By the way, our insurance provider is K&K Insurance. They are a long-time motorsports insurer. History buffs and old-timers will remember K&K as a NASCAR sponsor starting back in the 1950s.

There are certainly other benefits to being an NCCC member – discounts through the NCCC Sponsorship program, our competition sanction program, Blue Bars, the scholarship program, and the general camaraderie of being with 19,000 other Corvette enthusiasts are benefits that come to mind.

What's Coming Up

Nothing! Our regional competition season is done for the year. Your Governor is busy tallying up points for the competition awards to be presented at our Christmas Party & Awards Banquet in December.

NCCC Southwest Region News

Jeannie Ruston was elected to the Regional Executive (RE) post. Joe Reese and Cheryl Surdick will continue as Regional Competition Director (RCD) and Regional Membership Director, respectively. The bylaws changes – which was a language and style clean up – was passed. Appointed officers, pending approval from the 2010 SW Region Board of Governors, will be Mary Anne Kolb continuing as Treasurer, Brenda Lackey as Secretary, and Doug McMahan continuing as Regional Webmaster.

The 2009 Awards Banquet will be in Oklahoma City, tentatively March 6, 2010, but possibly March 13.

News for you racers: a new Sheraton will probably be the headquarters hotel for events at the Sheriff's Track in OK City. The hotel will be about five minutes from the track.

'Son of HelpNet' is in progress. Ask us about this.

A motion was made and passed to eliminate the regional event fees for Southwest Region sanctioned events. This should save CTV about \$400 a year.

NCCC National News

All of the bylaw changes passed. The most noticeable change is an expanded dependent membership program, now called Youth membership. The 2011 Convention will be in Tinley Park, Illinois, which is 27 miles southwest of Chicago.

Cowtown Vettes is #13 in the latest national club competition points standing. [Way to go, NCCC racers!]

And, finally, a friend of Cowtown Vettes and the Southwest Region, Ron Ruston (Oklahoma City Corvette Club) was elected Sergeant at Arms.

In Closing

Thanks for your support this year; please show GLEND A McMAHAN your support as our NCCC Governor for 2010.

As long as I have the floor ...

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

The trouble with bucket seats is that not everybody has the same size bucket.

CHARITY

Thank you to the following members who represented our club at the Tarrant Area Food Bank on Thursday, November 12th. Our check for \$240 was much appreciated! Thanks to JASON BONSER for the additional \$40 which was added to the \$200 from the club.

Bill & Jane Buehler
Linda Lummus
Jim & Donna Forsythe
Doc Lambert
Rick Garabedian & Ali Winters
Larry & Sylvia Hoaldridge
Carol Savage
Fred & Donna Rosett
Lisa, Hali and Joseph Reed (Fred & Donna's daughter and her two children)
John & Cory Armes
James & Kim West
Phil & Barbara Higbee
Ralph Tucker & Kathleen Ailara
Fred Proctor

December events:

- The Women's Center ~ Tuesday, December 15 ~ 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Barbara Higbee will lead our volunteers as they wrap holiday gifts. The Women's Center is located at 1723 Hemphill, Fort Worth, 76110. Volunteers who signed up at the November meeting can park in the north parking lot, between The Women's Center and the Presbyterian Church. Meet in the lobby. Barbara will provide more details to the volunteers closer to the date.
- Cook Children's Hospital ~ Tuesday, December 22 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Our club provided the \$250 donation to fund the Children's Christmas party and we will also volunteer to help the children with crafts, pictures with Santa, gifts from under the tree and refreshments. The party is from 11:0 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Volunteers should arrive around 10:00 to help with set-up. We'll also help with clean-up after the party. We need about 20-25 volunteers. More details will be provided as we get closer to the date.
- WFAA Santa's Helpers ~ Date: TBD
The Board approved a \$200 donation to Santa's Helpers. KIM WEST and KARYN FOWLER will represent the club and present the check. Let them know if you want to join them!

Thank you to everyone who has purchased 50/50 tickets at our meetings during 2009. You made it possible for us to support Easter Seals, Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Walk and 3-Day Walk, the Tarrant Area Food Bank, Cook Children's Hospital and Santa's Helpers. Congratulations to our 50/50 winners in 2009!

1/09 ~ Brian Plowman
2/09 ~ Bobby Gorman
3/09 ~ Bob Greene
4/09 ~ Bill Buehler
5/09 ~ Jason Bonser
6/09 ~ Red Greenfeder
7/09 ~ Doc Lambert
8/09 ~ Donn Beck
9/09 ~ Gary Hanna
10/09 ~ Sylvia Hoaldridge
11/09 ~ Nancy McGovern
12/09 ~ Will it be YOU?

Happy Holidays, Everyone!

Jane Buehler

MEMBERSHIP

Happy BELATED Birthday, CTV Members!

11/2 ~ Donna McHenry
11/3 ~ Jerry Lindsey
11/7 ~ Robbie Schneider
11/13 ~ Steve Hunley
11/14 ~ Kevin Anthony
11/17 ~ Pete Schneider
11/20 ~ Judy Shanholtz
11/27 ~ Nancy Wells
11/28 ~ Roy Allen

Happy BELATED Anniversary, CTV Members!

11/15 ~ Larry & Sylvia Hoaldrige
11/17 ~ Jim & Donna Forsythe
11/24 ~ Don & Virginia Littlefield
11/25 ~ Dr. Royce & Linda Lummus
11/26 ~ Rick & Ali Garabedian
11/29 ~ Kelly & Doris Johnson

Happy Birthday, CTV Members!

12/2 ~ Donn Beck
12/3 ~ Candy Beck
12/3 ~ Kerry MGovern
12/5 ~ Tom Lake
12/6 ~ Patricia Gill
12/7 ~ Fred Rosett
12/10 ~ Tom McHenry
12/12 ~ Bill Buehler
12/13 ~ Carl Williams
12/22 ~ Linda Griffith
12/22 ~ Virginia Littlefield
12/28 ~ John Grace
12/29 ~ Laura Satterfield
12/31 ~ Debbie Lindsey

Happy Anniversary, CTV Members!

12/3 ~ David & Debbie Larsen
12/5 ~ Bob & Cindy Morrison
12/11 ~ Red & Barb Greenfeder
12/12 ~ David & Patricia Gill

100%er AWARD

A 100%er AWARD is given to each couple or single who attends at least 11 of 12 monthly membership meetings and a Club event at least 9 of 10 months, February through November. The Club event to be considered for this award each month will be announced and designated each month in the Club Newsletter. Attendance at a concurrent NCCC event or other Club event pre-designated by the Elected Officers will be accepted in lieu of this requirement. In all cases, the eligible Club event(s) will be designated in the newsletter with an asterisk (*). For couples, this can be a joint venture and credit is given if just one attends the meeting or event. This award is presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. Members eligible for 100%er AWARD are:

Donn and Candy Beck
Don and Karyn Fowler
Red and Barb Greenfeder
Don and Virginia Littlefield
Kerry and Nancy McGovern
Doug and Glenda McMahan
Don and Nancy Wells
Scott and Mo Wheeler

Any questions, please contact NANCY WELLS.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD

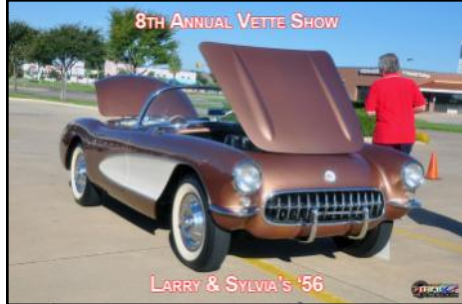
ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD will be given to the Rookie member who accumulates the highest number of points according to the schedule below. A Rookie is defined as a new member to Cowtown Vettes who has not previously been a member of the Club. Rookies accumulate points the calendar year following the year that they joined the Club. All records are maintained and the determination of the Rookie of the Year is made by the Membership Committee who will select and present the award at the Annual Awards Banquet. Members eligible for ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD are:

Cory Armes
John Armes
Barb Higbee
Phil Higbee
Polly Guedry
Chris Kirchem
Jennifer Kirchem
John McCown
Pete Mosley
Ray Peeler
Karen Watson
Rick Watson

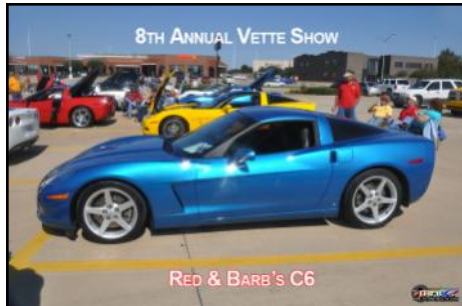
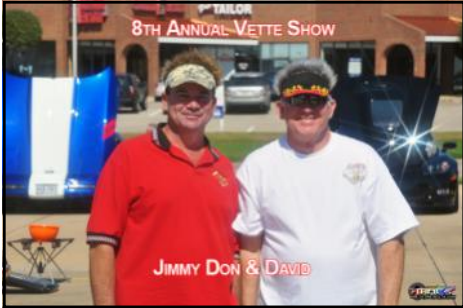
Any questions, please contact NANCY WELLS.

Nancy Wells

CTV PHOTO ALBUM ~ 8TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW



CTV PHOTO ALBUM ~ 8TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW



CTV PHOTO ALBUM ~ 8TH ANNUAL VETTE SHOW



8TH ANNUAL VETTE SHOW



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CTV PHOTO ALBUM ~ NCCC EVENT, OKC



BCM-10/09



NCCC NTVM/TCC Event - OKC - 10/24-25/09

KEVIN ANTHONY

BCM-10/09



NCCC NTVM/TCC Event - OKC - 10/24-25/09

10.24.2009



NCCC NTVM/TCC Event - OKC - 10/24-25/09

A COLD RACE WEEKEND 10.25.2009



NCCC NTVM/TCC Event - OKC - 10/24-25/09

WE WEREN'T CUTTING HAY THIS WEEKEND!!!

10.25.2009



NCCC NTVM/TCC Event - OKC - 10/24-25/09

BOB & CINDY

10.25.2009



NCCC NTVM/TCC Event - OKC - 10/24-25/09

CATHY ANTHONY

DVL 10/09



NCCC NTVM/TCC Event - OKC - 10/24-25/09

DOC LAMBERT

DVL 10/09



NCCC NTVM/TCC Event - OKC - 10/24-25/09

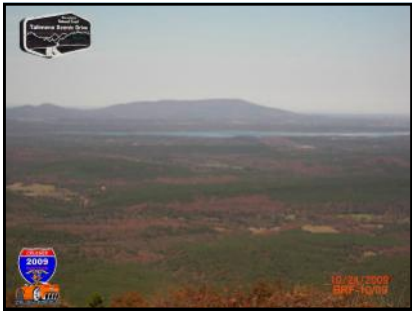
DON LITTLEFIELD

DVL 10/09

CTV PHOTO ALBUM ~ PROGRESSIVE DINNER



CTV PHOTO ALBUM ~ FALL FOLLIAGE TOUR



CTV PHOTO ALBUM ~ FALL FOLLIAGE TOUR



WEBMASTER



Yep, it is **THAT** time of year again... lots of changes will be noticed on our website as we end 2009 and start on 2010, Cowtown's 36th year. You find changes for the 2010 officers and chairpersons along with calendar pages, competition program changes, the 35th logo and references disappear, lots of behind the scenes stuff, etc. So as always, if you notice something that needs attention or that I missed, please do not hesitate to ping me on it - sometimes due to hurriedness and/or cut-n-paste not being my friend, I do mess things up ☆.

We always welcome event pictures and information for use on the *website* and in the *Scrapbooks*. This past month, we thank Keith & Jan Fitzgerald, David & Patricia Gill, Frank & Lei Testa, Bill & Ruth Farley (guests), Chris & Mary Maylor (guests) and the McMahan's for photos from past events.✍

Cowtown Email Lists: With our annual renewals and unfortunately some folks which didn't, due to moving and such, the email lists will change accordingly. These same changes will occur in the *Membership Directory*. So, if you change your email address, mailing address, Vettes, etc., please let membership know so that we can update your address on the various email lists; you can send any updates to membership at:

ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com.

If you have questions about an email list for various venues which you might like to participating in (i.e. *Open Road Racing, Car Shows, Cruising, NCCC Convention, Competition*, etc.) please contact me.✍

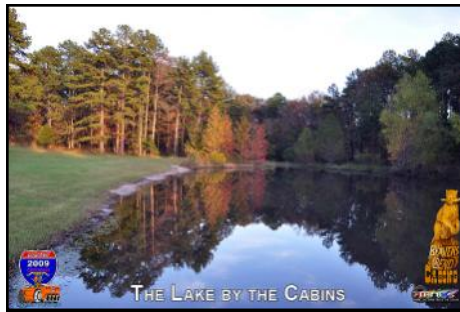
If you have any suggestions, questions or comments about our how we are managing our Club's website, please don't hesitate to give me a shout.✍

--Doug McMahan - 2009 CTV Webmaster

...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!!!

CTV PHOTO ALBUM ~ FALL FOLLIAGE TOUR



BRCC—BRAZOS RIVER CC

GRANBURY, TX SW-540

CCO—COMP. CORVETTES OF OKLAHOMA

TULSA, OK SW-423

CCOC—CC OF OKLAHOMA CITY

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK SW-468

CCT—CC OF TEXAS

DALLAS, TX SW-074

COAST—CORVETTE OWNERS ASSN. OF S.TX

SAN ANTONIO, TX SW-143

CTCC—CEN-TEX CC

WACO, TX SW-200

CTV—COWTOWN VETTES

FORT WORTH, TX SW-055

LCC—LONGHORN CC

AUSTIN, TX SW-200

MCCC—MID-COAST CC

LAKE JACKSON, TX SW-170

MTCC—MID-TEXAS CORVETTE ASSN

KILLEEN, TX SW-185

NTV—NORTH TEXAS VETTES

FORT WORTH, TX SW-555

OCCC—OKLAHOMA CITY CC

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK SW-131

SCCC—SUN CITIES CC

ALBUQUERQUE, NM SW-085

SJCC—SAN JACINTO CC

HOUSTON, TX SW-063

THT—TIN HALL TOYS CC

SANTA FE, TX SW-392

TOCC—TEXAS OUTLAWS CC

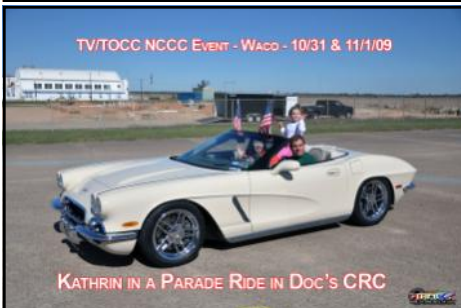
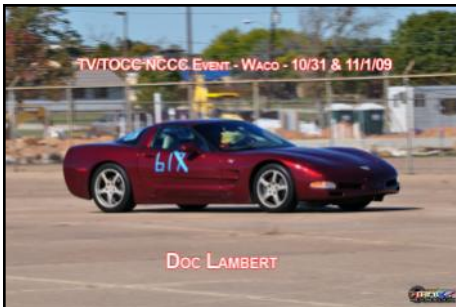
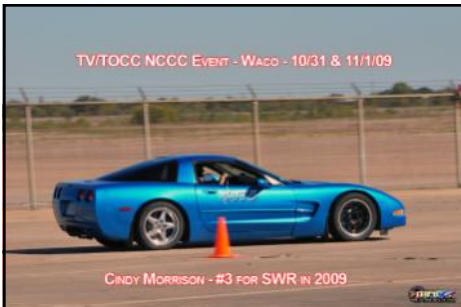
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PLANO, TX SW-163

TVS—TULSA VETTE SET

TULSA, OK SW-248





COWTOWN VETTES

***Requests the honor of your presence
At the upcoming
Annual Awards Banquet and Christmas Party
Saturday, December 12
Texas Motor Speedway Executive Clubhouse
Fort Worth, Texas***

Cocktails

6:15 ~ 6:45 p.m.

Dinner

7:00 p.m.

Awards

8:00 p.m.

Dancing

9:00 p.m. ~ 12.00 a.m.

BYOB

\$25.00 per member

\$35.00 per non-member guest

(Please complete the RSVP card located in the Inserts, attach it to your check and give to **CANDY BECK** no later than December 4.

COWTOWN CRUISER PROGRAM



THE 2009 CRUISER COMPETITION has ended; who will win this year? You'll need to attend the *December Christmas Party & Awards Banquet* to find out.

Our **FALL FOLIAGE CRUISE** turned out great and what a fun group we had with us!!! The rainy weather had been so iffy before the trip we were concerned there it might catch us sometime during the trip; it turned out awesomely beautiful! We ended up with 17 Cars and 33 Cruisers, which included two guests.

We pulled out from the **Cracker Barrel** in Arlington, on Friday morning around 8:30 am. We stayed south of the Metroplex so that we could miss as much work-day traffic as possible, which worked out as planned. We turned north at Terrell, on the east side of *Lake Tawakoni* where we headed east across the bridge; then to turn north again once we reached Emory. We cruised down some fairly fun and scenic back roads bringing us into the south end of Idabel, OK; our big stop along the way. We attempted to locate our lunch stop; **Papa Poblano's Mexican Café** (a local chain to the area) – FYI: don't go by the GPS directions! We had reservations for 12 noon however, we were running behind but did set everything back up for our group of thirty-three. Their food was outstanding as was the service – we would definitely recommend this place!

After lunch, we headed east a few miles to the **Legends Muscle Car Museum**; a private collection owned by Phil Sylva. His right-hand man, Randy had come in special for us to enjoy and share info about the cars; since they are typically closed on Friday. Unfortunately the owner had just sold the Vettes from the collection; one of which was a rare '69 L88. He is in the process of converting the entire collection to only convertibles. The rare muscle cars in this collection are typically one-of or one-of-two ever built with the specific options. If I recall correctly, the muscle car that has the highest production of the entire collection is only one-of-five-hundred.



After the museum, we headed on up Hwy 259, where we made a brief pit stop for gas and beverages in Broken Bow. We then headed on north, taking the scenic route thru the **Beaver's Bend State Park** to enjoy the twisty roads, hills and fall foliage. That is a very neat drive and it was a GREAT weekend for the fall foliage!



After pulling back out onto Hwy 259, we headed north just a short distance then turned left, into the area with our cabins. There were three groups of cabins our group occupied, **Pine Meadow, Hickory Hills** and **Friendly Pines Cabins**; all of which Dian assisted us in setting up back in the spring of this year. We all found our cabins with time to unpack, kick back and unwind a before our dinner.

Our dinner reservations were at **Abendigo's Grill & Patio** at 7pm; no caravan or anything since it was only a stone throw from the cabins. Arrival brought us to an upscale, Halloween decorated restaurant with our group tables already setup. As cruisers arrived, they chose a place at one of the tables where they enjoyed friendship, appetizers and dinner. The restaurant was BYOB, making it even better and their service and food was outstanding!!! After dinner everyone retired back to their own cabins since we had an early departure on Saturday morning.



On this crisp and cool Saturday morning, the sky was beginning to illuminate the area; where we saw six-to-eight deer feeding among the trees outside our cabin. We enjoyed our coffee as we watched them, 'til "someone" raised the blinds and scared them off. Oh well, time to eat breakfast and get ready for today's fun.

Saturday's driver's meeting was held with an 8:30 am departure from our cabin. We departed north on Hwy 259 where we soon ran into some fairly dense fog. When we came to Hwy 4 at Smithville, we turned east down some fun back roads leading us on into on into Mena, AR.



On our route this morning we had been seeing dozens of cycles on the road, then a few miles south of Mena, we saw a group of large campgrounds and a sign that stated "*Christian Motorcycle Association's Annual Rallye* this weekend" (keep this thought). On with the story; our destination was **Street & Performance** in Mena, AR where we had a tour of their facility setup for 10am. Mark Campbell (owner) took us through their facility consisting of several buildings, starting with the shipping department. Talk about eye candy for auto enthusiasts!!! They have everything from complete show engines, turn-key conversions, complete computer reprogramming, wiring harnesses for conversions, etc. not to mention lots of show quality parts and accessories. Check out the photos in this issue and on the website; they were dropping LS9 Vette engines (yes, ZR-1) into a 2010 Camaro

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and the real shocker, another one in a 1957 T-Bird!

About an hour and a half later, we departed back into Mena to stop at **Grumpy's Cafe** for lunch. Service and the food was great here other than they kept messing up Steve's order ☹

The next scheduled stop was at the restored **1928 Esso Gas Station** which also had a muscle car & motorcycle museum inside along with adjoining buildings. Unfortunately, they had just finished a large street garage sale and they stated they didn't have time to allow us in to enjoy their collection ☹. Time to load up and head on out of Mena, totally disappointed.

We headed north out of Mena on Hwy 88 which later turns into Hwy 1, better known as the **Talimena Scenic Byway**, where the roads started becoming twisted and fun. Unfortunately, the traffic was heavy from autos and cycles (remember the motorcycle rally?) which were also enjoying the weather and fall foliage weekend. This was a much different *Talimena* than a few of us enjoyed back on our June trip, when we *really enjoyed it* on our way to Hot Springs.



We did notice that the fall foliage was more sparse up on top of the "*Little Smokies*" due to the altitude difference. This was very evident as we dipped down between some of the mountain top ridges into the valleys and would run upon foliage that was still on the trees. Regardless, it was a beautiful day to enjoy Vettes and the awesome weather.

Our turn-around point on the *Talimena* was at a scenic overlook near the Talihena, where we stopped to capture a group photo. Departure from that point was on-your-own, allowing cruisers to spend more time enjoying the dozens of overlooks at their own pace.

Saturday evening was an on-your-own evening since the group poll showed about half wanted to eat out and the rest wanted to grill out at the cabins. Some ventured back to **Abendigo's**, others **Papa Poblano's** and some of us grilled ribeye steaks and lobster. After dinner we enjoyed fun and lots of comedian style impressions and entertainment from John Armes, while we enjoyed the cool fall evening around the campfire. Lots of stories however, you just needed to be there to really enjoy; am I correct "monkey arms"?



This was such a beautiful part of Oklahoma (bet you never dempt that) to enjoy, not to mention that on Sundays we tend to have about a third of the cruisers heading back early so this trip departure was on-your-own. However, all were welcome to hang around and head back with us if they wanted. We departed noonish and there wasn't anyone else left and too bad because we did really enjoy some fun back-roads heading home - can you imagine that? ☺

We do thank all of you that joined this laid-back weekend cruise, you helped to make it one of the most special and memorable cruises to date.

Mark your calendars, the **2010 Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP)** will start on January 1st, 2010; packets and T-Shirts will be available started at the January membership meeting.

The 5th Annual "What I Saw Along the Way" Photo Contest took place at the November meeting with several contestants displaying the neat places they visited while driving their Vette. The winners will be announced at the Banquet in December; and the 2010 Photo Contest starts January 1st. The 6th Annual photo contest starts on January 1st as well.

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

If you would like clarifications, have a question or comment about the *Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP)*, please feel free to give me a call or drop me an email.

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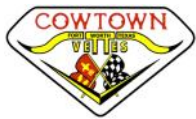
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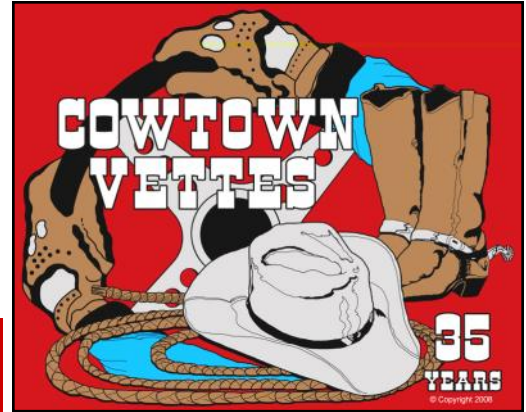
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