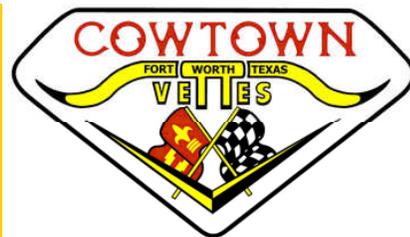


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On April 2, 1973, I started my relationship with the Corvette. I turned 25 years old on that day and my insurance company changed my profile from a crazy, crash-anything risk to a mik-toast, law-abiding, 4-door driving citizen. Well, I showed them and within two months I had bought a 1967, 427/435 horse coupe! And, "yes," I wish I still had it!!

I started finding places to race it and, in the first of several ironies in my Corvette journey, I looked for a Corvette club to join. I found one and did join it in 1974, but it wasn't Cowtown Vettes. I had heard that Cowtown was trying to form up (I recall that it was the Ft Worth Corvette Club back.), but I didn't want to get mixed up in that and instead joined Great Southwest Corvette Club. I made several friends there and learned a lot about autocrossing Corvettes. It was a small club and I was constantly going to races by myself (with Sharon, of course). I started meeting people from that other club, Cowtown Vettes, and made friends there also.

In 1976, I sold the '67 and jumped into the fire with both feet and bought a '68 SCCA A Production Corvette coupe, also a 427 (Seeing a pattern here?) and started a short, but spectacular career in road racing, which ended at Green Valley Raceway one fine day in March with me stuffing the '68 into the guardrail after blowing the motor. Ask me about that some day; it is a long story. Incidentally, I had also blown the motor in the '67 at Green Valley. (There's that pattern again!!) It was also another one of those ironies since I work at Texas Raceway these days which is owned by the daughter of Bill Hielscher, who owned Green Valley back in those days.

I spent the next year fixing the '68 and Sharon and I autocrossed it (no power

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CTV CALENDAR 2009

➤ DENOTES 100%ER EVENT (*)

2/1 ~ SUPER BOWL PARTY *

4:00 P.M.-TIL

BUFFALO WILD WINGS

HWY 183 @ CENTRAL DRIVE

BEDFORD, TX

2/6 ~ MEMBERSHIP MTG *

7:30-9:00 PM

COORS HOSPITALITY ROOM

135W @ JOHN MCMILLAN PKWY.

2/14 ~ VALENTINE'S DAY *

6:00-9:00PM

LOS VAQUEROS WEST

WILLOW PARK

I-20 & RANCH HOUSE RD

(EXIT 418)

*(MORE DETAILS CAN BE FOUND ON
THE CTV WEBSITE OR ELSEWHERE
IN THIS ISSUE.)*

2/21 ~ BOARD MTG

7:00 P.M. ~ CONFERENCE ROOM

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2/27 ~ 3/1

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This is going to be a great year for Cowtown. We will be celebrating our 35th Anniversary and NCCC will have a 50th Anniversary. There is a great party in the works for Cowtown in May that we are all looking forward to. We had a good time at the 30th and I'm sure this will be just as much fun. After taking a break in January, February begins our 100%er Socials. I know many of you are planning ahead so that you may be eligible for the 100%er Award at the end of the year.

For our new members from 2008, you have a chance for the Rookie of the Year Award. The requirements are in the club's Bylaws, so take a look if you are not familiar with them. We have a lot to look forward to this year attending Car Shows, NCCC Events and Open Road Racing to compete for awards.

Don't forget to enjoy the car we all love by collecting points in Cowtown's Cruiser Program. The most important thing to remember in the next 11 months is this is a time to spend with our friends new and old.

My door, as well as that of your Board Members, is always open. We welcome your thoughts, ideas and even your criticism.

Remember This Is Your Club*Don F. Wells***VICE PRESIDENT**

I can't tell you how excited I am to be your VP again! This is going to be a great year... we have our big 35th Anniversary celebration, a group photo scheduled, NCCC's 50th Anniversary celebration, and Caravan '09 to Bowling Green, among many other things!!

By the time you read this, our first big social, a Super Bowl party at Buffalo Wild Wings, will be history, but I'm sure we all had a great time!

Our February social will be our traditional Valentine's Dinner at 6:00 pm on February 14th at Los Vaqueros West, located in Willow Park (I-20 and Ranch House Rd. exit 418). We'll be in the Western Sky Room and we'll have a full Combo Fajita Buffet, which also comes with a Cheese Enchilada, and all the fixin's. The cost is \$17.75 per person and covers your meal, soft drink or tea, tax and tip! A cash bar will be available, so you can purchase your adult beverage(s) at your leisure. Grab your Sweetie and RSVP no later than the February membership meeting (2/6/09). Oh, and I'll need your cash or check made payable to Cowtown Vettes for \$17.75 per person no later than the February membership meeting, too!

In March, our 100%er social will be a Practice Autocross at the Mineral Wells Airport on 3/21/09. More details will be available at the membership meetings and in the *Low-Down*, but for now... mark your calendars!

KARYN FOWLER has volunteered to coordinate our traditional 100%er for April... the Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure on 4/11/09. Watch for more details on how to sign up in the *Low-Down* and on the website.

Don't forget to keep thinking of fun and unique things we can do this year... I'm ALWAYS looking for new and fresh ideas!!

See ya soon!

Candy Lowrey

PARDON FROM THE GOVERNOR

A report from the NCCC Governor

Well, 2009 is off to an auspicious start as long as you don't need frills such as food and clothing, as long as your 201(K) holds out and as long as you plan to work all the way up to the new retirement age of 85 ...

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 18,600 members, is the largest non-profit, all-volunteer Corvette organization in the United States. It consists of 276 clubs encompassing 16 regions. Cowtown Vettes is a member of the Southwest Region. I plan to give a brief (?) Southwest Region presentation at the February membership meeting. NCCC is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. Cowtown Vettes is celebrating our 35th.

What's Coming Up

- 2-28/3-1 NCCC National Governor's Meeting in St. Louis, MO
- 3-21 Non-sanctioned (practice) autocross at Mineral Wells, hosted by CTV.
- 3-28 NCCC Southwest Region 2008 Awards Banquet in Waco, TX
- 3-29 NCCC Southwest Region Governors' Meeting in Waco, TX
- 4-3/5 NCCC Events hosted by San Jacinto Corvette Club (SJCC) & Longhorn Corvette Club (LCC) 14 autocrosses plus a playday (practice) at Grand Sport Speedway (Hitchcock, TX, south of Houston)
- 4-17/19 NCCC Events, Playday on Friday, Autocross & Funkhana at Hallett Raceway and the Fairgrounds in Tulsa, OK, hosted by CCO & COAST
- 5-2/3 NCCC National Governor's Meeting in St. Louis, MO
- 5-23/25 NCCC Events, Autocross in OKC, OK and Drag Events at Thunder Valley in Noble, OK on Sunday. Hosted by OCCC & CCOC
- 5-24 NCCC Regional Governor's Meeting in OKC, OK
- 6-13 NCCC Autocross Events at Mineral Wells, hosted by CTV for BRCC
- 7-25/26 NCCC Autocross Events in OKC, OK, hosted by OCCC & CCOC
- 8-8/14 NCCC National Convention – Colorado Springs, CO
- 9-19/20 NCCC Events hottest by Cowtown Vettes (CTV) and Brazos River Corvette Club (BRCC) 10 autocrosses at Texas Motor Speedway.
- 9-25/27 NCCC Events hosted by CCT & NTV.
- 10-31/11-1 NCCC Events hosted by TV & TOCC.

I want to remind you of the Awards Banquet. The registration information is on the Southwest Region website.

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 2009 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 August. There will be additional 'perk' goodies in your packet.

NCCC National Convention

It's not too early to start planning for a cool scenic trip to Colorado to get a respite from the August heat in Texas.

In addition to the registration form in your membership renewal packets, you may register on-line for both Convention and the hotel starting February 1 on the NCCC website (link to it from CTV's website). Let's get a big group to caravan to Colorado!

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

"If you're in control you're going too slow."

- Parnelli Jones

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- STEVE & DOLLY HURLEY ~ 2003 TOURCH RED COUPE
- CHRIS STACKPOLE ~ 2006 C6 RED
- MITCH AND DONNA KEATING ~ 1971 COUPE



Chris Stackpole



Donna & Mitch Keating



Steve & Dolly Hurley

FIRST TIME VISITORS:

- MARK & LOU KIRBY ~ 2007 Z06 ATOMIC ORANGE
- CLARK AND PATTY KIRBY ~ 1965 COUPE RED

Nancy Wells

BIRTHDAYS

- 2/1 ~ LINDA BENWARE
- 2/4 ~ NANCY GREENE
- 2/4 ~ JAMIE HAGWOOD
- 2/8 ~ DEBBIE LARSEN
- 2/9 ~ MO WHEELER
- 2/14 ~ BRIAN PLOWMAN
- 2/18 ~ DON FOWLER
- 2/19 ~ CAROL DOWNING
- 2/20 ~ DOC LAMBERT
- 2/24 ~ KIM WEST
- 2/25 ~ JANE BRASWELL



ANNIVERSARIES

- 2/6 ~ NANCY AND DON WELLS
- 2/14 ~ JUDY AND ALLEN SHANHOLTZ
- 2/17 ~ DONNA AND FRED ROSETT
- 2/27 ~ YVETTE AND BRUCE LEWIS
- 2/28 ~ GLENDIA AND DOUG MCMAHAN

CHARITY REPORT

Our first charity event of 2009 is the EASTER SEALS WALK on Saturday, March 7th. Easter Seals provides exceptional services to ensure that people living with autism and other disabilities have equal opportunities to live, learn, work and play. The walk is at Grapevine Mills Mall on Saturday, March 7th. Registration begins at 7:30am and the walk starts at 9:00am. It's a 1 mile "indoor" family fun walk.

LINDA LUMMUS is sponsoring Cowtown Vettes' team. To join our team, sign up by going to the Easter Seals site (www.easterseals.com) and locate the Grapevine walk. Follow the steps to join the Cowtown Vettes' team.

More details will be provided at the February meeting!

Jane Buehler

Charity Committee Chairman

Hi All – Registration online is now up and ready. I have registered our team and myself as the team captain. If you've walked before and registered online, you should have already received an email about registering this year. If you haven't received an email, you can still register, just create a new user name and password. It's a very simple process. Simply click on this link <http://race.komentarrant.org> and then follow the instructions for joining a team.

Last year, we had 37 members on our team. Let's see if we can make 2009 the biggest year yet! It's only a 5k which is a little over 3 miles. Anyone can walk 3 miles, right???

Once you go to the website, if you registered previously, enter your user name and password (you should have received that in the email from Komen, if you got one). Click on "join a team" on the right side of the screen and follow the instructions after that.

Our team name is Cowtown Vettes.

If you haven't walked previously, click on the link "form or join a team" on the first screen. On the next screen, click "join an existing team" and follow the instructions.

Cowtown has had many members affected by this disease. Let's show our support for them and join the Fight for the Cure!

As in the past, we will be going for brunch again after the walk at a "to be announced" restaurant that will be out of the downtown area but won't be too far. I'm still checking our options.

Thanks,

Karyn Fowler

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Attention, Ladies!

Who would be interested in taking a trip to the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, North Carolina? DONNA ROSETT and I have both been there and can tell you what a wonderful place it is! Asheville is about two hours from Charlotte, North Carolina. We could plan this trip a number of different ways – drive there, fly there, or take a bus there. I would just like to know who might be interested in doing this before looking into it any further. Please let me know!

Karyn Fowler

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NCCC SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

The NCCC Scholarship program is funded through donations from Clubs, individuals and corporate friends such as MID AMERICA MOTORWORKS. The NCCC Scholarship Committee awards \$1,000.00 scholarships to worthy young people who have some connection with NCCC through a Father, Mother, Grandfather, Grandmother, 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.

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 to the applicant
- His/Her NCCC Member Number
- That He/She will be the Applicant's Sponsor
- That He/She has been closely involved with NCCC for a period of three or more years.

All scholarship applications MUST be completed correctly and mailed to:

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

All applications must be residing in P. O. Box 5032 no later than the deadline date for the year. The deadline changes from year to year depending upon the date of the Annual NCCC Convention. **The 2009 Received Deadline Date is May 9, 2009.** (*Editor's Note: Please note the change in Deadline Date. May 9, 2009 is the correct date.*)

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steering, no power brakes, remember!) until I sold it in 1982, right before the NCCC Convention in Houston. Bill Bradley and I raced his '80 Corvette (a bone stock car that we put Hoosiers on, so we could run with the fast car classes) at that Convention in the IID class, because watching an autocross instead of racing in it REALLY sucks!!!. I think we ran 2nd or 3rd in both the High and Low Speed and gave Hoaldrige fits. (He was the IID king in those days.) Later that year, I bought a '73, 454 roadster (street car) and raced the snot out of it for a year or two; however, after racing the '68, everything seemed in slow-motion!! I DIDN'T blow it up, tho, so things were starting to change.

In 1984, I sold the '73 and bought my current (up until Sept of 2008) car – a 1974, L-82 coupe. That's right; a small block!! I took a little heat for that change from my racing friends. You see, I had always referred to my small-block driving friends as "Starter-motor Drivers" telling them that "I used a small-block to start my big block."

By that time, I had also left Great Southwest Corvette Club and joined Cowtown Vettes. (Yep, I could have been one of those "Founding Members of Cowtown; I think there are only four or five of them. Another irony...)

Well, actually, I didn't leave Great Southwest; it left me, as I was NCCC Governor in that club when the club folded. Oh, well. Anyway, Sharon and I raced the '74 (and actually drove it on the street for a while). The car has held the IC drag record for both men and women for a while and was always competitive in Group I. I learned a LOT about rules during that time and, in 1991, I think it was, we moved up to Group II and learned a LOT MORE about rules. Sharon stopped racing regularly about that time to attend to daughter Stephanie's gymnastics career and our son took Sharon's place. He had much success and eventually started to beat me; so much so that in 1997, I sent him into the Navy!!

I still race the '74, but mostly in drag racing these days. The changing of the '74 from drag race settings to autocross settings is becoming more of a chore, and without major (read "expensive") upgrades to wheels and tires, it is not really competitive anymore, so drag racing it is. So, in September of last year, I bought a 1996, LT4 coupe from Kevin and Cathy Anthony. That was a REAL "Night-and-Day" change from the old C3 dinosaur, for sure. It is a fun car to drive and I'm looking at RULES, yet again, so that never seems to end. And three weeks after we bought it, we drove it to the Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend -- the first trip to a Corvette event in a Corvette that we had done in 20 years. So, more changes!

Sharon points out every now and then, that I had worked for 31 years and never had more than one Corvette at a time. Now, that I have retired, all of a sudden, I have TWO!!!

Along the way, we have made many long-time friends and lost a few also. Hopefully, this trip will last a long time to come.

Walt Zschirnt

COWTOWN CRUISER



The Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP) is underway... with several of you already out cruising' and enjoying your Corvettes.

This year kicks off the fifth year of Cowtown's Cruiser Program and while everyone does not cruise for points I think it is safe to say everyone enjoys cruising to have fun in and with their Corvettes. Important to many is the fellowship with other members and representing Cowtown while having fun with our Corvettes.

While we will enjoy club sponsored cruises you can compete in the program on your own solo cruise, just to enjoy a pretty day or while traveling on your vacation. The mission of the program

is for members to enjoy their Vettes while seeing places you'd never see if you weren't out looking for that out-of-the-way city or county; rather than flying by on the Interstate.

The CCP concept is fairly simple; as you are out going to these places, take a photo of you and your Vette with the appropriate signage to validate your visit. Then log that entry on your CCP log sheet. If you travel beyond the state of Texas, the cities, counties, forests and parks all count as two points instead of one. If you find a historical marker that adds an additional point; making Texas visits worth two points and out-of-state stops worth three points. If you like to visit the National Corvette Museum, attend the NCCC Convention, historic churches or war memorials, you can earn cruiser points for those as well.

On our website, you will find links for more information, city & county databases, tips, Q & A, a guide for 35 & 50 Easy points and much more.

If you look at the rules, yes appears more complicated than it is - it really isn't that difficult, so why not give it a cruise or two this year!



While it isn't required to participate, we do have a new **2009 Cruiser T-Shirt** available with custom one-off Corvette art, which has been added to the CCP logo; available for \$12 each. Cruiser packets, electronic points logs, T-Shirts, etc. are available now - contact me.

2009 Cruises... we have several thoughts in mind however, I would really like to enlist three-four Cruise

Sponsors; each to plan at least one cruise this year - even if just for lunch or dinner somewhere. So, step up, sign-up and commit to putting together a Cowtown cruise this year and enjoy helping our club to have fun.

The first cruise that I have on the schedule is an **April Bluebonnet Cruise**. This year, we will be heading down to the *Texas Hill Country*, in the Fredericksburg to Boerne area. While all of the details are still being finalized, this will be a weekend cruise. We will be departing on Friday, April 17th returning on Sunday, April 19th. Of course, there will be some scenic (and fun) back roads, a few historic places to visit, shopping opportunities (ladies) and of course time to enjoy fellowship with other members.

At this time, the lodging quotes are coming in under \$99 a night; with one establishment (a higher-end resort) offering some interesting perks to entice us to select them. So cruise on back to my articles along with the website to find the latest details - sign-up today. ✍️

There is more information on cruises and the CCP program located on our website; check the following URL for the latest info on all sponsored cruises:

http://cowntownvettes.org/CCP/cruiserpgm.html#CRUISE_SCHEDULE

The **5th Annual "What I Saw Along the Way" Photo Contest** is underway as well. This annual photo contest is open to anyone that enjoys their Corvette; you don't even have to compete in the Cruiser Program to enter. From now until November 6th, you can take photos of the neat places you cruise and enjoy your Corvette. At the November Membership Meeting, you can display (enter) them to allow the members at the meeting to vote and select their favorite photo. So don't delay, start grabbing photos of neat places your Corvette takes YOU! The Contest rules can be found at:

http://www.cowntownvettes.or/CCP/2008/CCP_PC_08.html

Cruiser Chairman: [Doug McMahan](#)

CRUISER INFORMATION

CRUISER LOG FORM EXAMPLE

Sponsored Cruise Schedule

CCP Information Page

CCP Q & A

Cruisin TIPS

Cruisin Reference Data

Points Log - How-To Guide

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50 Easy Points (Silver) - [MAP](#) - [Directions](#)



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COWTOWN CRUISER

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If you need 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.

...keep on cruising' & "Save the Wave"
Doug McMahan – 2009 CCP Chairperson

WEBMASTER



Are you **READY** for the Digital conversion? ...on Wednesday, February 18th, your reception won't be affected like some of the older television sets will be since *CTV's website is already in High-Definition.*

As we move forward into 2009, I would encourage your assistance in helping us to keep our website updated, correct and containing information and photos showing off all the fun things we participate in and enjoy as members of this club and *NCCC*.

This is also a year that we can compete in the **NCCC National Website Contest**. The website contest opens March 1st and runs thru June 26th; so we need to make sure everything is as good as it can be during those dates. There is specific content the judges are looking for along with overall first

impression, overall appearance, ease of navigation and links accessibility, timely and current information, etc. With your assistance we can be a strong contender for this contest.

<http://www.corvettesnccc.org/WebSite09.html>

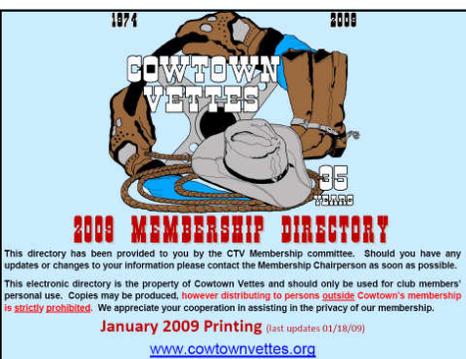
Since last month began **Cowtown's 35th Anniversary Year** we had hoped to utilize CTV's 35th anniversary logo in the upper left on every page this year; as we did in 2004. However, the proportions and complexity of the logo prohibited us from utilizing that desired format change for 2009.

This past month, a new page was added to host Cowtown's *35th Anniversary Events*. This page is linked off of our Home page; click the *35th Anniversary Logo* on the right (under Club News) to be redirected. This page will host events along with their date, photos and information on logo merchandise along with other anniversary related activities (past and present).

We do welcome event pictures and information for use on the website and in the *Club Scrapbooks*. It is never too late to provide additional photos for either our website or the *Cowtown Scrapbooks*. You can even upload them to the web instead of taking time to burn a CD or email them - contact me for details.



CTV Membership Directory: The January 2009 edition of the directory has been completed and you should have received an email from Membership on how to download it.



In the event that any of the information listed in your Membership record needs to be updated, you can get with membership at a club meeting or send an email to ctv-membership@yahoogroups.org.

As we prepare for the 35th Anniversary Group Photo, we will be utilizing the Vette information from the Directory (master file) to stage the Vettes by generation and color, so make sure your Vettes are listed correctly - more on the photo shoot event later.

Cowtown Email Lists: If you change your email address, please let membership know so that we can update your address on the various email lists; you can send the updates to the ctv-membership@yahoogroups.org list. If you have questions about an email list for various venues which you might like to participate in (i.e. Open Road Racing, Car Shows, Cruising, NCCC Competition, etc.), please contact me.

If you have any suggestions, questions or comments about our how we are capturing 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!!!



Grab your Sweetheart and join your fellow CTV club members
For our Traditional Valentine's Dinner at

LOS VAQUEROS WEST

I-20 and Ranch House Road (Exit 418)
In Willow Park



Join us in the Western Sky Room
For a full Combo Fajita Buffet,
Which comes with a Cheese Enchilada and all the Fixin's,
And includes a soft drink or tea.
A cash bar will be available for those who wish to purchase
Adult beverages.

6:00 - 9:00 PM on Saturday, February 14th



RSVP TO CANDY LOWREY at CTV's membership meeting (2/6/2009)
Cost is \$17.75 (includes tax & tip) per person payable in cash or check
(payable to Cowtown Vettes).

All reservations **MUST BE MADE** no later than 2/6/2009.





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RON ZSCHIRNT

CTV 35TH ANNIVERSARY

I will be asking the members at the February membership meeting for the approval of funds to proceed with the 35th anniversary celebration. The board has approved the budget for the proposed party at the Lockheed Martin Recreational Area (LMRA) on Bryant Irvin Blvd. The River Park Pavilion will be a nice location for the festivities. The celebration will be going on all year. You will be seeing the 35th logo being used in many different ways. This logo was created by former CTV member, Lynda Jameson, in the late 70's. The logo was used on some occasions up to the early 80's. I thought it would be fun to brush it off and let it shine again. Doug, our webmaster, has created a link on the home page of our web site that will give you all the updated info on the celebration. It is on the right side of the page.



The first part of the celebration will be a club group photo. The photo will be taken on March 14th with a rain date of March 15th at Texas Motor Speedway. The final places where the photo will be taken and the time are still being worked out. I do know the photo will be taken at either noon-ish or about 6:00 pm. With either time slot, we will be planning to go and get a bite to eat afterwards. I have started the process of getting the 35th anniversary red shirts ordered. They are \$25.00 each. You can add your name, member since, car, etc for an extra fee. Please wear this shirt in the group photo. ****If you are going to participate in the photo and are not going to purchase a 35th red shirt, please wear a red shirt that day!!!**** This way, we will all be unified and match, so the photo will look great.

The 35th anniversary party at LMRA will be on May 30th. The cost will be \$20.00 each (water and soda provided; BYOB) with a lot more details to follow. It will be a day of celebration, activities, good food, seeing old friends, recognitions for long time members, music, and fun. I will start the RSVP's at the February meeting. At LMRA, there are other activities we can participate in; volleyball, swimming (\$4.50 a person if weather permitting), the children's play ground and rides may be open, and soft ball (with a two-hour reservation). The River Park Pavilion, which is a closed-in facility, is air conditioned and located in a large area of the park, so the event can go on regardless of the weather.

Please contact me with your RSVP or any questions.
Keep On Vett'n!

Kim West

35th Anniversary Chairperson

Editor's NOTE: As this issue was being prepared for printing, Kim found out that the River Park Pavilion had already been reserved for May 30. Details pertaining to the new date and new location will be forthcoming shortly.

OPEN ROAD RACING

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I must unfortunately report the demise of more ORR events for 2009. I reported last year of the permanent demise of the fall ORR event in Texas -- the Road Runner ORR. I have now found out that all 2009 ORR races done by MKM Promotions in Nevada have been canceled and their ORR operations have been indefinitely suspended due to the current economic situation. The canceled ORR events are the Bonneville 100, Pony Express 130 and the Gambler's Run Twin 50. This only leaves four ORR races in the U.S. including the BBORR. The current ORR schedule for 2009 is as follows:

Big Bend ORR - Ft. Stockton, TX, April 22-25, 2009 www.bborr.com

Nevada ORR – Ely, NV, May 14-17, 2009 www.silverstateclassic.com

Sandhills ORR – Arnold, NE, August 6-8, 2009 www.sorcrace.com

Silver State Classic ORR – Ely, NV, September 17-20, 2009 www.silverstateclassic.com

The moral of the story here is that if you ever thought about doing an ORR this is the year you should do it, since you never know what the future will bring.

OPEN ROAD RACING

In case you did not attend the 2008 CTV awards banquet, here is a recap of the ORR awards for 2008. The point system for 2008 CTV year-end ORR awards was the same point system that was used in 2007. Here are the 2008 ORR award recipients:

- 1st Place – Karl and Audrey Samuel
- 2nd Place – Red Greenfeder and Bob Morrison
- 3rd Place – Steve Gilland
- Navigator of the Year – Audrey Samuel

I am happy to report that there were no DQ's in 2008. This means that our roaming DQ joke trophy will have to be kept another year by the 2007 recipient of this dubious award.

Points for all races attended were totaled for each racer/team. Racers/teams earn points for 1st – 3rd place finish in a race, for low time errors, and for race attendance according to the table below. Points are deducted for being disqualified (DQ) from the race. Any ties in total points were decided by the lowest time error. The Navigator of the Year award is given to the navigator with the lowest time error in any single race. This award is for a person who navigates only; solo drivers and co-driver/co-navigator teams cannot be considered for the navigator award. The 2008 navigators who qualified to be considered for this award were: CATHY CASTORANI, BOB MORRISON and AUDREY SAMUEL.

<u>RACE CRITERIA</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1st Place Finish in target speed class	10
2nd Place Finish in target speed class	9
3rd Place Finish in target speed class	8
>= 0.00 and <= 0.5 second time error	7
> 0.5 and <= 1.0 second time error	6
> 1.0 and <= 1.5 second time error	5
> 1.5 and <= 2.0 second time error	4
Attendance	3
DQ	-3

CTV members attended only one ORR race in 2008 -- the BBORR. Here are the tabulated CTV ORR points for 2008.

Team	Finish Place within Class	Race Time Error (seconds)	Finish Points	Time Error Bonus Points	Attendance Points	DQ penalty points	Total
Sam & Cathy Castorani	5 th	12.259	0	0	3	0	3
**Steve Gilland	4 th	4.113	0	0	3	0	3
Red Greenfeder Bob Morrison	1 st	2.943	10	0	3	0	13
Alan Hofeling	DNF	DNF	0	0	3	0	3
Karl & *Audrey Samuel	2 nd	*1.330	9	5	3	0	17

* 2008 Navigator of the Year

** 3rd place CTV award tie in points decided by lowest time error

The 2009 BBORR is April 22 – 25, 2009. Those who raced last year should have already received your registration packet for the 2009 race. Visit www.bbrr.com for more information.

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CTV CAR SHOW COMMENTS

With a new year, all of our car show points total start over. Be sure to keep track of all your points and send them to me. The Annual Fort Worth Rod and Custom [car show] will run February 27-March 1. Cowtown Vettes has a good selection of cars for the show. Be sure to come out to the show say "Hi" to the group and look at all of the cars. Also, thank the Cowtown members you see for all of their hard work.

I'm thinking about putting together a class on car detailing. If you are interested in attending this class, please let me know. I would like to have at least eight (8) or more people. We will go over all points of detailing on a Vette.

Thanks,

John Brefczynski
Car Show Committee Chairman

CTV ANNUAL PRACTICE AUTOCROSS

(It's That Time Again!)

As your new Competition Committee Chair, I am proud to announce the annual Cowtown Vettes Practice Autocross. This is a non-sanctioned (Read "I can screw up and it won't matter!") event held by Cowtown Vettes to provide one or more of the following:

- ✓ To allow novice drivers to begin to hone their skills (Instructors will be available.)
- ✓ To allow novice event workers to begin to hone their skills (This includes me!)
- ✓ To provide an opportunity for veteran competitors to sort out their cars
- ✓ To allow veteran competitors to screw up without affecting their point totals
- ✓ To have fun, socialize and eat what is probably the best track food available

As the parenthetical comment implies, this event marks the first time I will provide oversight to any competitive event (actually any event of any kind) for Cowtown Vettes. I have been busy taking lots of advice on how this event should be planned and executed. I will be taking advice from both the Project Management Institute (www.pmi.org) in that a good project manager should "never invent unless absolutely necessary" and my dad (A&M '28) when he reminded me that "you can hear better if you're not talking." Therefore, I will try to employ what has worked well in the past, learn from the mistakes of my predecessors, and listen a lot!

This is an event presented by Cowtown Vettes, planned and organized by Cowtown Vettes, and conducted by Cowtown Vettes. Succinctly stated, we **all** must participate in order for this event to continue to succeed. At the February membership meeting, I will announce the event and begin to accept volunteers for the various worker specialties (i.e., registration, tech, starters, timing, etc.). Do not worry about whether or not you have experience. If you have experience, great. If not, you can learn. Remember, your event chair is brand new, too. Let's listen and learn together.

Additional details and a follow-up note will be included in the March newsletter and posted on our website. If you are a 100%'er, working this event will qualify for your March social. Please plan to come out and have fun. Remember: Please plan to come out and have fun.

This is as much a party as it is an autocross.

Dave Gill
Competition Chairman

Happy 35th Anniversary to Mid-America Motorworks and Cowtown Vettes

I have just completed our first order of the year. Contact me if you need to order any Mid-America parts or products. Our members receive a 10% discount and free shipping on any \$500.00 or more order. I will take your order and will place it when the club has accumulated the \$500.00 order. You may pay for your order after it comes in. You can find Mid America on the web at www.mamotorworks.com for item numbers if you don't have a catalog.

James West
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BRCC—BRAZOS RIVER CC	2/28-3/1	National Governors Meeting	St. Louis, MO
GRANBURY, TX SW-540	3/28	SWR NCCC Awards Banquet (hosted by Cen-Tex CC)	Waco, TX
CCO—COMP. CORVETTES OF OKLAHOMA TULSA, OK SW-423	4/17-19	CCO/COAST Friday—play day @ Hallett Saturday—1 LS, 3 HS, 2 F @ Hallett Sunday—7 LS @ Tulsa Fair Grounds	Tulsa, OK
CCOC—CC OF OKLAHOMA CITY OKLAHOMA CITY, OK SW-468	4/25-26	CTCC/MCCC 14 LS	Waco, TX
CCT—CC OF TEXAS DALLAS, TX SW-074	5/2-3	National Governors Meeting	St. Louis, MO
COAST—CORVETTE OWNERS ASSN. OF S.TX SAN ANTONIO, TX SW-143	5/23-25	OSCC/COCC Saturday—6 LS Sunday—2 ETD, 1 MTD, RD (Noble, OK)	Oklahoma City, OK
CTCC—CEN-TEX CC WACO, TX SW-200	6/6-7	THT/TVS—Regional Fundraiser Events TBD	TBD
CTV—COWTOWN VETTES FORT WORTH, TX SW-055	6/13-14	BRCC Events TBD	Mineral Wells, TX
LCC—LONGHORN CC AUSTIN, TX SW-200	7/25-26	CCOC/SCCC 11 LS	Oklahoma City, OK
MCCC—MID-COAST CC LAKE JACKSON, TX SW-170	8/8-14	NCCC's 50th Convention	Colorado Springs, CO
MTCC—MID-TEXAS CORVETTE ASSN KILLEEN, TX SW-185	9/5-7	LCC Events TBD	TBD
NTV—NORTH TEXAS VETTES FORT WORTH, TX SW-555	9/12-13	National Governors Meeting	St. Louis, MO
OSCC—OKLAHOMA CITY CC OKLAHOMA CITY, OK SW-131	9/19-20	CTV/BRCC ~ Texas Motor Speedway 10 LS	Fort Worth, TX
SCCC—SUN CITIES CC ALBUQUERQUE, NM SW-085	10/31	TV 7 LS	Mineral Wells, TX
SJCC—SAN JACINTO CC HOUSTON, TX SW-063	11/1	TOCC 7 LS	Mineral Wells, TX
THT—TIN HALL TOYS CC SANTA FE, TX SW-392	11/14-15	National Governors Meeting	St. Louis, MO
TOCC—TEXAS OUTLAWS CC GRAHAM, TX SW-198			
TV—TEJAS VETTES PLANO, TX SW-163			
TVS—TULSA VETTE SET TULSA, OK SW-248			

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

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Celebration September 3-5

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Celebrating 15 years of growth and changes, the 15th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum September 3-5, 2009, will be celebrated with the arrival of the National Corvette Caravans with participants from around the globe. As with past Labor Days this celebration will remain a "members only" event. Everyone registering for the Anniversary Celebration will be either an existing member or become one as part of the registration process as the Celebration continues as a member-driven event, which unites friends, family and enthusiasts for a look back on the Museum's history and future! Those registered can enjoy 3 days of displays, the grand re-opening of the Museum with the newly completed expansion, road tours, special video presentations, raffles, the annual open Membership meeting and more during this event in honor of your help and support! To permit the greatest participation, many activities will be repeated each day so participants will be able to take part in as much as they want. The event will also include the Lifetime/VIP dinner, 10-year/15-year member recognition, major entertainment, Ambassador Breakfast, and the "Corvette Hall of Fame" Induction Ceremony and banquet where we will induct new members into the prestigious and elite group of recipients who have made a significant contribution to Corvette history.

The agenda and online registration should be active March, 2009 and the deadline to register is August 19th, 2009. Make sure you are signed onto [NCM eNews](#) to be notified about the event. Those pre-registered for the weekend will receive the event dash plaque and lapel pin, as well as a personalized event badge and don't forget to sign up with your choice of Corvette Caravan.

Keep On Vett'n!

Kim West

National Museum Ambassador

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ATTENTION CTV MEMBERS



35th ANNIVERSARY PHOTO

Please look at your Corvette Information in the latest Membership Directory. We will be using this information to work on the staging for the photo layout utilizing the Vette generations and colors. At this time, there are two locations at TMS being considered for this photo shoot. The latest information on the 35th Anniversary activities can be found by clicking the 35th logo off our Home page.

So, validate your Membership / Vette record in the Directory & keep the Photo Shoot dates open.

...**THANKS!** Doug McMahan



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ITEMS OF INTEREST

**Cowtown Vettes — Thank you all for your thoughts and prayers during my recent “Heart Adventure.” Thanks for all the cards, the visits and for the Original Cookie Bouquet. All were very much appreciated.
CTV ROCKS!!!**

Doc Lambert

Corvettes are welcome!!!

The following is a PCA (Porsche Club of America) Broadcast Message provided by CTV member, Richard Cross:

Our 2008 Drivers Education Season was a great success. We saw an average of over 100 cars at each of the events. We enjoyed some great weather and even greater driving. Our Instructor corps and Advanced Instructors did some excellent work and looking back over the records for the year, it is obvious that a lot of progress was made and a lot of driving skill added.

One of the nice parts of being DE chair is that I get to speak with so many of our drivers and their guests. I hear so many nice things that it is easy to assume we have got the formula right and that everyone is having a good time. We are anxious to make this program the best it can be so if there is anything that bothers you or a suggestion that you think would improve the program, please let me know.

Next year [2009] is almost on us and I want to let you know our plans for next year. Please mark your calendars and plan to be with us for as many of the events as you can.

We will run at MOTOR SPORT RAND (MSR) and at EAGLES CANYON RACEWAY (ECR) again. There will be three (3) events at each track with one at ECR being a solo-only event in conjunction with the Club Race. (\$250/weekend — 2 track days)

The dates are as follows:

- March 7-8, 2009 (ECR)
- April 25-26 (MSR)
- May 23-24 (ECR) — Solo DE in conjunction with the Club Race.
- September 19-20 (MSR)
- October 17-18 (MSR) — possibly short track or short track (CW).
- November 14-15 (ECR)

The DE Committee, Instructors and Advanced Instructors all look forward to working with you next year and helping you enjoy one of the true joys of owning one of these wonderful vehicles. We look forward to sharing time and enthusiasm with you in the spirit of camaraderie and friendship for which Maverick and the DE program is known.

I hope we will see you at the track [in 2009]. Remember, a DE gift voucher could be the perfect gift. Email me (DE@MAVPCA.ORG) for details [or call me at] 214-455-6242.

Colin Graidage
DE Chairman

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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 members are, 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 SYLVIA HOALDRIDGE.

Winner by random drawing was DOUG McMAHAN.

Thanks to all who participated.

