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**JANUARY
MEETING: FRIDAY,
JANUARY 8TH!**

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

HERE ARE YOUR ELECTED CTV 2010 OFFICERS & BOARD MEMBERS



President: Don Wells
Vice President: Candy Beck
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NCCC Governor: Glenda McMahan
Webmaster: Doug McMahan
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Board Members:
Karyn Fowler, David Gill, Kim West, Scott Wheeler

Junior Board Member: John Armes

*Congratulations and thank you all for your time,
energy, and service to Cowtown Vettes!*

Barb Greenfeder

2009 Secretary • barbsc6@sbcglobal.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

1/8 - COWTOWN VETTES 101

6:45 p.m. - Board Room

Coors Distributor

I-35W @ John McMillan Parkway

★ 1/8 - MEMBERSHIP MEETING ★

7:30-9:00 p.m. - Hospitality Room

Coors Distributor

I-35W @ John McMillan Parkway

1/20 - BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. - Board Room

Coors Distributor

I-35W @ John McMillan Parkway

1/20 - Low-Down Article Deadline

★ 2/5 - MEMBERSHIP MEETING ★

7:30-9:00 p.m. - Hospitality Room

Coors Distributor

I-35W @ John McMillan Parkway

★ 2/7 - SUPER BOWL PARTY ★

Pappas Burgers

★ 2/13 - VALENTINE'S DINNER ★

*(Details will be announced
at the January membership meeting)*

2/17 - BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. - Board Room

Coors Distributor

I-35W @ John McMillan Parkway

2/17 - Low-Down Article Deadline

★ 3/14 - PRACTICE AUTOCROSS ★

Mineral Wells, TX



★ Denotes 100%er Award Eligibility Event ★



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



"I want to wish the membership a Happy New Year"

Congratulations to the 2010 elected officers. I am looking forward to working with our membership this year. As I have said in the past, the 2010 board will always keep the Membership's best interest in mind before making decisions.

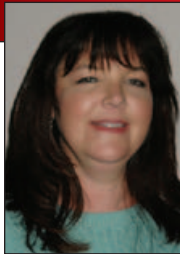
If you missed the Annual Awards, Christmas and 35th Anniversary Party, we had a fabulous meal and an enjoyable evening. I what to thank, on behalf of the membership, Candy Beck for putting on a great party.

Cowtown had an exciting year, last year, and I feel 2010 will be even more exciting.

"Remember This Is Your Club"

Don F. Wells
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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I hope y'all had as much fun as I did at the Annual Awards Banquet and Holiday Party...I was very pleased with how everything turned out! Since there just wasn't enough time at the Banquet to recap the great "Social Year" we had in 2009, I'd like to do that now (and probably again at the January membership meeting!). There are so many people in this Club who help put on Socials and I'd really like to recognize them all.

- **January:** "Free month" (no socials in January).
- **February:** Super Bowl party at Buffalo Wild Wings and Valentine's Day dinner at Los Vaqueros.
- **March:** Practice autocross at Mineral Wells. Thanks to **David Gill** for organizing this for us.
- **April:** Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure – **Karyn Fowler** always does a great job of organizing this event, along with breakfast / lunch afterwards!
- **May:** All Corvette display at Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet followed by lunch at The Railhead BBQ. Thanks to **Don Wells** for coordinating the event with the dealership!
- **June:** NCCC autocrosses in Mineral Wells and a trip to our newest sponsor, Corvettes of Dallas. Thanks to **Doug McMahan** for ram-rodding both of these events!
- **July:** The World Famous **Jack Gandy** Rallye! Thanks Jack for always putting on such a challenging and fun rallye. This one ended at the M&O Grill, where we enjoyed an awesome hamburger!
- **August:** The **Hoaldrigdes** hosted us for one of their infamous Pool Parties! Thank you **Larry & Sylvia** for doing this these past few years... we all know how much work goes into putting on such a fun party!
- **September:** Cowtown's BIG NCCC "Event of the Year" that took place on the road course at Texas Motor Speedway. Without the participation of so

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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many people in this Club, it would not be one of the (if not THE) best attended event in the Southwest Region. **Rick Garabedian** did a great job of coordinating this massive undertaking!

- **October:** The CTV All-Corvette Car Show was a huge success. The amount of work that goes into putting on this event is tremendous, so a big thank you to **John & Jan Brefczynski**! Also, thanks to this event, we were able to make a significant charitable donation this month.
- **November:** Our traditional Progressive Dinner was hosted by the **Kirchem's, Beck's, and Fitzgerald's**. Thanks to all of you for opening your homes for this great event!
- **December:** Of course, the Annual Awards Banquet and Holiday Party! Personally, I need to thank **Karyn Fowler, Barbara & Phil Higbee, and Don & Nancy Wells** for helping me with setting up & decorating the Clubhouse on the day of the party. And last, but FAR from least, I'd like to thank my husband, **Donn Beck**, for putting up with me and for all his help during the weeks prior to the Banquet!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!! Now on to 2010...as you all now know, January is a 'free month' when it comes to socials, however, we're going to make up for it in February with two 100% events!

The **Super Bowl party** will be on 2/7/2010 at **Pappas Burgers** on I-30 and Forest Park Blvd. just west of downtown Ft. Worth. I don't know exactly what time the game starts, but it's usually around 5:00 p.m. so we'll probably get started at Pappa's around 4:00-4:30 p.m.

The second February 100% social will be the **Valentine's Dinner on 2/13/2010**...hopefully! I've not been able to lock in a restaurant yet because so many places don't want to take on such a large party on Valentine's weekend. Anyway, I'll announce the "where" at the January membership meeting.

I hope everyone had a wonderful **Christmas & New Year...** see you on January 8th!!!!

Candy Beck

CTV, Vice-President

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A PARDON FROM THE GOVERNOR



...a report from the Outgoing NCCC Governor

A few final words as I pass the Governor's briefcase to Glenda McMahan, your 2010 NCCC Governor...

It's always personally gratifying to present the NCCC competition awards at our annual Awards Banquet.

I started with the Travel Award, which is presented to club members who attended 8 or more non-CTV events. This year we had 12 recipients:

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| Barb Greenfeder | Red Greenfeder | Doc Lambert |
| Bruce Lewis | Don Littlefield | Virginia Littlefield |
| Kerry McGovern | Nancy McGovern | Doug McMahan |
| Glenda McMahan | Bob Morrison | Cindy Morrison |

Our winners in the various competitive categories helped Cowtown garner an eleventh place finish in the national points standings (as of 12-3-2009; the final results have not been posted as 12-18).

CONCOURS:

Men: Doc Lambert **Ladies [T]:** Glenda McMahan & Cindy Morrison

DRAGS:

Men: Paul Meyers **Ladies:** Viola Meyers

FUNKHANA:

Men: Bob Morrison **Ladies:** Cindy Morrison

RALLYE:

Men: Doc Lambert **Ladies [T]:** Sharon Zschirnt & Sylvia Hoaldrige

SPEED EVENTS:

Men: Don Littlefield **Ladies:** Cindy Morrison

The CTV Top Competitor trophy, affectionately known as The Wheel, is a traveling trophy. A permanent award is presented to the previous year's Top Competitor. This year I presented a plaque, containing a replica of a 1976 Corvette aluminum wheel, to our 2008 Top Competitor, **Viola Meyers**.

Our overall Top Competitor for 2009 based on total NCCC competition points is **Cindy Morrison**. She gets to take home the king sized trophy for a year. Congratulations, Cindy! By the way, if you ever have a chance to see Cindy on the starting line during competition, take a look at her eyes. Her competitor eyes will burn a hole through you.

I don't always just count points. The Governor has the option of presenting a special award. This year I based it on the help that I got processing the results from our First Choice Weekend. Not only did she give me invaluable help with the results, she collected them all weekend by running our timing trailer, keeping the events flowing, and remaining unflappable despite the re-runs, class changes, incorrect car numbers, penalties, etc. I was delighted to present the 2009 Governor's Award to **Candy Beck**.

Some Sad News

Many of you know Ray Meesseman from the Michigan region. In November Ray suffered a heart attack at an Auto-X in Florida. Ray was stabilized and ultimately flown to a hospital in Michigan. Unfortunately, he never recovered and died on December 6.

Ray was the reigning (2008) Men's National Champion. The latest 2009 points standings show him in second place. He was, obviously, a tough competitor, but also a great competitor. I've heard many stories about him helping

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A PARDON FROM THE GOVERNOR

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his competition with tools, parts, wrenching, advice, and general friendliness. His widow, Sharon – a top competitor in her own right, still shows the effects of a very serious accident in their tow vehicle about 3-4 years ago.

Currently there are plans underway to buy a brick in Ray's memory at the National Corvette Museum. Another plan under consideration is a NCCC Scholarship endowment in Ray's name. I will pass on point of contact information when it becomes available.

The schedule is subject to change. Also, some non-First Choice weekends will probably be added.

As my mentor, Walt Z, says, I'm in the book...

Scott Wheeler

Cowtown's Outgoing NCCC Governor
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"Money can't buy happiness – but somehow it's more comfortable to cry in a Corvette than in a Yugo."

– unknown

THE NCCC CORNER



I would like to thank membership for electing me to serve as your 2010 NCCC Governor, representing Cowtown in the Southwest Region (SWR) and nationally.

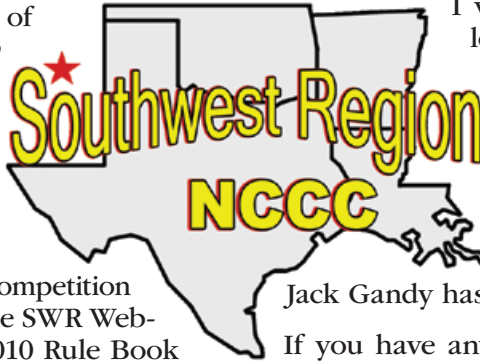
Please refer to Scott's article for a recap of Cowtown's 2009 NCCC award recipients.

The Southwest Region has a new club out of Houston, *Texas Corvette Motorsports Club* (TCMC); basically a spin-off joint club from *San Jacinto Corvette Club* (SJCC). Another club in our region has gone thru a rename; *Competition Corvettes of Oklahoma* (CCO) is now *Sooner State Corvette Club* (SSCC).

You can find the 2010 Southwest Region Competition Calendar within the *Low-Down* and on the SWR Web-site <http://www.ncccsregion.org>. The 2010 Rule Book and Clarifications have been approved at the November National meeting. I will discuss more around this topic in the near future.

One event on next year's calendar which I would like to invite everyone to is the Southwest Region Awards Banquet; which will recognize the 2009 SWR Top Competitors.

Among those being recognized will be several of our own members; three within the region's Top 10 and another eleven that have obtained 200 points for the competition year. The Awards Banquet is being held on Saturday, March 6th, 2010; in Oklahoma City. There will be a group of Cowtown's heading up and you are welcome to join the fun.



I would like to invite you to come out to legally and aggressively drive your Vette at an autocross; it is just you against the clock and it doesn't matter how fast you drive. If you aren't into giving that a whirl, how about participate in a non-racing NCCC event, such as a Concours (car show), Funkhana (not all use Vettes) and a Rallye is similar to the one that

Jack Gandy has hosted in the past for a club social.

If you have any questions around NCCC, participating, completion, or just to learn more about what it is all about, please contact me.

Glenda McMahan

Cowtown's 2010 NCCC Governor
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Interesting Stuff

Did you know...

The *Cowtown* wording on the cover of the *Low-Down* is fashioned after the '66-'67 Corvette Sting Ray emblem.

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



Your newsletter is a reflection of your club. If you have any suggestions or ideas, on what you would like to see in your newsletter, please e-mail me. My computer is on just about all the time. Send me your HiRes photos and your copy in any format that works for you.

There is a link to a **FULL COLOR** version of this newsletter on the CTV web site. 😊

Dollie Hunley
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CTV CHARITY REPORT

Don and I took the CTV check and the cash (*thank you, Lehmanns!*) to Southlake on Thursday, December 10, where **Santa's Helpers** were taking gifts. We got there fairly early and not many cars were going through.

Once Pete Delkus (*the good-looking weatherman for WFAA Channel 8*) was free, we walked up to him, reminded him who we were (the Corvette Club from Fort Worth) and handed the envelope to him. He is the nicest man and so gracious. He thanked us many times and I think he was a little disappointed we didn't have any Vettes with us! Anyway, on the Channel 8 news later that night, when they talked to him from Southlake, he mentioned the Corvette Club coming by. Don and I thought that was really cool that he mentioned us since we took no cars, not a big group went and we didn't take toys this year.

I hope we can make this one of our Christmas events again next year, with Vettes going, like we've done in the past. They've gone back to Will Rogers this year, so maybe they'll be there next year. That seems to be the best place to drive through, at least it was the year we did it over there.

I just wanted everyone to know that CTV was represented at **Santa's Helpers**!

Karen Fowler

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Tuesday night, December 15th, a few of us gathered at **The Women's Center of Tarrant County** to wrap Christmas gifts for a needy "client family". Twelve folks had originally signed up for this charitable event. Due to the board meeting being rescheduled during the same time frame and a few folks that were under the weather we had five attendees – Corey Armes, Donna Forsythe, Kim West, and Phil and Barbara Higbee. We met at 6:00 p.m. and were escorted to the "Community Room" for gift wrapping duties. As we wrapped gifts for our "client family", we all imagined how excited the children will be on Christmas morning as they open some of their amazing presents! Phil wrapped gifts for a little boy that received toys for ages 3 and up. We had to remind him that he was their to wrap the gifts – not play with them! As we continued to wrap, we all reminisced about our favorite childhood holiday memories. Although we were all exhausted when we left at 8:00 p.m. – we walked out of the building knowing that we had played a small part in helping to make some children's Christmas a lot brighter! Thanks to every one that volunteered.!

Barbara Higbee

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Many of you know how crazy John is about cars, and particularly Corvettes, but few of you realize we are both passionate about tennis. I started playing in middle school and then on my high school tennis team. While at TCU, I was an extra player for the men's tennis team. Now that was long before the days of Tut Bartzan and the nationally-ranked team TCU has fielded in the past twenty years. Eventually another player and I persuaded one of the PE professors to sponsor a women's team and that was the beginning of the TCU women's tennis team. Unfortunately, I graduated the semester before the matches started.

John and I met because of tennis, not on the court, but at a party when I overheard him and his buddy talking about playing a tournament. I told him I was interested in only tennis, but after a year, we realized there was a love connection. Today, we normally hit together at least once during the week and play matches with our men and ladies teams on the weekend. We have played mixed matches and tournaments as partners, but soon learned those competitive matches were not conducive to a good relationship!

Over the years, we have both played on teams that have advanced to the city playoffs, 4 of which actually won the city playoffs and advanced to Sectionals. In 2004, my USTA team won Sectionals and went to Nationals in Tucson. It was a great experience and I'm hopeful to return again, probably on a Senior team.

We have not gone without injuries. I had shoulder surgery and John, knee surgery, but we both rehabbed and hit the court again. Hopefully, we'll still be in good enough shape to teach our granddaughter the game!

Jan Brefczynski
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Editor's Note: *What's your hobby or sport? Do you have a collection? What about an unusual story? Were you in a rock band, or at Woodstock? Tell us about yourself!*

COWTOWN CRUISER



The 2009 Cruiser Competition concluded with some new faces and interesting statistics. Last year found several new cruisers enjoying themselves and a record year for cruise participation.

This year we enjoyed two new cruise sponsors, Nancy McGovern & Mark Kirby; allowing Glenda and I to enjoy the cruises as a participant. Below you will find a few facts around the 2009 Cruiser year; and members representing *Cowtown Vettes* around the USA.

The Cruises:

- 8 Sponsored Cruise Days
- 4 Cruise Sponsors
- 1,450 Sponsored Cruise Miles (miles for 8 cruise days)

The Participants:

- 69 Cruise Participants
- 13 Visitors & Guests – 4 became Members
- 22 First Time Cruisers

Where They Cruised:

- 87 Cities; 53 were out of Texas
 - 66 Counties; 43 were out of Texas
 - 48 States Cruised
 - 24 State/Nat'l Parks; 18 were out of Texas
 - 14 Creeks & Rivers; 10 were out of Texas
 - 45 Veteran & War Mem.; 17 being out of Texas
 - 20 State/Nat'l Forest; 20 were out of Texas
 - 32 Historic Churches; 13 were out of Texas
 - 71 Total Social/NCCC Events; 14 were out of Texas
 - 52 Social Events; 3 were out of Texas
 - 19 NCCC Events; 11 were out of Texas
 - 8,187 Total Social/NCCC Event Miles (*cumulative*)
 - 2,367 Social Event Miles (*cumulative*)
 - 5,820 NCCC Event Miles (*cumulative*)
 - 5 Cruisers attended the NCCC National Convention
 - 2 Corvette Facilities were visited
- The quantities above are "unique" locations & people*

The Cruise Participants & Winners:

- 6 Participants (turned in logs/photos)
- 26 Additional Participants which did not turn in logs/photos
- 5 Gold Level (turned in logs/photos)
 - 1st Place: Doc Lambert – 368 Points
 - 2nd Place: Nancy McGovern – 126 Points
 - 3rd Place: Kerry McGovern – 121 Points
 - Glenda McMahan – 120 Points
 - Doug McMahan – 120 Points
- 7 Additional Gold Level which did not turn in logs/photos
- 1 Silver Level (turned in logs/photos)
 - David Gill – 68 Points
- 13 Additional Silver Level which did not turn in logs/photos
- 0 Bronze Level (turned in logs/photos)
- 6 Additional Bronze Level which did not turn in logs/photos



If you were at the December Awards Banquet, you had an opportunity to see the special one-of-a-kind 2010 Cruiser Shirt presented to Doc; which featured his '03 CRC '62 Conversion Vette. His CRC & accomplishments this year became the inspiration around this year's "Vettetoon" Cruiser T-Shirt graphic. After the Cruiser awards Doc Lambert shared details around his 2009 trips and what he has enjoyed about the Cruiser Program.



I will have a few 2010 Cruiser T-Shirts at the January membership meeting. These are \$12 per T-shirt, available in white or light gray (blue Vette only). Drop me an email or catch me at a club event to get yours.

FYI: you can participate in the cruiser program without the Cruiser T-Shirt.

2010 CRUISER COMPETITION starts January 1st; the new cruise packets are available electronically or paper form – contact me. Remember, the cruise program is about getting out and enjoying your Vette(s), seeing the country, going places you'd typically never see, along with representing Cowtown; it doesn't matter what your passion with your Vette is, drive your Vette, enjoy it and capture points for the annual competition.

All participants with at least 35 cruiser points will obtain a participation award; depending on their level of points. The top three cruisers are awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. You can cruise on your own and on the "sponsored cruises" – more information can be found at:

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

Speaking of "sponsored cruises"; this year I am soliciting members to step up and sponsor a cruise; even if just a day cruise for lunch. As 'sponsored cruises' are placed on the annual cruise schedule, you can find them on our website at:

http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruiserpgm.html#CRUISE_SCHEDULE



COWTOWN CRUISER

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The 5th Annual "What I Saw Along the Way" Photo Contest concluded with you, the members selecting the top cruiser photos. The 2009 contest winners are:



- 1st – Doc Lambert
Indy Pace Vette & T-38s
- 2nd – David Gill
C5 by lake at the covered wagon
- 3rd – Glenda McMahan
C5 at Beaver's Bend Lake

Be sure to check out our website to see more photos of the cruiser awards, the Awards Banquet and the other Cruiser Photo Contest photos.

The 6th Annual Contest also kicks off on January 1st; allowing you eleven months to capture neat places your Vette took you in 2010.

http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/2009/CCP_PC_10.html

If you would like clarifications, or if you 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 cruisin' & "Save the Wave"

Doug McMahan

2010 CCP Chairperson • macsvettes@att.net

COWTOWN 101

As Cowtown grows with new members, we would like to offer some introductory information around the many Cowtown & SW NCCC Region functions. This new member orientation is a new thought we are trying and we hope that it helps our new members get better acquainted with Cowtown.

We will host the new member orientation sessions starting promptly at 6:45 p.m. in the Coors Board Room prior to our monthly membership meetings. These sessions will be held four times a year with each targeted to last approximately 20 minutes.

DATES:

January 8th

May 7th

August 6th

November 5th

If you have any questions about these sessions, please contact:

Doug McMahan

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Cowtown Vettes Competition Report January, 2010

March Practice Autocross

Although Christmas memories are still with us, Cowtown must begin planning, in earnest during January, for our annual March club event. As is the case every year, this is an event that does NOT count toward any NCCC points, you do NOT have to push your Corvette to unreasonable limits, you CAN screw up and hit cones, you do NOT need fresh expensive tires to compete, there are NO losers and EVERYONE is a winner.....IF you attend. The price is right, the length of the event is as long as we wish it to be, and, as always, the food is good.

Please plan to join us on Sunday, March 14th, as we gather together to get the cobwebs out of our driving, check out our cars and equipment, have some fun, eat some good food, and tell Jack Frost where to go. Our kickoff meeting

will occur in January. I will announce the specific date at the January membership meeting.

If you plan to work the event, please respond via email. I will then compile a mailing list and include your address.

100%ers, this is your event for March.

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The Texas Mile

<http://www.texasmile.net/>

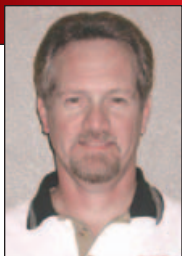
If you want to let your Corvette really "get its legs," this might be for you. If you think your car is faster than your buddy's, this might be for you. If you like drag racing but believe the strip is too short, this is definitely for you (the course is one mile with a half-mile shutoff).

This year's Spring event is March 26-28. March and April both have heavy CTV and NCCC schedules but, I plan to make an effort to attend this event. If you are interested, check out this web site. The event is run using (but not sanctioned by) NASA TT rules.

Dave Gill

Competition Chairperson • dogill80@sbcglobal.net

WEBMASTER



Happy New Year... and the work on the web has been hectic with all the year-ending and beginning changes. If you notice something I have missed, please drop me a note on it.



The 2009 Christmas Party and Awards Banquet event pages have been posted. I would like to thank Steve & Dollie Hunley along with Chris & Jennifer Kirchem for photo contributions – it is great to have pictures from other members; I get tired of seeing my photos 😊. I'd especially like to thank Cathy Castorani for taking photos for me at the Awards Banquet; when I was not able to – great job Cathy! ✍️

Cowtown Email Lists: these lists will change as needed with the new year's membership changes. These same changes will occur in the *Membership Directory*; which we should be publishing late January. Thus, if you change your email address, mailing address, your 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

2010 CTV Webmaster
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*...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!!!



The greatest madness
of all is to see life as it is...
and not as it should be.

– (from "Man of La Mancha")



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 mid-January of 2010 – so if you are interested or willing, please contact me.

Thanks,

Doug McMahan

SWR Webmaster / THN Committee
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LOW-DOWN ARTICLE ★ DEADLINE ★

**DEADLINE FOR
FEBRUARY ISSUE:**

JANUARY 20th!

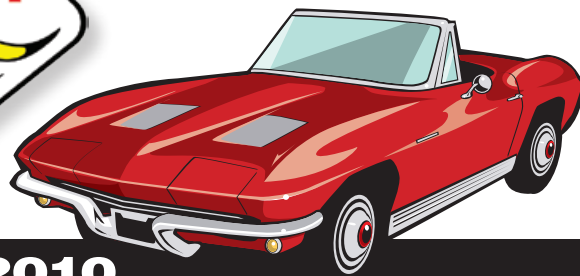
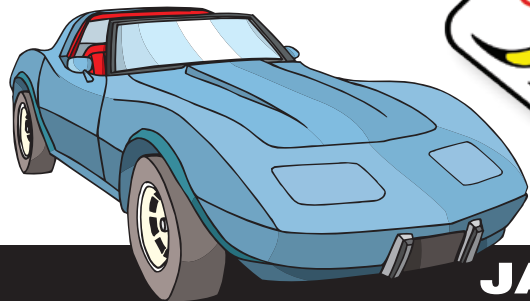
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NO EXCEPTIONS!

Submit your articles and photos
to the Newsletter Editor:
Dollie Hunley
shunleytx@sbcglobal.net

Send articles as plain text, Word or Publisher.

*Photos need to be the highest quality and
resolution your camera can produce.*





JANUARY 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | HAPPY NEW YEAR! New Year's Day | |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |  <i>Cowtown Vettes 101 @ 6:45 p.m.</i> ☛ <i>Membership Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.</i> | 16 |
| 17 |  Martin Luther King Day | 18 |  <i>Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.</i> LOW-DOWN DEADLINE | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 24/31 | 25 | 26 |  <i>Practice Autocross Committee Meeting</i> | 27 | 28 | 29 |
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FEBRUARY 2010

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | GROUND HOG DAY  | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|  ☛ Super Bowl Party @ Pappas Burgers | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
|  Valentine's Day |  Presidents Day | 16 |  <i>Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.</i> LOW-DOWN DEADLINE | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 |  <i>Practice Autocross Committee Meeting</i> | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 28 | | | | |  NCCC National Committee Meeting |  NCCC National Governor's Meeting |



Cowtown Vettes 2009 Awards Banquet & Holiday Party



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★ Cowtown Vettes' Mystery Member ★

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Pick up your ballot at the Membership Table,
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A prize will be awarded to the person correctly
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*(Deadline for the February issue is:
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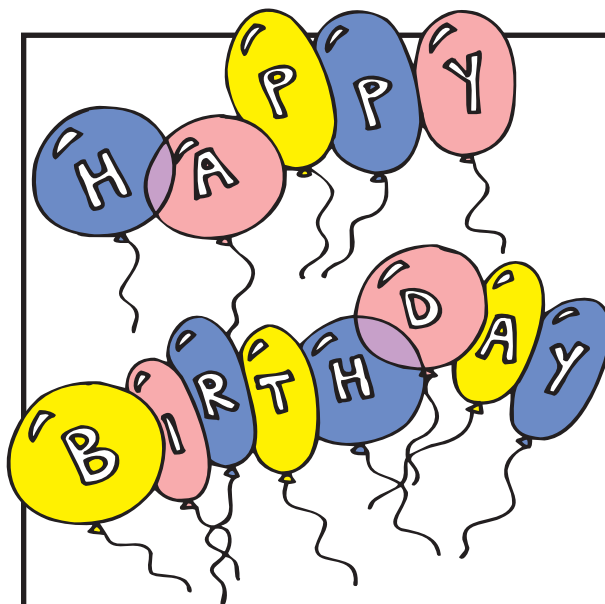
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2ND TIME VISITORS:

- None

1ST TIME VISITORS:

- None



1/2 – Hector Sandoval
1/3 – Kelly Johnson
1/3 – Diane Young
1/7 – Chelsey Yandriok
1/10 – David Gill
1/11 – Don Wells
1/15 – Debbi Lambert
1/19 – Daniel Flores
1/17 – Barb Greenfeder
1/17 – Red Greenfeder
1/23 – Yvette Lewis
1/27 – Larry Hoaldrige

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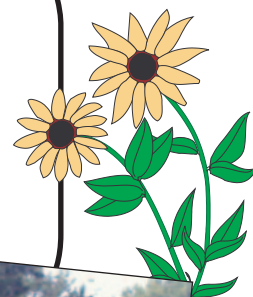


*Thank you for sending the flowers for my foot surgery.
I love and appreciate all of you,*

♥ *Carol Savage* ♥



Out 'n About



▲ Dollie Hunley next to her C5 in front of Devils Tower, Wyoming.



▲ Doug McMahan snapped this picture of a sign along Highway 259 in Oklahoma, north of Broken Bow.

FOR SALE

C5 Z06 Rear Wheels, 18" x 10.5" – *original GM* polished Wheels (not reproductions) & Caps. We are changing some things on our C4 and have changed wheel sizes thus we have two sets of four of these Z06 wheels, one set is ready now and the other as soon as we use up the Kumho tires that are on them (mid-March). If you are thinking about autocrossing, these will fit and work on all four corners of a C4 or C5 Vette.

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Food For Thought

We have a responsibility to share our convictions as well as your knowledge with others. Knowing what we feel strongly about will help other people know us, and it will also help them understand the world they live in by showing them how someone else interprets it. The expression of conviction, however, can be difficult. We are not all fluently persuasive and articulate. This implies a burden for all of us to respect the efforts of others who wish to express themselves. Showing respect is more a statement about us than those to whom we show it. Others may or may not merit our respect, but giving others their dignity protects our integrity and honor. We can set limits, but we do not have to stoop to gross behavior to protect those boundaries. Showing respect to others and allowing them their dignity shows belief in another's potential and allows healing and growth. We must see that potential. We all need respect, regardless of how immature and ignobly we behave. We all need others to see our potential and honor it to better encourage us to grow into it.

Maximus Pithius



VETTE TECH

I have a 2003 C5 with a 6-speed manual transmission. I suspect many of us have discovered that if you don't drive your Vette periodically, that the battery will drain down unless you use a Battery Tender trickle charger. I started up my Vette on a weak battery, and it barely had enough charge to start the engine. I felt lucky that it started. The next day, however, I had a message in my DIC display that read "Service Column Lock". The message would not go away. Resetting the DIC only removed the message temporarily. Once the ignition was turned off, and then back on, the message reappeared. Long-story-short, I eventually resolved this issue by referring to a technical article published on the Internet by the "Northwest Indiana Corvette Club". I have included the article, below, that directed me to

re-sync the BCM computer by removing a specific fuse for 30 seconds. The offending message has not reappeared, and I now use a trickle charger on the battery.

Steve Hunley
shunleytx@sbcglobal.net

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NWICC TECH TIPS **December 2006**
"Service Column Lock". This message displayed on the drivers information center (DIC) has plagued some of our members on more than one occasion with their C5's. As originally designed the steering column lock was an anti-theft feature. Since the ignition switch is in the dash, the C5 is programmed so that if the column lock does not unlock when the engine is started the fuel will be shut off as soon as the car reaches 2 mph. This is to prevent you from driving off with the steering wheel locked. All C5 automatics from 97 thru 2000 and 6-speed cars from 97 thru 04 have this system. GM did not install it in the later automatic trans cars (after 2000), probably due to the number of problems experienced. It was found that low battery voltage or a power interruption to the body control module (BCM) could prevent the fuel shut off.

There have been several recalls by GM to address this problem. One involved the installation of a relay in the automatics to insure the fuel shutoff. This was the infamous K-harness. The

6-speed cars were to be reprogrammed to insure fuel shut off as well. None of this addressed the problem of the steering column locking up, but it did cover GM's liability in case of an accident. The K-harness proved to be unreliable and in some cases would shut off fuel even if the column was not locked. The 6-speed programming proved to be problematic as well. Both could leave you stranded needing a flat bed for towing. Also, GM's 6-speed reprogramming would remove any custom tuning, i.e. Predator, Hypertech, dyno tuned, etc. In some cases, especially after a dead battery, the column lock and BCM could get out of sync and cause the "Service Column Lock" message. This can be cured by pulling fuse #25 in the passenger foot well fuse box and reinserting after 30 seconds.

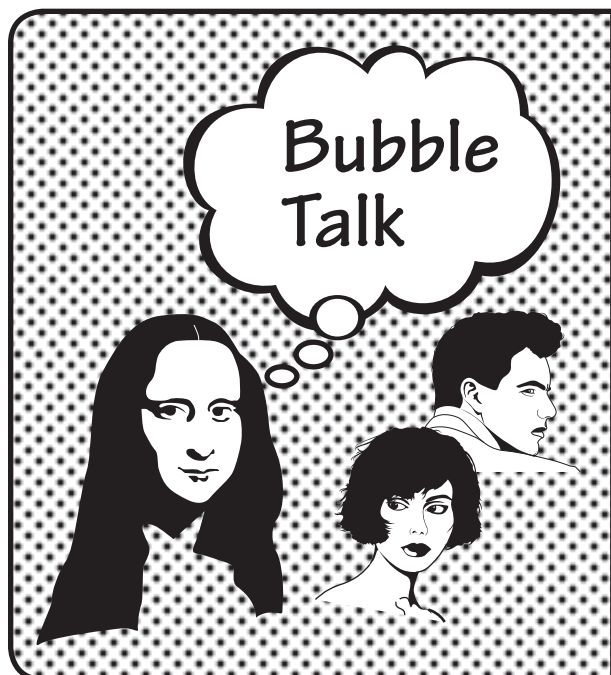
GM's latest recall, which is good until 2008, involves removal of the steering column lock plate on both automatic and 6-speed cars so the steering wheel cannot lock up because there's nothing there to lock. Problem solved.

— **Bill Porter**
Northwest Indiana Corvette Club
www.nwicc.net

HAVE A VETTE TECH ARTICLE TO PASS ON?

WANT TO SUBMIT VETTE INFO FOR "VETTE TECH"?
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(January 20th is the deadline for the February newsletter!)



2010 Southwest Region NCCC Schedule

| DATE | LOCATION | EVENT | CLUB |
|------------|---------------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 3/6 | Oklahoma City, OK | SWR Awards Banquet: Hosted by Oklahoma City Corvette Club | OCCC |
| 3/7 | Oklahoma City, OK | SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING – 9:00 a.m. | SWR |
| 3/14 | Mineral Wells, TX | Test-n-Tune Practice Autocross | CTV |
| 3/19 | Hitchcock, TX | Playday @ Grand Sport Speedway | |
| 3/20 | | 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses | SJCC |
| 3/21 | | 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses | TCMC |
| 4/10 & 11 | Waco, TX | 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses | CTCC MCCC |
| 4/17 & 18 | Tulsa, OK | 1st CHOICE – 6 Events – TBD 1st CHOICE – 7 Events – TBD | CCO COAST |
| 4/24 & 25 | Waco, TX | 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses | THT LCC |
| 5/22 & 23 | TBD | 1st CHOICE – CTV (<i>Hosting</i>) – 4 Low-Speed Autocrosses 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses | BRCC CCT |
| 5/29 & 30 | Oklahoma City, OK | 1st CHOICE – OK City at Sheriff's Track – 6 LS X-Crosses 1st CHOICE – 1 ETD, 1 MTD, R-Drag @ Thunder Valley in Noble, OK – Monday: Rain day for drags | OCCC CCOC |
| 6/26 & 27 | TBD | 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses | TVS NTV |
| 7/24-30 | West Palm Beach, FL | NATIONAL CONVENTION 2010 & NATIONAL MEETINGS | Nat'l |
| 8/14 & 15 | Oklahoma City, OK | 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses 1st CHOICE – 4 Low-Speed Autocrosses | SCCC CCOC |
| 9/18 & 19 | Ft. Worth, TX Texas Motor Speedway | 1st CHOICE – 10 Low-Speed Autocrosses @ TMS – 14th Annual Super Speedway Weekend 3 sanctions are from BRCCBRCC | CTV |
| 10/16 & 17 | Oklahoma City, OK | 1st CHOICE – 1 Event – TBD 1st CHOICE – 5 Event – TBD 1st CHOICE – 1 Event – TBD | OCCC MTCC SSCC |
| 10/30 & 31 | Waco, TX | 1st CHOICE – 7 Events 1st CHOICE – 7 Events | TV TOCC |

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If not, get with one of our Club Officers for more information.



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Good info from my sister...

Fred Rossett



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Please pass this information on to bless a woman going through Breast Cancer treatment. This organization serves the entire USA and currently has 547 partners to help these women. It's our job to pass the word and let them know that there are people out there that care. Be a blessing to someone and pass this information along.

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New Arrival!



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