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COWTOWN VETTES CELEBRATED
THEIR 38TH ANNIVERSARY AT THE
APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



UPCOMING EVENTS

May

***5/4 MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Coors Hospitality Room

5/13 MOTHER'S DAY
Call your mother

5/16 BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m. Coors Board Room

***5/19 TOUR OF AA MAINTENANCE
FACILITY HANGAR**
Time: 9:00 a.m.

5/28



MEMORIAL DAY

June

***6/1 MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Coors Hospitality Room

**6/5 TARRANT AREA FOOD
BANK
VOLUNTEER NIGHT**
6:00 p.m.



***6/9 TOUR OF DALLAS WORLD
AQUARIUM**
Time: TBA

6/17 FATHER'S DAY

6/20 BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m. Coors Board Room

6/23-29 NCCC NATIONAL MEETING
Topeka, Kansas

*** Denotes 100%er Award Eligibility Event**



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Cowtown Members,

I hope this finds you all well considering the crazy weather our area has had. I really appreciate the club members donating to the Red Cross to help with the cleanup efforts of the many homes that were damaged by the storms. "Great Job Guys." It was so good to see all the photos of our members participating in events around our area and representing our Club. I hope that you all enjoyed the Cruise to Rough Creek Lodge as well as the NCCC Autocross and Vettes and Vine car Show. I have really enjoyed all the visitors to our meetings and the participation of our members as well, and to see what this Club really is all about. I can't thank you all enough for being the great members that you are. I have had so many compliments about how helpful and friendly you guys are to our guests. As I have said many times before, I am honored to be associated with such a great group of people who go the extra mile to make things happen and to make so many people feel at home at our meetings, events, and socials. Thank you to all the members who participate as well as chair our events. I encourage you all to find some area that interests you and get involved. It's an honor to be President of a Club of that goes the extra mile to be

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a great representation of this community. Please check out our great Website for future events and I hope to see you enjoying your Corvette. Have a great Month!

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



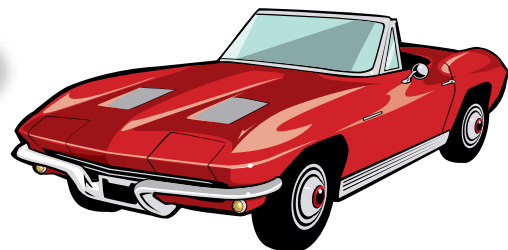
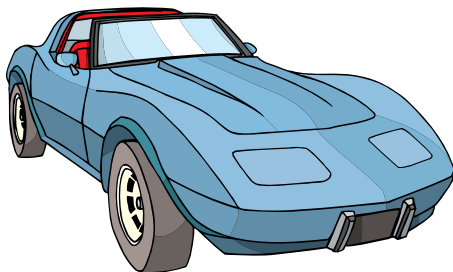
At the time of this writing, we have successfully completed one of the two 100%ers for April, the SGK walk, which was well attended. After I stood in the registration line to pick up my credentials and t-shirt (since I waited until the last minute to sign up, my bad) I never saw anyone again. I heard no reports of bodies along the way so I assume everyone survived. I know I did.

I am sure that our second 100%er, The No Frills Race Weekend in Mineral Wells, April 28 & 29 will prove to be another fun time event. The weekend will be topped off with the Vettes and Vines Car Show at Lone Oak Winery in Burleson.

As announced during last month's club meeting, our 100%er for May will be a tour of the American Airlines Maintenance Hangar with lunch to follow. This event will take place on 19May in the American Airlines Hangars at DFW Airport. We will meet at 9am in the parking lot on the Northwest corner of Hwy 157 and Hwy 183 in Euless. This parking lot is very large and just across the street from Trinity High School and Trinity Baptist Church. I have made reservations at "Flips Patio Grill" for lunch. I will need a headcount for Flips at the May membership meeting. If you will not be at the meeting, please send me an email so I can give "Flips" a headcount. Please note, the following rules for entry into the hangars, "NO purses, backpacks, fanny packs or bags of any kind including camera bags." You may bring your camera, just not the bag. No open toed shoes of any kind and I would suggest comfortable shoes. Since we will be making entry to any aircraft that we board via a "maintenance stand", you will also need to wear slacks or shorts. Ladies, you will understand why when you get there. The actual address to the hangar is 2122 W. 16th Ave., DFW Airport, Texas. See you there.

Our June 100%er will be a tour of the Dallas World Aquarium located at 1801 N. Griffin Street, Dallas, Texas. This tour has been scheduled for 9Jun. The approximate cost is \$17.27 per person. I am checking with the folks there about alternative parking but we are also looking at taking the Trinity Railway and the Dart Light Rail to the West End. Details to follow!

Gwynne Hanna
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MAY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 <i>* Membership Meeting 7:30 Meeting</i>	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	14	15	16 <i>Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</i>	17	18	19 <i>* Hangar Tour at American Airlines and Lunch Time: 9:00 AM</i>
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27  MEMORIAL DAY	28	29	30	31		

Bold italic type denotes CTV events

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JUNE 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>* Membership Meeting 7:30 Meeting</i>	2
	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>* Tour of Dallas World Aquarium TBA</i>
10	11	12	13	14  FLAG DAY	15	16
17  Father's Day	18	19	20 <i>Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</i>	21	22	23 <i>NCCC National Meeting Topeka, KS</i>
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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

WELCOME!

First Time Guests

LaVonda & Stuart Young
1990 Red Coupe

Al Pugh
2003 50th Anniversary Red Convertible

Chuck Safely & his son Clark
1967 Marlboro Maroon Coupe



Donna Forsythe

Membership / Welcome Chairperson
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New Members



Mike & Carol Loney
1999 White Convertible

Bill & Shelly Cox
1974 White Coupe
2005 Dark Blue Coupe
(picture unavailable)

Lonnie & Lynda Mears
1971 Candy Apple Red Coupe
(they joined as NCCC Member at Large transfers)
(picture unavailable)



5/1 - GLENDA MCMAHAN
5/1 - HARRY RUMZEK
5/4 - GARY HANNA
5/5 - JUDY ROLLINGER
5/6 - CYNTHIA RANKIN
5/8 - SYLVIA HOALDRIDGE
5/11 - ALAINE KING
5/14 - DAVID LARSEN
5/14 - DEBRA BOND
5/16 - RICK GARABEDIAN
5/17 - BLAKE LEWIS
5/20 - JIM JONES
5/22 - VIOLA MEYERS
5/24 - ROBERT GEYER
5/26 - SONNY ARNOLD

5/2 - TOM & DONNA MCHENRY
5/14 - JACK & KARLA GANDY
5/15 - JASON & REBECCA BLOCKER
5/19 - BILL & JANE BUEHLER
5/25 - SAM & CATHY CASTORANI
5/25 - MARK & LOU KIRBY
5/31 - KEVIN & CATHY ANTHONY
5/31 - KERRY & NANCY MCGOVERN



NCCC EVENTS

Cowtown's 2012 NCCC Events

There are lots of NCCC Events taking place throughout the Southwest Region again this year. Something a little different this year would be the volume of Car Shows, Rallyes and Funkhanas on the schedule besides the typical autocross and drag races. So even if you don't race your Corvette, you can find some fun at one of these non-racing NCCC type events. If you have questions about what this type of event is all about, ask the club Governor or almost anyone that participates in NCCC events; we will be glad to share our knowledge.



Our NCCC Events dates for 2012 and they are posted on the 2012 SWR webpage. Please mark these dates on your calendars so you can enjoy the events by participating and/or helping us to host them.

- ***April 28-29, 2012:** the [No-Frills Corvette Scramble](#) event co-hosted by CCT; being planned as 14 low-speed autocross events. We are seeking volunteers to fill the Functional Chairperson Positions of:
 - *Corner Worker*
 - *Course Setup / Teardown*
 - *Pre-Staging*
- ***September 15-16, 2012:** Our [16th Annual Super Speedway Weekend](#) at TMS; being planned as 12 low-speed autocross events. We are seeking volunteers to fill the Functional Chairperson Positions of:
 - *Auto-Safety Tech*
 - *Pre-Staging*
 - *TMS Oval Laps*
- **September 29th or 30th, 2012:** This ONE-DAY NCCC event will utilize four remaining Sanctions, 1 from BRCC and 3 from CCT. At this time we are planning to utilize them for non-racing type events. We are leaning towards hosting the four events as a [People's Choice Car Show](#), [Funkhana](#) and wrapping it up with a [Gimmick and Chance \(Poker\) Rallye](#) which will be run simultaneously; Jack Gandy has offered to run plan, setup and run the Rallyes. At our [2007 October Car Show](#) BRCC hosted similar events which included a Funkhana and 3 Rallyes. We will need various volunteers for this event which we will outline after the events are defined – if you have a preference of which day we host this event (Saturday or Sunday), please let me know which it is.

Please contact us if you would be willing to step up as a Functional Chairperson or a Worker in order to make these events a success for our club and our guests.

Your participation in the events is welcomed and we thank you in advance for supporting these events which in turn provides operating funds for our club and to enjoy more Corvette fun.

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Back Roads to Rough Creek Lodge Lunch Cruise on 4/21

After the rain came thru on Friday, the temperatures dropped into the low 50's overnight starting us out on Saturday morning at 55 degrees, a very nice cool dry day to be out enjoying *America's Sports Cars* – our Corvettes. We had a sizable group who participated and enjoyed the back-roads cruise to *Rough Creek Lodge* (RCL), southwest of Glen Rose, TX; a joint NCCC Corvette Club Lunch Cruise. Unfortunately we had 11 participants in 6 Vettes cancel, for varying reasons, prior to our cruise departure this morning.



Our Cowtown Vettes cruiser group left Benbrook at 9:35 am with 27 Corvettes and 52 participants, jotting off south on 377 for a couple of miles before turning west on CR-1024 starting our back-road journey cruise. This road is a slow, very narrow, shoulder-less section of two-

lane blacktop that twists, following the hills and valleys. We kept cruising west past several ranches, including the *Moncrief Animal Preserve*; owned by the family of the former Fort Worth Mayor. Today, we spotted some wildebeest, zebra, elk and several exotic goat varieties and of course a few donkeys helping to protect them from wild predators. We were a little distracted from the wild animals as we ran upon a cyclist “*ride for the Heroes*” on the road. You’ve seen the highway signs stating to “share the road”, even though it is targeted at motorcycles we had to share the road with hundred or more cyclists (peddle power). A couple of things, you know I have always stated “you just never know what you might see on the back-roads” which is very true and today, we stressed to listen to the radios because you never know what will be in the road. This slowed us down considerably on this fun stretch of road; however, we were very fortunate to only have met three on-coming vehicles for the “shared” stretch of road. Luckily we turned the opposite direction than the cyclist as they went up SR-171 and we turned immediately south on FM-51.

Now on FM-51 we were able to enjoy a wider (cyclist free) stretch of road which took us south to just west of Granbury for our first pit stop. Once reaching the intersection of 51 and Loop 567, we pulled into the Shell station to meet up with members of Brazos River Corvette Club (BRCC). This pit stop allowed us to meet and greet the members of BRCC, along with stretching our legs for the journey on down to our lunch destination. We loaded up and pulled out of the Shell station a total of 38 Corvettes and 70 participants, initially heading southwest on the loop around Granbury where we intersected Hwy-377. Cutting thru a back street from there, we ended up taking a right onto FM-51 again – avoiding the neat historic but very busy downtown area of Granbury.

After all the Vettes were out of the station and we were headed down FM-51 it was time to call Rough Creek with the headcount. While being pre-occupied talking to RCL, we missed staying on FM-51 and it required a u-turn for the caravan. Once back on 51, we enjoyed a nice twisty and hilly drive that routes you through the country down thru Paluxy, a small stop in the road at best. After a slight bear to the right, we were now on CR-1006 which then intersects with Hwy-67 about 30 miles from our last stop. This is a major highway so we carefully crossed it heading southeast now; the road changed names to CR-2013, at 67; which took us a little over four miles where we found the entrance to RCL on our right. The road from this point to the lodge is a little one-lane black top; roughly a two and three-quarter mile drive. This is a hunting lodge so most of the vehicles

you might see on the road are high-ground clearance vehicles; you see where the grass is beaten down on both sides of the black-top from tire traffic. The drop-offs on each side are such that the Corvettes do have to “hog” the road since we would high-center if we dropped a wheel off the asphalt. We were fortunate that while sharing our headcount for lunch, they sent workers to both ends of their 2.4 mile private road to block off both ends, dedicating it to our Corvette caravan.

Once into the lodge area, we pulled and parked in areas they had setup for us, with their assistance. Lunch was scheduled for twelve-noon so our arrival was perfect to allow a few minutes to stretch our legs a bit, both outside and inside the lodge. RCL had the various shaped tables set with water and ice tea, place settings for 70 people. They took a group shot from the balcony as we were seated at the tables; prior to us heading to the buffet line. The pre-arranged menu had starters including potato soup, chicken Caesar salad, mixed green salad with apples, almonds, goat cheese and sherry vinaigrette. The entrees included pecan crusted catfish with whipped sweet potatoes and prime beef meat loaf with garlic whipped potatoes. For desert we enjoyed crème brulee, valrhona french chocolate cake and strawberries with whipped cream. Soft drinks were available at no charge or libations of your choice were extra. We enjoyed visiting while we partook of the meal.



John Armes and John Bratta (club Presidents) offered a few words for our first joint club cruise and a toast was made in honor of Mike Lanzara and his dream. This joint club cruise was one that friend Mike Lanzara had been discussing with me for close to a year. Mike was one of those people that liked to bring different groups of people together with similar interests to form friendships and even larger groups. Our last discussion, Dec 14, planning this cruise was the night before his stroke where we were talking dates, logistics, etc; little known that he would pass away the following Saturday. This cruise was one that had many purposes, to honor Mike and his desire to make this happen and of course to host a great cruise event at a unique facility, and to enjoy our Corvettes. All were accomplished. Mike & his wife Libby were also former members of Cowtown Vettes, back in the mid-70's; Libby and their son Jeff were in attendance for the cruise.

Around 1:45ish those who desired more cruising loaded up and headed out of RCL, back to CR-2013 where we made a right and then left onto CR-2014

which then snaked onto FM-203 finally landing us on SH-144 after about ten miles. We cruised down thru Iredell for a stop for a couple of quick cruiser points, then on thru Walnut Springs, then off to the right to FM-1238 which is a very fun road with sweeping curves, perfect to



stretch the horses a little. After enjoying the curves the blacktop led us into downtown Cranfills Gap, TX, yep – just southeast of Fairy, TX. This was roughly forty miles from RCL so the 26 Vettes and 43 participants stopped at the *Horney Toad Bar & Grill* for a pit stop and leg stretch. This used

to be a little-known biker bar in the middle of no-where, at least until Las Vegas found them – you might recall the TV exposure around that a few years back. If you are ever in the mood for a great burger – they have some good ones; not your typical chain-restaurant burger either!

After our stop at the Horney Toad we headed back to the Vettes; this was as far south as we were going to cruise for today, so we headed northeast on SR-22 towards Meridian. This route took us by the Meridian State park, then on into Meridian for a point stop at the Bosque County Courthouse; completed in 1886, being of the Renaissance Revival architecture. You might recall this courthouse from the 2010 Cruiser shirts with Doc's CRC '62 on it; even though it was "cartoonized" a bit. After the courthouse, our route was for a stop at a historic church but with the quantity of cars today we skipped it, heading on up SH-144 back towards Walnut Springs; here a few members grabbed some cruiser points before catching back up to Glen Rose. The last official stop of the cruise at was the Somerville County Courthouse in Glen Rose, TX. This courthouse was built in 1894, Romanesque Revival and General Grant architecture styles; it offered more cruiser points and a

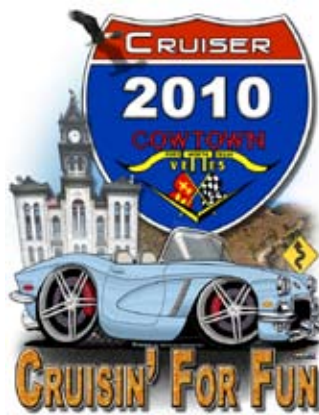


good pit stop to end the cruise. On the cruise literature, we had included additional cruiser point stops which participants could enjoy on their way on home; those included a couple more state parks, courthouses along with additional war Memorials.

As many of you know by now, my philosophy of cruising is to get off the main highways and to enjoy the back roads; to see and enjoy our great country. Usually this type of route is more scenic, it is also more relaxing and has lot fewer hassles than the main highways where everyone is in such a hurry, especially the interstates. Also, you just never know what you might see along the way on those back roads or in the smaller towns. Texas (and the USA) has some great history and scenery, most of which you truly miss when you drive the major highways.

We would like to thank all of you that participated in the cruise and hope that you had a great time – 'til next time, Keep on Cruisin' and Save the Wave!

Doug McMahan



COWTOWN CRUISER



We owe Doug McMahan many thanks for sponsoring the "Back Roads Lunch Cruise to Rough Creek Lodge".

If you have a cruise you are working on and need help please give me a call. If you have a location in mind that you think will make a great cruise let me know and we will work up a

cruiser plan. As always, please check the Cruiser Schedule <http://cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruisersch.html> for upcoming cruises and any last minute changes.

2012 Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP) is under way and if you have not started yet, information is available on the Cowtown website or please call me.

Helpful Hints – Cruiser Safety

The accident that occurred in the middle of Gary and Gwynne Hanna's "Cruise to the Red River Army Depot" during March has had me thinking a lot about Cruiser Safety. I thank God that none of us were involved in the accident and that the accident victim was not more seriously hurt. I for one have been negligent in carrying safety and emergency care equipment in my Corvette when I'm cruising with the club or just out for a drive. I'm adding the following items to my car and welcome suggestions on additional items: A good quality first aid

kit along with an emergency blanket and several pair of nitrile (non-latex) gloves, a quality fire extinguisher, jumper cables, tire sealer/inflator, work gloves and a rain poncho, flashlight with fresh batteries, a fluorescent traffic vest and road flares, an assortment of hand tools, and several bottles of drinking water.

2012 Annual Vette Photo Contest: The "What You Saw Along the Way" Photo Contest is also under way so you need to be taking interesting pictures of your Vette while you are out cruising. You will find rules for the Photo Contest on our website.

2012 Cowtown Cruiser T-Shirts: The shirts are in and if you ordered a shirt and have not received it, please see me. I still have a few extra shirts if you want one.

We welcome any suggestions for new cruise destinations or improving the program.



...keep on cruisin'

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COWTOWN VETTES CHARITY REPORT



The first quarter of 2012 is already behind us! Where did the time go? I know many of us used the beautiful weather in January and February to walk and get physically ready for the National Kidney Foundation Walk and the Komen Race for the Cure. Both are big annual events for our club!

Here's a recap of our special charity events so far for 2012:

3/24 National Kidney Foundation Walk in Fort Worth

Thirty-six members and one guest got up early on Saturday morning and came to Trinity Park to participate in the Fort Worth Kidney Walk. Our team's goal was to promote awareness of kidney disease and organ transplantation for everyone. Our team, led by Sylvia Hoaldrige, received a lot of publicity before, during and after the Walk. We were recognized as a Top Team and were provided with an awning reserved just for our group with a banner that read "Team Corvettes for NKF." Members purchased tickets for door prizes at our monthly meetings and our members and NCCC-SW Region friends also purchased tickets for door prizes and participated in our NKF auction during CTV's annual NCCC weekend at TMS last September. We were also one of the three winners in a three-way tie for the Best Team T-Shirt, designed by member Doug McMahan. Thank you to Team Corvettes for NKF!!

3/29 Tarrant Area Food Bank Appreciation Luncheon

To thank us for our contributions as well as our volunteer time at the Tarrant Area Food Bank in 2011 and years past, we were invited to lunch! The food bank was transformed into a circus tent with balloons, festive tables and we were served a great meal. Thank you to Allen Shanholtz, Carol Savage and Jim Jones, Rita Gadnai, Craig Murphy and Jane Buehler for representing the club at this event!



4/6 Tornadoes roll across the Dallas-Fort Worth metroplex and Cowtown Vettes steps up to assist the storm victims.

Over thirteen tornadoes touched down on Tuesday, March 20th and many homes and businesses were destroyed. Fortunately,

no lives were lost! Cowtown members immediately began asking how we could help. Our 50/50 raffle at our monthly meeting on Friday, April 6th was designated to go to the Red Cross to assist the storm victims. Many thanks to Sherry Michener who won the raffle and donated her 50% back to the fund. With individual donations and the raffle funds, we were able to give a check to the Red Cross for \$400!



4/14 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

This race is always a special event for our club. It was held on Saturday, March 14 at Ridgmar Mall in

Fort Worth. Thirty-seven members got up early to get to the mall to support our survivors and walk in memory of those who lost their fight against breast cancer. It was a cloudy, windy day and "pink" was the color of the day. We exceeded our fund-raising goal thanks to our members and to our team leader, Karyn Fowler, who leads this team event every year! After the walk, members had fun visiting all the vendor booths and sampling the ice cream, fruit and goodies that were given away. I know I took a long nap that afternoon!

Thank you for all your participation and donations to these special events! What's next on our charity calendar?

Tuesday, June 5th – Tarrant Area Food Bank Volunteer Night for Cowtown Vettes

Friday, August 3rd – Remember the Pets and the "Don't Forget to Feed Me" program associated with the food bank. Please start collecting those food items for the pets when you see them on sale. Plan to bring them to this meeting and we'll get them distributed.

Tuesday, November 13th – Tarrant Area Food Bank Volunteer Night for Cowtown Vettes.

Thanks,

Jane Buehler

Charities Chairperson

NCCC/NKF Raffle Tickets

The quest continues to be a 100% club with regard to selling the NCCC NKF raffle tickets and we are getting ever so close. We are up to \$1300 in ticket sales now, so we just need \$200 more bought at the next 2 meetings. Remember to use your green sheets- 5 tickets for \$25- or you can buy one at \$10, 3 for \$25, 6 for \$50. The car being raffled is a Cyber Gray 2013 Grand Sport coupe with the Heritage package. The drawing for the car will be June 29, 2012 at the NCCC National Convention Banquet. You do not have to be present to win but you do have to buy a ticket to win! We need your help to accomplish this goal and to help the Organ Donor Awareness Program for the NKF.

I will not be at the meeting but Sharon Zschirnt will be selling the tickets. You can still purchase in June if you miss getting them at the May meeting.

I continue to take orders for the book "*100 Years of Chevrolet*". This would make a great Father's Day gift. Contact me to let me know if you are interested. The cost is \$58 and the club receives a \$6 rebate on each book purchased. You can email me at debgilind@aol.com if interested in purchasing. I will take your order, contact the company, the books will be shipped to me and you will then pay me when you pick up the book. I have ordered after the meeting for the last 2 months. Again, I will not be at the next meeting but you can let me know by May 10th if interested in making an order. An order placed then would definitely be available for Father's Day.

Grazie and arrivederci!!

Debbie Lindsey

CTV Cares - Charity Events for Spring

Corvettes for NKF - NKF Walk March 24, 2012



Tarrant Area Food Bank Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon March 23, 2012



Red Cross Donation April 9, 2012



Corvettes Racing for the Cure

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, April 14, 2012

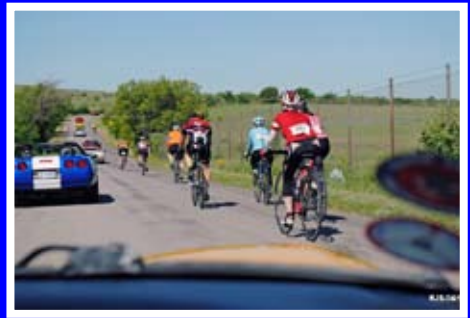


The **Southwest Region** hosted 13 high-speed auto-crosses at **Hallett Raceway** Tulsa, OK. April 7-8, 2012



Corvettes Racing for the Cure - Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, April 14, 2012





**Back Roads Lunch
Cruise to Rough
Creek Lodge**
April 21, 2012



GOVERNOR'S THOUGHTS



I am loving this great weather! Perfect for taking your Vette out and enjoying some country roads.

April had two NCCC events. First, SJCC and CMCT put on a great event at the police training track and Cowtown was represented by the Kevin & Cathy Anthony, Jim & Donna Forsythe and Doc Lambert. The Second event was a Southwest Region hosted event at Hallett (west of Tulsa) and of course rain on one day! But it was enjoyed

by everyone there. Ask any one of these guys how much fun was had, Kevin Anthony, David Gill, Doc Lambert, and Karl Samuel.

Next month we will hear about our joint event with CCT in Mineral Wells.

Coming up in May is a car show being held in a really neat location, Kemah, TX, just south of Houston on Saturday May 12 and the following day is drag racing at Royal Purple Raceway (formerly Houston Raceway Park). Just in time for some practice runs for record drags in Noble Oklahoma on May 26-27. There is also a low-speed autocross event being held in Waco on May 19-20. The first weekend in June in Austin and San Marcos will bring you another car show, along with options to participate in a funkhanas, rallye or high speed events at Harris Hill Road.

Glenda McMahon
2012 NCCC Governor
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Lots going on this time of the year.

Don't forget about the 53th NCCC National Convention being held in Topeka, KS, from June 23-29, 2012; a day's drive from here. Check out the schedule and you will see lots of opportunities both racing and non-racing such as funkhanas, rallyes, car shows, parties and there are still rooms available in the host hotel available. To break up the trip, we are currently planning on heading out after work on Friday, stopping somewhere for the night, then driving the rest of the way on Saturday; you are welcome to caravan with us.

Scholarship time! The national scholarship applications should already be in Patrick Dolan's hands by the time you read this. The Southwest Region applications are due to Mary Anne Kolb by June 15. Details on the Southwest Region website www.ncccsouthwestregion.org/2012/SWR_NCCC_Scholarship_Info_App.pdf

Check out the national website for the discounts we receive as NCCC members. www.corvettesnccc.org/

Hope to see you at some of these events.



Museum Ambassador Report by Kim West

New exhibit:

April 23 - July 27, 2012: Callaway Corvettes & 50th Anniversary of Z06

The impressive list of cars includes: 1987 Red B2K coupe (Callaway #87-001); 1988 White 35th Anniversary Coupe; 1988 Silver Coupe Sledgehammer; 1989 Red AeroBody B2K Coupe; 1990 Turquoise Metallic Aero-



Body Convertible (Callaway Cars' Former demo car); 1991 Periwinkle 100+ AeroBody Convertible; 1991 IMSA Race Car #3; 1991 SuperSpeedster LM; 1991 SuperSpeedster Cherry Smash; 1996 Grand Sport SuperNatural AeroBody coupe; 1998 C12 Blue / Orange coupe; 2003 Silver Z06 - Power Group 3 (former Callaway Cars' demo car); Callaway C16 and 2012 SC606 Carbon Flash Centennial Edition. In addition, the exhibit will feature three full display cases of Callaway memorabilia, some of which has never been seen before!



2012 NCM CORVETTE EVENTS:

NCM Bash
April 26 - 28

Corvette Racing Banquet
May 11, 2012

C4/ZR-1 Gathering
May 17 - 19

Barn Raising II - Vette Barn
May 24 - 26

Z06 Fest
May 30

ZpedFest
May 31 - June 2

VIR HPDE
June 25 - 26

Performance Tour III
July 20 - 21

Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
August 30 - September 1

NCM Benefit at HOD Thunderhill
September 5 - 6

Historic Motorama Reunion
September 26 - 29*

NCM Benefit at HOD Autobahn
October 1*

R8C Reunion
October 4 - 6

1-Lap of Kentucky - Artisans & Musicians
October 16 - 20*

American Warrior Recognition
October 31

Vets 'n Vettes
November 8 - 10



Wow –by the time you read this we have 2/3 of the year left and what a busy first third of the year it has been! This past month, every weekend was busy with some kind of activity. On our website you will find event pages / photos for The NCCC Southwest Region Awards Banquet, Tarrant Area Food Bank Volunteer Luncheon, two different NCCC Autocross Events, members participating in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, members working Security Detail at Texas Motor Speedway and the Back-

Roads Lunch Cruise to Rough Creek Lodge. I'm sure we will have a few cameras out in Mineral Wells for the NCCC event and the Vettes & Vines Car Show at the end of the month – with event pages online the first part of May. For capturing photos at the events like this one last month we would like to thank Alan & Glenda Brown (OCCC), Sylvia Hoaldrige, David Gill, Doc Lambert, Jane Buehler, Donna Forsythe, Raley & Jo Anne Smith, and Doug & Glenda McMahan for photos. So, don't forget your camera when you go out to enjoy any of these events or even events you do on your own; we would welcome YOUR photos!

Once again, Cowtown is eligible to enter the [NCCC National Club Website Contest](#) again this year, so if you have any NEW ideas and/or suggestions which you feel would make our club website better – *PLEASE contact me*. As always, I would ask you to keep your eye out for foopas on the website, sometimes cut-in-paste isn't my friend not to mention I get in a hurry. We do want our club's representation on the internet to always be the best that it can be.

Doug McMahan

2011 CTV Webmaster (macsvettes@att.net)

Don't forget to check us out on Facebook. With the huge number of people that use Facebook, we have been using that medium in addition to our traditional website to share information on our upcoming and past events. If you are on FB and haven't "friended" Cowtown, please do so. Since so many FB users have the application on their smartphones, we see the trend of people checking email and websites somewhat down on traditional computers. We don't replicate everything we have on our traditional website on FB but we do put the basic information and a few teaser photos along with a link to the event page on our traditional website. (wrap this part of the article around the FB graphic below).

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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!!!*

TOP TEN THINGS THAT HAPPEN TO YOU IN A CORVETTE THAT NEVER HAPPEN WHEN YOU ARE IN A MINI-VAN

- Number 10** - Valet attendants park your car in the front where they can keep an eye on it.
- Number 9** - Japanese cars pull up next to you and challenge you to race.
- Number 8** - Redneck boys think you are **HOT** (*hopefully this only applies to women*).
- Number 7** - You get pulled over by a cop just because it's a cool car and he wants to see it.
- Number 6** - People at the gas pump tell you about the Corvette they used to own (*no one tells you about the mini-van they used to own*).
- Number 5** - You don't have to listen to videos from the back seat (*no back seat*).
- Number 4** - Merging into traffic - no problem.
- Number 3** - Braking on curves is optional.
- Number 2** - You can put your top down (*on the car that is*).
- And the **Number 1** thing that happens to you in a Corvette that never happens when you are in a mini-van - **Other Corvette owners WAVE at you.**



National Corvette Museum Hall of Fame by Kim West

I have had the great opportunity to meet Mr. Guldstrand, what a great legend.



Dick Guldstrand
(1999 Induction)

When it comes to driving and developing high-performance vehicles, the international achievements, accolades, and reputation of Dick Guldstrand make it impossible to place him anywhere but at the very top. Well-known for his chassis expertise and success on road racing tracks since the 1960s, Guldstrand has come a long way from the young man who started out in pursuit of a career in law at the persuasion of his parents.

"My parents wanted me to be a lawyer, but somehow I ended up in electronics in college," Guldstrand said. Even though he was working in the financially rewarding aerospace industry, the native Californian knew his heart was "about 500 feet out in the parking lot pinned on a tattered '56 Corvette." Guldstrand, who had begun racing on the famous Southern California dirt tracks in the late 1950s, knew he had to listen to his heart. Racing was calling.

He soon landed a sponsorship from H.E. Baher, a Hermosa Beach, California Chevrolet dealer. His Corvette outfitted with fuel injection and a 4-speed was an immediate winner. Under the Baher banner, Guldstrand won most of the West Coast BP events in the early 1960s. His sponsor was so pleased, he bought Guldstrand one of the first Stingrays to race in the fall of 1962.

Beginning in 1963, the racing and development exploits of Dick Guldstrand became the stuff of legends. From 1963-1965, he won three consecutive SCCA Pacific Coast Championships, including the Southern Pacific A/P Championship in 1964, the same year he was named the California Sports Car Club Driver of the Year. In 1966, Guldstrand won the GT-class at the Daytona 24-hour race, and finished 9th overall. Later that year, he was named President of the Southern California Drivers Association. The following year, he raced at Le Mans and set a track record in the GT-class while leading the race for 13 hours. In both 1966 and 1967, Guldstrand

drove the legendary Grand Sport Corvette at the 12 hours of Sebring for Roger Penske.

In 1968, Guldstrand opened his own business, Guldstrand Engineering Inc., in Culver City, California. Soon, he was designing and building high performance cars for competition throughout North America, South America, and Western Europe. The following year he built and campaigned a Z-28 Camaro in South America, winning the South American Championship. In the early 1970s, Guldstrand Engineering Inc. built 70% of all the Chevrolet-powered road racing cars on the West Coast.

Dick Guldstrand played an enormous role in the development and testing of the 1985 Corvette. He set new track records at the Mid-Ohio 24 hours, finishing both 1st and 2nd overall. He also set new track records at the 12 hours at Willow Spring for enduro cars, once again finishing 1st and 2nd overall. His personal involvement, along with his GSS race team, set the stage for the future racing series, as well as Corvette's domination of Porsche cars for the first time in fifteen years. The following year, he built and set up the Guldstrand 1986 Corvette, which made a clean sweep of all events at the SCCA National Solo Championships. Later that year, Guldstrand developed his high performance dream car, the GS-80. Articles about the GS-80 have appeared in virtually every automotive magazine, and the car has received world acclaim. It was set against such high performance cars in Europe as the Testarossa, Countach, and Porsche Turbo. Then in 1987, Guldstrand, driving a 1956 Corvette in the Vintage Race series, won the 75th Anniversary of Chevrolet at Monterey, California. The legend of Dick Guldstrand only grew more.

Dick Guldstrand continues to be one of the true innovators in the present decade. The 1990s began with the announcement that he was developing the Guldstrand Grand Sport 90. A world-class exotic supercar based on the Corvette ZR-1 chassis, the GS-90 sported an entirely new body along with major upgrades to its engine, suspension, wheels, tires, and rear end. The finished product debuted on the Chevrolet stand at the 1994 Los Angeles Auto Show, and is produced today on a build-to-order basis.

He epitomizes the "All American Corvette Enthusiast", a devoted and loyal fan of the Corvette.



Donna Forsythe - 1st place - Women's Drags



Bob Morrison receives special award



Cindy Morrison - 3rd place - Speed



Doc Lambert - 200 pts.



Jim Forsythe - 200 Pts.



Red Greenfeder - 200 pts.

SW Region Awards Banquet
Waco, TX
Saturday, March 24th
Hosted by Cen-Tex Corvette Club



Cathy Anthony - 8th place

TECH SUPPORT

... by Doug McMahan

C4 thru C6 Corvette Lettering Dress-up

Does the rear of your C4 thru C6 need a little snazzing up; maybe just something simple to accent the recessed Corvette lettering on the rear? It is an easy job to do and most folks can accomplish it properly in less than thirty minutes. The same techniques and products show below are available for C4 thru C6 Corvettes.



There are various styles (at least) of lettering available; you can choose from stainless, vinyl decals or the domed poly type shown in this article. Regardless of which type lettering you choose, the process is basically the same and about the same level of difficulty (EASY).



Start out with by cleaning the lettering area of the car so that you don't have any dust which transfers to your hands or falls off and on to the letter's stick-um. Next, you will need to prepare the recessed lettering area; do this with care otherwise you'll end up losing a letter on the highway or at the car wash. To prepare the area we used the alcohol wipes that came with the kit plus we used a Q-tip and alcohol to make sure the corners were cleaned out.



Once the alcohol has dried, take a lint-free rag and wipe the dried residue off. Peel the protective backing off the Corvette Letter Set – make SURE you DO NOT touch the sticky-em on the back of the letters; handle with

the clear protector shield. Due to the logo design and shape, I decided to work from left to right, placing the "C" in the recessed area first.



Move letter by letter from left to right, pressing each of them into the recessed area. Once you have all the letters pressed into the recessed letters, burnish firmly over the clear protective shield with a dry soft rag until you are sure you have all the letters adhered to the body. Once you have the letters in, GENTLY pull the clear protective shield off of the letters – again, I would recommend left to right due to letter shape. You now have made "your statement" to your Corvette by adding the lettering of your choice to give the Corvette your personal touch.



Note: many of the lettering sets also work on the passenger's dash; follow the same procedures as mentioned above to dress-up the otherwise bland passenger dash area. NOTE: It would NOT be recommended to use stainless steel lettering in this area since it is also the Air Bag covering.



SW Region Clubs

BRAZOS RIVER CORVETTE CLUB (BRCC)
Granbury, TX • SW-540



CEN-TEX CORVETTE CLUB (CTCC)
Waco, TX • SW-200



CORVETTE CLUB OF OKLAHOMA CITY (CCOC)
Oklahoma City, OK • SW-468



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Dallas, TX • SW-074



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TULSA VETTE SET (TVS)
Tulsa, OK • SW-248

2012 SWR NCCC SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
5/4-5	St. Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
5/12-13	Kema & Baytown, TX	1st Choice - Car Show and MT, Class & ET Drag Races (not record Drags)	SJCC/CMCT
5/19-20	Waco, TX	1st Choice - LS Autocross Events 1st Choice - LS Autocross Events All at TSTC (Waco Airport)	CTCC MCCC
5/19	Waco, TX	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7:00 PM @El Conquistador restaurant in Bellmead	SWR
5/27-28	OKC, OK Noble, OK	1st Choice - 7 Autocross Events at Sheriff's Facility 1st Choice - 3 Drag Events @ Thunder Valley in Noble, OK - Mon: Rain day for drags	TVS SCCC CCOC
6/2-3	Austin & San Marcos, TX	1st Choice - Car Show, Funkhana, Rallye, and HS Autocross	LCC
6/9-10	OKC, OK	1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events 1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events All at Sheriff's Facility	TVS SCCC CCOC
6/23-29	Topeka, KS	NATIONAL CONVENTION 2012 & NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
9/7-8	St. Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
9/15-16	Ft. Worth, TX	1st Choice - 10 LS Autocross Events @ Texas Motor Speedway - Laps on the Oval on Sunday morning	CTV BRCC
9/15	Ft. Worth, TX	SWR Governor's Meeting - 8:00 PM@ Hampton Inn on I35 (just south of Texas Motor Speedway)	SWR
9/22	Waco, TX	Car Show	CTCC
9/29 or 30	Ft. Worth, TX	1st Choice - 4 Events (hosted by CTV)	BRCC/CCT
10/13-14	Waco, TX	1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events	TCCC
10/20-21	OKC, OK Noble, OK	1st Choice - 7 Autocross Events at Sheriff's Facility 1st Choice - 3 Drag Events @ Thunder Valley in Noble	COAST CCOC
10/27-28	Waco, TX	1st Choice - 7 Autocross Events	TV
10/27	Waco, TX	SWR Governor's Meeting - 8:00 PM @TBD	SWR
11/3-4	OKC, OK	1st Choice - 6 LS Autocross Events 1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events All at Sheriff's Facility	CCOC SCCC
11/9-10	St. Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
11/16-17	TBD	1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events	TOCC

Flyers for these events can be found at <http://ncccswwregion.org/schedule.html>

Did you know.....

The 2002 Z06 windshield was thinner than that used in the coupe models, shaving 2.65 pounds per car. The lighter windshield was shared with convertibles equipped with the Heads Up Display (HUD) option, which was standard on 2002 Z06 models.



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Save the Wave

The "Corvette Wave" is an integral part of the mystique and culture of the Corvette owner experience. Corvette owners who wave at fellow Corvette owners show a mark of recognition that you are among the elite group of intelligent people who are driving America's True Sports Car. And as a member of this elite group, you should be recognized for your pose and intelligence. So for those who don't know the five simple Corvette Wave rules, here they are:

1. There is no excuse for not waving at your fellow Corvette owner.
Although most Corvette owners have the class and understanding to accept when their wave is not returned, not waving is a serious breach of proper Corvette etiquette.
2. Whoever sees the other Corvette first, starts the wave.
There isn't any rule about who waves first. This is simple; if you see another Corvette, wave!
3. Rules 1 and 2 apply to both sexes.
As far as who starts the wave, it doesn't make a difference if you are a man or women. Rules 1 and 2 apply.
4. Any type of wave is okay.
Whether you shoot a big wave up through your open Vette top, out the window, or a quick salute with your hand on the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is okay. However, this does not include any style of jester that can be interpreted as obscene or insulting. Remember, Corvette owners are a class act; while someone might have been rude or stupid to you, try not to return the favor. (This is a tough rule not to break with all the stupid drivers who manage to get a driver's license.)
5. A late wave is better than no wave.
If you suddenly realize that a Corvette driver is passing and waving at you, get a wave off as soon as possible. The other Corvette driver may see your wave in their rear view mirror and realize that you were just a little late in getting your wave going. Although missing the timing of your wave is a "goof," this can be acceptably covered by getting off a wave that the other Corvette driver has a chance to see.

So you can see the underlying concept here is simple, **Wave at your fellow Corvette owners, whoever they are, whenever you see them.** This will show you are a person who understands the full measure and etiquette that comes with your proud ownership of a Corvette.

Dan Woomer wrote and published these on October 23, 2003
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 (Please note that on all shirt orders,
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So stop by the Logo table before and after the meeting to place
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Detail at TMS Races

April 12-14



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