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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Although there were no club events scheduled for January, look out! CTV is about to gear up for another busy year full of varying opportunities to socialize and enjoy your Corvette. There are no less than two (2) 100% events in February. Although many of us will do both and I encourage you to do so, you only have to attend one (1) to remain competitive for the 100% contest.

March will see the first autocross event which is also the 100% for that month. I will leave you to your event coordinators and the CTV calendar on the website to obtain more detail but, suffice to say, the Spring of 2013 will be quite entertaining.

If you are new to the club, I urge you to seek out our assigned committee chairs to help you in finding your specific area(s) of interest. Without you, we have no club and activities will struggle. Do not fear these committees. They are not the exclusive domain of the veteran CTV member. It is best to combine past experience with new ideas and methods to keep our club and its events attractive to all. Please share your talent with us.

For those of you who have never attended the NCCC Convention, please consider attending this year. It will take place in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the "mother ship" of the Corvette experience and home of the National Corvette Museum (NCM). Registration (to include hotel registration) opens on February 1st, The hotel will likely fill to capacity quickly. I would suggest not waiting too long to get your name on their books. Pat and I plan to attend and we would love for you to come along. This will be only my second convention to attend so, extensive trips are not required. It is not a motor head mecca type event. There are numerous activities and tours that are not "Corvette-relevant." It is a 5-day event and I will defer further detail to our NCCC officers and the NCCC website as sources of additional detail.

What do you think about the C7? Love it? Hate it? Somewhere in between? Need time for it to "grow" on you? The newest and most technically innovative Corvette ever will surely be the focus of many discussions. I saw part of the rollout, checked out numerous pictures on various blogs and websites, and watched the videos Doug linked up to the web site. Very impressive. Your next Corvette?

Whether you have a brand new ZR1 or a \$3800 rebuilder, remember, you are a Corvette owner and that oncoming Corvette needs to see your left hand hanging out that window in a wave of friendship. Save that wave!

David Gill

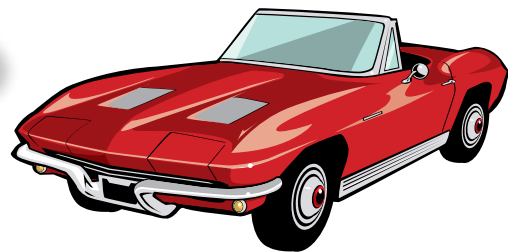
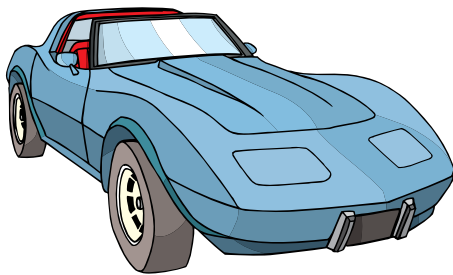
2013 President

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I wanted to thank the Cowtown Vettes members for their get well cards, visits and a beautiful green plant sent to me while I was in the hospital recently. Carol thanks you too. All your good wishes kept us in good spirits during recuperation.

Jim Jones



FEBRUARY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>* Membership Meeting 7:30 Meeting</i>	2
3 <i>* Super Bowl Party Pappa's Burgers 5:00 pm</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 	15	16 <i>* Valentine's Dinner Carino's Italian 6:30 PM</i>
17	18	19	20 <i>Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</i>	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28		

Bold italic type denotes CTV events

** Denotes required attendance and participation for 100%er Award eligibility*

MARCH 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 <i>* Membership Meeting 7:30 Meeting</i>	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 <i>Practice Autocross location TBD</i>	18	19	20 <i>Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</i>	21	22	23 <i>*National Kidney Walk Trinity Park</i>
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

WELCOME!

New Members

Welcome to our new members



Steve and Rhonda Weible

2009 Crystal Red Coupe



We'd also like welcome First Time Visitors:

Denise Anderson

2007 Red Coupe, Black Interior

Bobby Burks

1975 Convertible

Dana Williams

2003 50th Anniversary Coupe

Jo Anne Smith

*Membership / Welcome Chairperson
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2/1 LINDA BENWARE
2/6 SHELLY WHEELER
2/8 TONY SOKOLOSKI
2/9 MO WHEELER
2/18 DON FOWLER
2/20 DOC LAMBERT
2/24 BUD NICE
2/24 KIM WEST
2/27 GENE PRICE
2/28 ROGER GLEASON



2/6 DON & NANCY WELLS
2/11 CHRIS & CINDY MALCOLM
2/14 MIKE & CAROL LONEY
2/14 ALLEN & JUDY SHANHOLTZ
2/17 FRED & DONNA ROSETT
2/27 BRUCE & YVETTE LEWIS
2/27 BUD & RUTH NICE
2/28 DOUG & GLENDA MCMAHAN

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VICE PRESIDENT REPORT



The month of February will be a busy month for CTV. We have two 100%ers scheduled so put on your party hats and come join the fun. Sign-up sheets will be available at the February meeting. The first social and 100%er will be the Super Bowl Party on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 5:00PM. We will meet in the private dining area at Pappas Burger located at 2700 West Freeway (I-30 and Forest Park). Kick-off is 5:30PM. We will have a 50/50 charity football pool with winners for each quarter of the game. It's a come and go party with food and drinks ordered at will. The Cowboys will definitely not be competing (and neither will my other favorites the Broncos, Packers, and Texans) but maybe your favorite team will make the cut. Come share in the food and fellowship.

Our second social and 100%er will be the "Valentine Sweetheart Dinner" on Saturday, Feb 16, at 6:30pm. We will have a private dining area at Carino's Italian located at 5900 S. Hulen. Dinner will be served as a buffet and includes bread, salad, tea or lemonade, mini-dessert, 16-layer lasagna, and either lemon rosemary chicken or grilled chicken bow-tie festival. The cost is \$17.00 per person and will need to be paid at the February meeting or mailed to me at 1901 Florance Ann Lane, Haslet, TX 76052. Checks will need to be made payable to Cowtown Vettes. I don't think the chef will come out to sing for us but you and your loved one can make your own music for the night.

Looking ahead to March our 100%er will be the Fort Worth NKF Walk on Saturday, March 23, at Trinity Park. The National Kidney Foundation is the charitable organization supported by NCCC and as a member club we need to support this worthy cause. Locally the NKF provides much needed support and care to those with kidney disease. Come walk with fellow CTV members or just visit with them at our canopy. More information will be in the March newsletter.

Carlanne Hickman

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New Hot Look of C7 Interior

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NCCC EVENTS



I am still looking for a locations to hold both our March practice autocross and the April No Frills event with CCT. GM informed me that the lot we have used in the past will not be available the first quarter due construction. As soon as I secure a location for these events I will let Doug know so that it can be posted on the web site.

I do have the contract for rooms with Hampton Inn & Suites for the September event. This is the hotel we have used for the past several years. We have a block of 60 rooms, 40 standard rooms for \$89.00 per night and 20 suites for \$109.00 per night. This is the same rate as last year. Look for a link on our web site in the near future to reserve your room.

For 2013, the NCCC Events have been spread out for

Rick Watson

NCCC Events Coordinator

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everyone's scheduling ease and my sanity. The CTV events below are listed on the [SWR 2013 Schedule](#) – please mark your 2013 calendars.

- March 17 (Sunday)–Practice Autocross (non-sanctioned)–Location: TBD
- April 20th & 21st (Saturday & Sunday)–the No Frills joint Low-Speed NCCC Autocross Event with Corvette Club of Texas (CCT)–Location: TBD
- June 1st (Saturday)–Spring Scramble; tentative plans would be an event similar to this year's Fall Scramble, without the rain–Location: tentatively planned for Fat Daddy's in Mansfield
- September 21st & 22nd (Saturday & Sunday)–the 17th Annual Super Speedway Weekend at Texas Motor Speedway–ocation: Texas Motor Speedway

I would like to say, “Thank you” for the numerous people who have approached me to help me with anything that needs to be done in order to make these events happen. I am still looking for a co-chair. Again, you don't need to be a racer in order to be involved.

COWTOWN CRUISER



2013 will be a great year to get out and drive your Vettes and enjoy the friendship of fellow CTV members. Upcoming cruises include: March 2, 2013 a lunch cruise with the destination still to be determined. I will be ready to discuss details at the February meeting.

May 17-19, 2013 Doug and Glenda will host a weekend cruise to the Hill Country. If you have not been on one of CTV's Hill Country Cruises, they are a lot of fun and you get to see a beautiful part of Texas. August 11-18, 2013 Doug and Glenda will host a week long cruise that will include (1) run the Tail of the Dragon, (2) driving the Cherochala Skyway, (3) visit Biltmore Estates, (4) run the Moonshiner 28 and (5) may include parts of the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway. Doug and Glenda have a lot of experience planning and hosting Cruises and you won't be disappointed. Please check the Cruiser Schedule <http://cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruisersch.html> for upcoming cruises and last minute changes. 2013 Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP) has started and I will have the 2013 Cruiser Logo and log sheets at the February meeting or you can email me and I will send you

...keep on cruisin'

Donald Hickman

2013 Cruiser Chairperson

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& Carlanne Hickman

& Co-Chair

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a copy along with the Excel log that keeps track of your points. If you have not started yet, information is available on the Cowtown website or please give me a call. 2013 Annual Vette Photo Contest: The “What You Saw Along the Way” Photo Contest has started so you need to be taking interesting pictures of your Vette while you are out cruising. You will find rules for it on our website. 2013 Cowtown Cruiser T-Shirts: Thanks to Doug McMahan (what would we do without him?), we will again have a great looking CTV Cruiser shirt for 2013. The prices will remain the same as last year: Small thru XL sizes = \$13 2XL sizes = \$15. And they are available in White or Light Gray

We plan to order the shirts after the February meeting. If you placed your order during the January meeting you need only bring payment (checks preferred made out to Donald Hickman). If you haven't ordered a shirt/shirts but will be at the February meeting, you can order and pay at that time. You are not required to have a Cruiser shirt to participate for Cruiser points. The 2013 Cruiser Logo in your picture with your Vette is all you need.

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

WEBMASTER



With the all-new C7 Corvette Stingray being unveiled on 1/13/13 in a private showing in Detroit, webmasters have been very busy. While everything we were sent along with lots available out there from many sources; it was tough to not smother our website with all this history. Instead, our home page was changed for a few days before the reveal to help you find a link that worked so you could be part of it. After the reveal, that page was changed to provide an embedded video of the Reveal and the GM executives talking about the C7. Now, our home page has been changed back to normal and it is linked from the top of our homepage along with off the new C7 Member Car page. The blank C7 page was created to provide a link from the new Corvette Generations Bar which was created, adding the C7 to the far right.

No new club events since last month's article but we do hope that everyone had a great Christmas Holiday and enjoyed bringing in the New Year. Now that 2013 is moving fast and furious, don't forget your camera when you go out to enjoy any of the many events available, regardless if it is a club event or something you went and participated in; we do welcome YOUR photos! There have been well over a hundred webpages which have changed with the new year, so if you spot something on a webpages which appears to not have been caught during this change period, please contact me so it can be looked at. This is the club's website which is viewed from all over the world – so we want it to be up-to-date and always correct.

If you have an interest in assisting with the club's website, this has been a goal for some time now; maybe splitting off areas such as the Misc. Car Show & Competition Calendars, maybe even event pages, or social media, etc. If you have an interest, please contact me.

Do you do Social Media? ...Facebook or Linked-In? If so, are you a FB friend with Cowtown Vettes and the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC)? The social media venues are not to replace our traditional website but to provide additional avenues to promote our club, our socials and our events. Events that are open to guests are ones that events are created on the social media; invites are sent to the Club's social media friends where they can accept, decline and even state maybe on their attendance. When they do this, it also generates traffic for others to see the event where some of the potential new participants come from. After the events, we typically select a few pictures to share some of the fun we had; with a link to the event page on our traditional website so they can find more photos and information. Not only does this get a potential new participant or member to that event page but they also browse around our website looking at other fun we have. You can find our clubs and NCCC's Facebook account off the link on our Cowtown website (left bottom). NCCC also has a Facebook account now as well, it is also linked off the Cowtown website – lower left.

Cowtown Email Distribution Lists: There have been many changes to the club's email distribution lists to start the new year as well.. Chairpersons, some of these lists (along with webpages) go with your functions so if you are a new chairperson, your email will be added. If you have questions around the distribution lists, please get in touch with me. Members, if you change your email address, mailing address, your Vettes, etc., please let membership know so that your address can be updated in the Membership Database along with the various email lists. Cowtown has over thirty email distribution lists, many geared around specific activities or functions, like NCCC, various committees, convention, etc. so, if you'd like to be added to a specific list, get in touch with me. If by chance you are not receiving the CTV-All emails then your correct email address must not be in the system; contact us. Send all email and address updates to: ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com ?

If you have suggestions, questions or comments about how we are managing your Club's website and/or Facebook account, please don't hesitate to give me a shout. I also encourage you to shout if you find any pages that have issues or if there is something you would like to see or things you dislike; after all this is your website and I am only the caretaker of your website.

Doug McMahan
2013 CTV Webmaster (macsvettes@att.net)

**...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 !!!**

CHARITY REPORT

Thank you to the club members who took time to provide feedback on our 2013 charity events. We have another great year planned to donate our money, time and effort to help some great organizations.

Let's kick off the year and get ready to walk! These events will be here before we know it. Are you in shape? If not, you still have time! Mark your calendars now and plan to support the club in these two important events:

March 23rd - National Kidney Foundation Walk at Trinity Park

April 6th - Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at Ridgmar Mall

More details regarding signing up, etc. will be shared at the meetings.

Jane Buehler
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Santa Fe, TX • SW-392

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

2013 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
2/22-23	St Louis, MO	<u>NATIONAL MEETINGS</u>	Nat'l
		SWR Awards Banquet, hosted by SWR Officers Banquet Registration Deadline: 2/28/13 (rec'd)	
3/9	Ft Worth, TX	Hotel Deadline: 2/28/13 (block released) Hotel Registration: \$94 + tax	SWR
3/10-12	Ft Worth, TX	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 9 AM at TBD	SWR
3/17??	Arlington GM	<u>Test-n-Tune Autocross (non-sanctioned)</u>	CTV
3/23-24	Houston, TX	1st CHOICE Weekend	SJCC
4/6-07	TBD	1st CHOICE Weekend	TOCC
4/13-14	Waco, TX	1st CHOICE Weekend	CTCC
4/21-22	TBD, TX	1st CHOICE Weekend	CTV (BRCC)
4/26-27	St Louis, MO	<u>NATIONAL MEETINGS</u>	Nat'l
		Driving School / Track Day (non-sanctioned) Friday the 10th	
5/10-12	Hallett, OK	1st CHOICE Weekend - SWR Fundraiser	TBD
	OKC, OK	1st CHOICE - 7 Autocross Events	
5/25-26	Noble, OK	<u>1st CHOICE Weekend - Drags @ Thunder Valley in Noble, OK</u>	OCCC
6/1	TBD, TX	1st CHOICE Weekend	CTV (BRCC / CCT)
6/1	TBD	<u>SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD</u>	SWR
	OKC, OK	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	TVS
6/8-09	Sheriff's Facility	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	SCCC
6/24-28	Bowling Green, KY	<u>NATIONAL CONVENTION 2013</u> & NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
6/28	Bowling Green, KY	National Club Newsletter & Website Contest Winners Announced	Nat'l
9/13-14	St Louis, MO	<u>NATIONAL MEETINGS</u>	Nat'l
9/21-22	Ft Worth, TX	<u>1st CHOICE - LS Autocross Events @ Texas Motor Speedway - Laps on the Oval Sunday Morning</u>	CTV
9/21	Ft Worth, TX	<u>SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 8 PM @ Hampton Inn on I-35 (just south of Texas Motor Speedway)</u>	SWR
	OKC, OK	1st Choice - 6 LS Autocross Events	CCOC
9/28-29	<u>Sheriff's Facility</u>	1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events	SCCC
10/12-13	TBD, TX	1st CHOICE Weekend	CTCC
	OKC, OK	1st CHOICE - 7 Autocross Events at Sheriff's Facility	COAST
10/19-20	Noble, OK	<u>1st CHOICE - 3 Drag Events @ Thunder Valley in Noble</u>	OCCC
11/2-03	TBD, TX	1st CHOICE Weekend	TV
TBD	2-Nov	<u>SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD</u>	SWR
11/8-09	St Louis, MO	<u>NATIONAL MEETINGS</u>	Nat'l

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

GOVERNOR'S THOUGHTS



It has been a quiet New Year so far. Lots of people have been sick, I hope by the time you read this everyone is healthy in your life!

The Southwest Region Awards Banquet is coming up March 9th, 2013. You must register by Feb. 18th if you are planning on going. Cowtown has twelve members receiving awards so it would be great to have lots of support there for our competitors. It is going to be at the Radisson across the freeway from Coors where we have our meetings. See the Southwest Region website for the flyer. It is under the schedule.

The 2013 NCCC Convention is coming up June 24-28. You can register from the NCCC website and by the time you read this it will be open for business.

It is in Bowling Green, KY, the home of the corvette museum and the GM corvette plant. The plant will not be offering tours during this time but the museum is a great place to visit. There will be lots of things going on during convention from racing to local tours and of course lots of socializing with other corvette owners.

If you are interested in competition, the 2013 Southwest Region schedule is posted on the SWR website; the events can also be found on our calendars.

Get out and enjoy your corvette!

Glenda McMahon
2013 NCCC Governor
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Do you have a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, niece, nephew, or are a guardian to a child under the age of 16 years. If so, don't forget to enroll him/her in the **Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA)**, NCCC's youth organization.

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**CTV Logo
 Merchandise**

Hello everyone. Welcome to the Logo Merchandise store. There are lots of great things for sale with the Cowtown logo on them. Here's just a sampling of some of the things we have for sale:

Caps.....	\$ 7.50
Visors.....	\$ 7.50
Sweatshirts.....	\$20.00
<i>(2XL and up slightly higher)</i>	
Long Sleeve T-shirts.....	\$15.00
<i>(2XL and up slightly higher)</i>	
Short Sleeve T-shirts	\$13.00
Men's & Women's Long Sleeve Denim Shirts	\$25.00
Polo shirts. All different styles.....	\$25.00
<i>(Please note that on all shirt orders, 2XL and up sizes are slightly higher)</i>	

***If you want your name added to your shirt,
 it's only \$3 more!***

***Or if you want a Cowtown logo or a certain year
 Corvette on one of your own shirts it's only \$5!***

Name tags.....\$ 12.00

We also have stickers, patches, koozies, and tumblers *(only two of these left!)*

So stop by the Logo table before and after the meeting to place your order. You'll get your order by the next meeting.

Thanks!

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ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE SENT TO:

COWTOWN VETTES

P.O. Box 1974

Fort Worth, Texas 76101



DO YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS? HAVE YOU SOLD YOUR CORVETTE OR BOUGHT A NEW ONE?
If so, let Membership know so we can update your address on the various email lists. You can send any updates to Membership at: ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com.



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