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### Membership Meeting Location

#### "BUFFALO WEST"

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Fort Worth, TX 76116  
(817) 732-2370



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# CALENDAR

## January 2016 HOT TEA MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1 HAPPY NEW YEAR	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Cowtown 101 6:30 pm * Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Day	19	20 Board Meeting ----- Lowdown Deadline	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## February 2016 NATIONAL CHERRY MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 NCCC Convention Registration Opens	2 GROUND HOG DAY	3	4	5 * Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm	6
7	8	9 Shrove Tuesday	10	11	12	13 VALENTINES PARTY AT JOHNNY CARINO'S
14 Happy Valentine's Day	15	16	17 Board Meeting ----- Lowdown Deadline	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 NCCC Nat'l Committee Mtgs in St Louis	27 NCCC Nat'l Committee Mtgs in St Louis
28	29					

*Bold italic type denotes CTV events*

*\* Denotes required attendance and participation for 100%er Award eligibility  
♦ Members attending these Events receive 100%er credit in lieu of Cowtown Events*





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## WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I want to wish the membership a Happy New Year, and say how I am honored to be serving as your President for 2016.

Cowtown Vettes membership has another exciting year ahead of us. Without the support of our members, this would not be possible.

My hat is off to Jo Anne for planning our 2015 Annual Christmas Party in the Stock Yards. For those of us that attended, we had a great time and are already looking forward to next years party. I know Jo Anne is working on some very exciting socials for this year. I want to

thank everyone that has agreed to serve as a Committee Chairperson and I know you will help and support them in the coming year.

A big thanks to Ray and Denise Kasper for planning the Holiday Dinner & Show in Grapevine. Although I could not be there, a good time was had by all that attended.

Last of all, The 2015 Cowtown Board and the Membership want to thank Donald Hickman for great job as the 2015 Cowtown Vettes President. It is going to be hard to follow in your footsteps.

*Don Wells*  
President  
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**COWTOWN ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD** will be presented annually to the Rookie member who accumulates the highest number of points according to the schedule published in the By-Laws. A Rookie is defined as a new member to the Club who has not previously been a member of the Club. Rookies accumulate points the calendar year following the year that they joined the Club. All records are maintained and the determination of the Rookie of the Year is made by the Membership Committee who will select and present the award at an Awards Banquet.

The following members who joined in 2015 will be eligible for the Rookie of the Year award for 2015.

Don & Cindy Brown  
Jerry & Phyllis Crim  
Ted & Lana Gales  
Greg & Gail Herring  
Zane Hilger

Cliff & Beverly Holden  
John & Barbara Morton  
Steve & Debra Myers  
Dalton & Connie Wharton

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I want to say many thanks to all who attended the Christmas Party at the Stockyards Station. Everyone really got into the spirit of the event and I enjoyed seeing all the Boots and Bling. Congratulations to Steve Myers and Karla Gandy as well as Pat Rigney and Gwynne Hannah for winning prizes for Best Boots and Best Bling.

Traditionally we don't have any 100%er events in January. Our next 100%er event will be a Valentine's weekend dinner. This will take place on **Saturday, February 13, at 5:30 PM. We will meet at Johnny Carino's Italian Restaurant, 2750 I-20 Frontage Rd, Grand Prairie, TX 75052.** We will have a private area on the enclosed patio and everyone can order off the menu. There will be a sign-up sheet passed around at the January meeting so we can know how many reservations we need. The deadline to sign up will be the February membership meeting on Feb. 5.

I am seeking input from the membership about the types of events you would like to see us plan for the year. If you have some ideas for events, please contact me; I look forward to hearing from you.

**Let's have a great 2016!**

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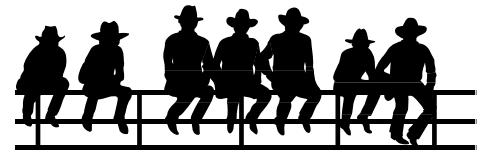
## WANTED - FOR OUR WEBSITE

**Veteran Photos** – share photos from your service as a veteran

**Member Car Photos** – share photos of your ride on our website

**FCOA Member Photos** – do have Future Corvette Owner Assn Members in your family? ...if so, we would like to share those on our FCOA page.

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## MEMBERSHIP

### New Members

(no pics, hope to have them next month)  
**JOHN & BARBARA MORTON**  
2015 White Coupe

### 2nd Time Visitors

**RICHARD LAMBERT**  
2010 Crystal Metallic Red Coupe  
**ROBERT PRESSLER**  
2008 Red Coupe

### 1st Time Visitors

**DAVID & MARGARET PERRY**  
2007 Maroon Convertible  
**JOCK & BARBARA HENCKEN**  
None yet....

happy  
birthday

01/03 - Diane Young  
01/10 - David Gill  
01/10 - Jerry McCormick  
01/11 - Don Wells  
01/13 - Becky Clark  
01/15 - William Nolan  
01/17 - Barb Greenfeder  
01/17 - Red Greenfeder  
01/18 - Larry Schaapveld  
01/23 - Yvette Lewis  
01/27 - Larry Hoaldrige



01/02 - Bob & Cindy Morrison  
01/09 - John & Nancy Dick  
01/09 - John & Barbara Morton  
01/28 - Jerry & Debbie Lindsey

*Becky Clark*  
Membership / Welcome Chairperson  
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## WEBMASTER



As we start 2016, the website activity is crazy crazy. There are more than a hundred standing webpages that require attention and/or re-creation for the new year. Besides that, we added numerous pages since last month's issue. Our **19th Annual Super Speedway Weekend** added four pages, another four for our **Cowtown's Annual Christmas Party & Awards Banquet**, not to mention the **Christmas Party for Cook Children's Hospital**. Many thanks to **Raley & Jo Anne Smith, Jane Buehler, Mary Pittman and Doc Lambert** who provided photos beyond my photos for the November & December event pages. I would



(especially chairpersons) please provide that content to me electronically.

As webmaster, I also maintain a couple-of-dozen email distribution lists for various functions beyond the all member list (CTV-ALL) and the officer list (CTV-EO). If you have questions around the distribution lists, getting yourself added to any specific one, etc. then please get in touch with me. If you change your email address, mailing address, your Vettes, etc., please let membership know so that your information can be updated. 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@yahoo.com](mailto:ctv-membership@yahoo.com). When you are added to a list, you will receive an email asking you to confirm and join – you MUST accept this in order to be confirmed into the distribution list; the invite will eventually time-out as well so don't delay. As of the end of December (each year), any non-renewing members will be removed from these distribution lists

invite and encourage you to keep your cameras handy – we can always use more photos and everyone has a different type of photo they like to capture. Those which are provided to me are all resized with credit is given to the photographer on each photo, prior to them being used on the website and provided to PJ for the newsletter.

If you have noticed, all of the 2016 calendars have been created and as Jo Anne and others finalize dates for club functions, those will be added. Beyond these working pages, there are numerous history type pages where we provide accolades to the 2015 winners in numerous categories; check out the Car Show, Cruiser & NCCC Event pages for a few examples. If you have club / Corvette content that you need posted

This year we will be able to compete in the **NCCC National Club Website Contest** again so I am looking for ideas for our website. So please don't hesitate to shout if you have suggestions, questions or comments about your Club's website and/or Facebook account. Likewise 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.

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## COWTOWN CRUISER



2015 was another great year for the Cowtown Cruiser Program! There were 11 participants all finishing at the gold level.

The top 3 competitors were:

- 1st Place: Robert & Cydnie Geyer (249 points)**
- 2nd Place: Donald & Carlanne Hickman (234 points)**
- 3rd Place: William Nolan & Mary Pittman (194 points)**

Other participants included:

- Doc Lambert (104 points)**
- John & Nancy Dick (103 points)**
- Doug McMahan (82 points)**
- Glenda McMahan (81 points)**

There were also a number of great photographs submitted for the "What I Saw Along the Way" Cruiser Photo Contest, and the winners were:

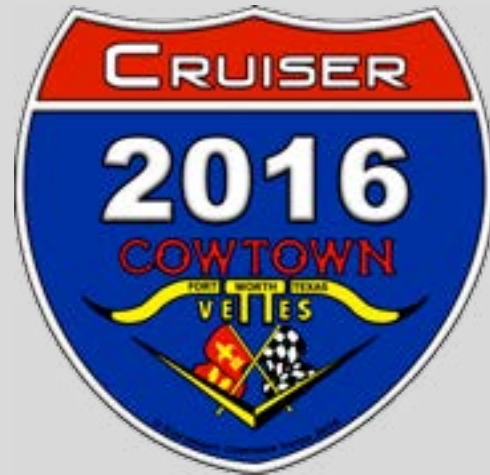
- 1st Place: William Nolan & Mary Pittman**
- 2nd Place: Robert & Cydnie Geyer**
- 3rd Place: Doc Lambert**

Their photos can be viewed on the website.

The 2016 Cruiser competition started January 1, 2016. New cruiser packets are available electronically or in paper form. This includes the 2016 Cruiser sign, log sheet and program rules.

The cruiser program was started as a way to encourage members to get out and see where their Corvettes can take them. This can be a club organized trip or a personal trek through the countryside. Even if you are not collecting cruiser points you can still participate in the Cruiser Photo Contest by taking photos of your Corvette at the interesting places you "saw along the way".

For the cruiser program to be successful we need members to suggest places to go and to sponsor cruises. There is already one cruise on the schedule that many of you have signed up for in March to



the Red River Army Depot, coordinated by Gwynne Hanna. Hopefully there are several more in the works for day or week-end trips!

If you are interested and have questions about the process we may be able to schedule a Cruiser Program 101 sometime in the near future to explain the process and answer your questions. We can also provide some past cruiser books for you to look at. Hopefully we can encourage more participants to get out and enjoy their Corvette and promote Cowtown Vettes while they are out and about.

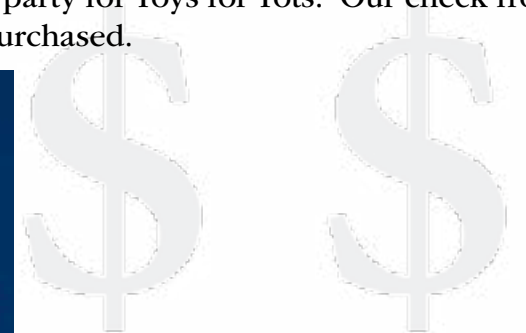
### HAPPY CRUISING!!!



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## CHARITIES

Thanks to everyone who brought toys to our Christmas party for Toys for Tots. Our check from our charity fund was also presented to allow more toys to be purchased.



On Wednesday, December 16th, seventeen members volunteered their time to support the Cook Children's Christmas party. We also provided a check to fund the party. Children had the opportunity to talk to Santa and Mrs. Claus, receive a stuffed animal, make simple crafts and snack on cake balls and punch. Everyone had a great time!. Thanks to Barb & Red Greenfeder, Connie & Ronnie McCrary, Connie & Dalton Wharton, Doug McMahan, Walt Zschirnt, Mary Pittman, Bill Buehler, Cathy & Kevin Anthony, Margaret & Fred Proctor and Donna Forsythe for their support.

### CookChildren's.

Congratulations to our lucky 50/50 winners for 2015:

- January - Walt Zschirnt**
- February - Carol Savage**
- March - Carlanne Hickman**
- April - Steve Weible**
- May - Shirley McCormick**
- June - Cindy Brown**
- July - Robert Geyer**
- August - Ray Kaspar**
- September - Lana Gales**
- October - Becky Clark**
- November - Doc Lambert**
- December - Allen Shanholtz**



Once again, you make my job easy and I thank you so much!

*Jane Buehler*  
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## Tech Article: C5 C6 Corvette: How to Replace Interior Lights with LEDs

As some of us get a little gray, we notice that we need a little more or brighter lights. Others might just be tired of digging around in the back of the Vette for luggage on a trip. Either way, there is a better solution which you might have noticed on the newer vehicles – LED lighting!

Modifying your interior lights may seem like a big job, but it's not so difficult when you break it down. This guide will take you through all the steps and parts you'll need to replace the interior lights with LEDs. Additionally, you can opt to install LEDs for things like the foot wells, rear cargo area, backup lights, etc. without changing all the dash bulbs. I purchased a kit from Corvette Mods (other specialty shops have them) which replaced all the easy-to-do bulbs; not the door or dash bulbs.



Kits available from Corvette Mods – other add-ons are also available there.

- C5 main kit [http://www.corvettemods.com/C5-Corvette-1997-2004-Complete-SMD-LED-Kit\\_p\\_4981.html](http://www.corvettemods.com/C5-Corvette-1997-2004-Complete-SMD-LED-Kit_p_4981.html)
- C6 main kit [http://www.corvettemods.com/C6-05-13-CORVETTE-COMplete-SMD-LED-KIT\\_p\\_4983.html](http://www.corvettemods.com/C6-05-13-CORVETTE-COMplete-SMD-LED-KIT_p_4983.html)

*Note: The steps in this article will be applicable to the Corvette C5 (1997-2004) as well as the C6 (2005-2013)*

### Tools & Materials Needed

- Flathead screwdriver
- T-15 Torx screwdriver
- Soldering iron & solder sucker
- 9V battery
- Pair of positive and negative leads
- Neo Wedge Type B (T4) LEDs w/ 10 mm base
- Neo Wedge Type A (T3) LEDs w/ 8 mm base
- Type 194 SMD LEDs
- Type 561 Rigid Loop LEDs (Type 212-2 Festoon for the '97 C5)

Before you start, it is a good idea to have a few extra LEDs. You can also test the components you have taken out of your car with a 9V battery before re-installation. Note: If one of the LEDs does not work, try rotating it 180 degrees.

### Step 1 – Change the map lights

Using the flathead screwdriver, take off the map light cover to replace each bulb. For C5 Corvettes, use Type 212-2 Festoon LEDs, and for C6 Corvettes, use Type 194 SMD array LEDs to replace the stock map light bulbs. This bulb change was one of the most useful ones out of the whole conversion.



Fig 1 Map Light LED's

of

### Step 2 – Change the foot wells and cargo lights

You will need to gently pry out the light panels of the foot wells and cargo lights. Remove the stock bulbs and install the Type 194 SMD Plug 'n Play LEDs. The foot well and cargo lights were a HUGE improvement over stock!



Fig 2a. The original bulb



Fig 2b. The LED bulb



Fig 2c. Blue foot wells – if you opt for blue bulbs



Fig 2d. Before picture of the cargo light



Fig 2e. After picture with the bright white cargo LEDs



**Step 3 – Change under hood lights**

For under hood lights in the '97 C5 Corvette, replace the stock bulbs with 212-2 Festoon lights. Replace the bulbs of all other C5s with Type 561 rigid loop LEDs.



Fig 3. Bright white under hood LED

**Step 4 – Change the Backup Lights**

Remove a taillight on each side of the car; you can do it from one side but not easy. You will use the torx driver to remove the one screw at the top of the lens on a C6 – the C5 has two screws.



Fig 4a. Removing the Tail Lights

Twist to remove the bulb socket/harness and then drop it out the bottom of the fascia; here you can easily change the bulb.



Fig 4b. The bulb harness

**Step 5 – Change the automatic gear shift indicator**

Gently remove the cover of your center console and pull out the shift boot. Replace the stock bulbs with small Type 194 Wedge Base LEDs; you can also replace them with a horizontal strip of LEDs trimmed to a length of 6 lights.



Fig 5b. Center console with LEDs



Fig 5a. LED strip lights

**Step 6 – Change the door switches, dimmer and DIC panel**

With a flathead screwdriver, start by removing the door switches, dimmer and DIC panel. Replace the stock bulbs of the door switches and DIC panel with Neo Wedge Type B LEDs. The narrower Neo Wedge Type A LEDs are used for the HUD panel dimmer switch. The results for these two are much brighter than stock; samples shown below



Fig 6b. C5 DIC panel LED



Fig 6a. Door switch LED



**Step 7 – Change the HVAC and radio lights**

This one is a little trickier and more difficult to perform than the others; especially if you don't know how to solder. You will need to remove the cover of your center console to access the HVAC and radio. To remove the HVAC and radio, unscrew their mounting screws. Lay down the HVAC and radio in a workspace where you can keep track of the components (important), and make sure you are properly grounded before taking them apart. Remove the casing of each component and then remove the circuit board. Desolder the stock bulbs from the board and attach the new LEDs. Before re-installation, test them with a 9V battery.



Fig 7a. Radio LEDs

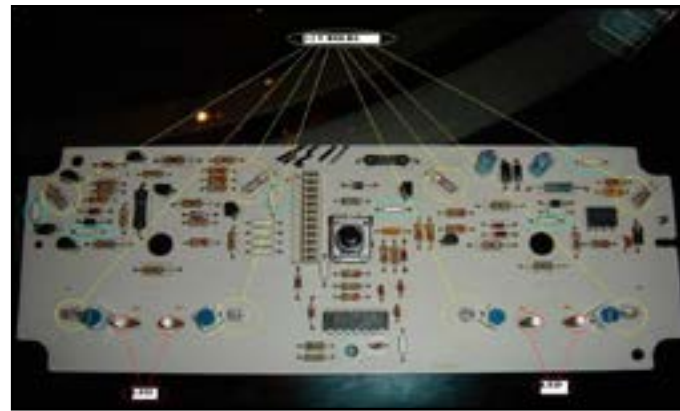


Fig 7b. HVAC LED placement



Fig 7c. Door switches, HVAC and radio

**GRAPEVINE DINNER & SHOW**

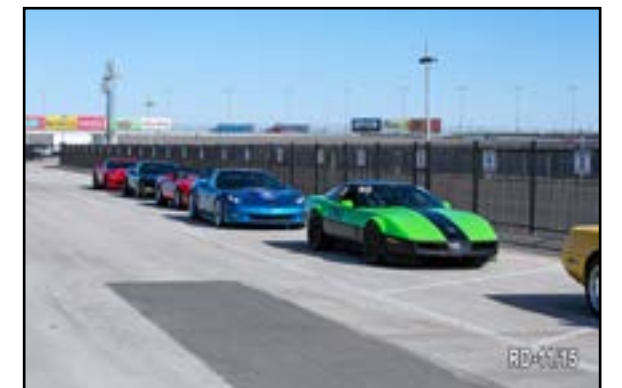
I would like to extend a special thanks to Ray and Denice Kaspar for planning a wonderful Christmas event in Grapevine on December 19. We had a private room at Farina's Winery and Café for dinner, then walked down the street to the Palace Theater for the final Christmas show of Main Street Live. All who attended seemed to enjoy themselves and I would like to thank Ray and Denice for making all the arrangements and hosting the evening.

Jo Anne Smith



11/21/15 @ Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth

More pictures at <http://cowtownvettes.org/Events/2015/112115-TMS-P1.html>





## 2015 PARTICIPATION AWARDS

12/04/15 @ Buffalo West, Fort Worth

More pictures at <http://cowtownvettes.org/Events/2015/120415-CPAB-P1.html>



## 2015 COOK CHILDREN'S PARTY

12/15/15 @ Cook Children's Hospital, Fort Worth

More pictures at <http://cowtownvettes.org/Events/2015/121615-CCCP-P1.html>





As a way of introduction, my name is Don Brown, and I am a fairly new member of Cowtown Corvettes; having joined this past summer. I am not however new to the Corvette Community and the National Corvette museum. My wife and I moved to Fort Worth from California in late 2014. We were previously members of the Corvettes of Bakersfield Club and The Bayou State Corvette Club in Lafayette, Louisiana.

I volunteered to be the Corvette Museum Ambassador for our club for two reasons: 1) I wanted to be more involved in my helping out the club, and 2) The National Corvette Museum has been a passion of mine for many years. In this edition, I would like to relate to you why the museum is so important to me.

I have always loved Corvettes and dreamed of the day when I could own one. Realistically, it just seemed like a pipe dream at one time though. About 15 years ago, my wife and I were in Bowling Green, Kentucky to attend a college basketball tournament. I had heard about the NCM and thought a visit there might be a nice way to spend an afternoon when our team was not playing.

When we walked into the museum I was amazed at the beautiful antique Corvettes that were displayed, many of which were similar to Corvettes I had grown up wishing I could own someday. While at the museum, we met some Corvette owners and I was impressed with their passion for the hobby and how friendly they were. Most of the people we met were eager to share their experiences with the car. The entire experience of visiting the museum was like lighting a fuse under my desire to own my dream car. It was evident that Cindy was also getting the fever. When we arrived home, some time passed and we continued to talk about "one day" owning a Corvette. My wife would occasionally read about a used one in the want ads and bring it to my attention. One day she saw a car in the "Quik Quarter" that she brought to my attention. It was a 1988 Anniversary Edition triple white Corvette



with 37K miles on the clock. The asking price was 10k, and through some odd quirk of coincidence, I happened to have a little extra cash lying around at the time. We arranged to look at the car, and it looked brand new. This ended up being our 1st Corvette.

Since then we have owned 3 other Corvettes, a 2002 Coupe, a 2007 Convertible and our current 2015 coupe. We have visited the National Corvette Museum several times in our later model Corvettes. We have attended 3 Corvette Forum Cruise events and most recently the 21st Anniversary Weekend, which is held the weekend before Labor Day. Later in the year, I will discuss the activities that go on during these types of events in this space.

So that is my NCM story. Stay tuned throughout the year and I will try to keep you updated on what is going on at the NCM and how you may be involved. We might even plan a trip to the museum if anyone is interested.

Thanks for reading!

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On November 21st & 22nd we held our 19th Annual Super Speedway Weekend at Texas Motor Speedway. While participation was a bit low due to the event date change and lateness in the season, you enabled Cowtown to host another awesome event! This two+ day event takes a lot of planning and efforts behind the scenes however, the workers at the event are the ones the competitors see that make the club shine!

As chairperson for this event I (along with my co-chair Donald Hickman) thank you all; more than words can ever say. With the windy and cold temperatures on Saturday, the corner workers looked more like Eskimos bundled up for a sled-trip across the frozen tundra – then they had to run after cones. I also don't want to take anything away from the Starters, Pre-Staging and numerous other workers also braved the cold, windy Saturday.

On Saturday we wrapped up the seven autocross events around 4:15 pm; even after starting close to an hour late. On Sunday we completed the remaining five autocross events shortly after 1:15PM. All said and done we are in the black for this event, even with the reduced participation; thanks to everyone being cautious of expenditures.

I would like to thank all the Functional Chairpersons that made this event successful:

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Doc Lambert                     | Auto Safety Tech         |
| Sylvia Hoaldrige & Jane Buehler | Charity                  |
| Robert Geyer                    | Club Equipment           |
| Richard Downing                 | Corners                  |
| Doug McMahan & Committee        | Course Design & Setup    |
| Jo Anne Smith                   | Hospitality (Fri)        |
| Jo Anne Smith                   | Hospitality/Dinner (Sat) |
| Doug McMahan                    | Network / Printing       |
| Bob & Cindy Morrison            | Pre-Staging              |
| Jim Forsythe                    | Rig Parking              |
| Carlane Hickman                 | Registration             |
| Rick Garabedian                 | Staging(trackentrance)   |

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|-----------------|------------------|
| Scott Wheeler   | Starter          |
| Becky Clark     | Timing           |
| Glenda McMahan  | Timing Boards    |
| David Clark     | Timing Equipment |
| Rick Garabedian | Sunday Oval Laps |

Please take time to look thru the event pages and photos in this issue of the Low-Down and on our website. <http://cowtownvettes.org/Events/2015/112115-TMS-P1.html>

Our NCCC Event Dates for 2016 have been filed and are on the Southwest Region Schedule; we would ask that you please mark your calendars.

- **Practice Autocross date is TBD, 2016** at location to be announced. This is an event that we accomplish several things 1) it is for people that would like to try autocrossing with some seasoned competitors assisting, 2) it is for us to let members try out various areas of the event as workers and to see what it takes to host an event of this type.
- **April 30-May 1, 2016: 20th Annual Super Speedway Weekend at Texas Motor Speedway.** This is the same weekend as the Pate Swap Meet; which will increase traffic for our competitors and workers however it could also be a benefit. We will be having additional discussions with TMS to ensure our workers and competitors can easily get in and out of the infield area.
- **June 11, 2016: the 5th Annual Corvette Scramble at Fat Daddy's.** This is our for-fun NCCC event that consists of a Car Show, a Funkhana and a Gimmick and Poker Rallye. This is always a fun day with your Corvette and friends.
- **September 17-18, 2016: Our annual No-Frills Autocross Scramble with CCT** which is typically held in the spring. We basically flipped the TMS & this event when TMS bumped us from our 18-year late-year standing event date.

If you have any questions around NCCC, our events or competing, please don't hesitate to contact me.

*Doug McMahan & Donald Hickman*  
NCCC Event Coordinator & Co-Coordinator  
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## SW Region Clubs

- BRAZOS RIVER CORVETTE CLUB (BRCC)  
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- ◆
- CEN-TEX CORVETTE CLUB (CTCC)  
Waco, TX • SW-200
- ◆
- CORVETTE CLUB OF OKLAHOMA CITY (CCOC)  
Oklahoma City, OK • SW-468
- ◆
- CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS (CCT)  
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- ◆
- CORVETTE OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
OF SOUTH TEXAS (COAST)  
San Antonio, TX • SW-143
- ◆
- COWTOWN VETTES (CTV)  
Fort Worth, TX • SW-055
- ◆
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- ◆
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- ◆
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- ◆
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- ◆
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- ◆
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- ◆
- TIN HALL TOYS (THT)  
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- ◆
- TULSA VETTE SET (TVS)  
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## 2016 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
TBD	Your Club	Nat'l Club Website Contest - Contest Opens	Nat'l
02/26-27	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
03/01	Your Club	Nat'l Newsletter Contest - email required / due to participate	Nat'l
03/19	Ft Worth, TX	SWR Awards Banquet, hosted by ? Banquet Registration Deadline: ?/??/16(postmarked) Location: Radisson in Fort Worth TBD Room Cost: \$??? + tax Deadline ?/??/16 (block will be released)	ALL
03/20	Ft Worth, TX	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 9:00 AM at TBD	ALL
03/15	Your Club	Nat'l Newsletter Contest - 1st Issue is Due	Nat'l
04/09-10	Mart, TX	Prairie Hill Dragway 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊	CTCC MCCC
04/22-23	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
4/30 - 5/1	Ft Worth, TX	Texas Motor Speedway - 20th Annual Super Speedway Weekend 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ 5 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ Laps on the Oval Sunday Morning	CTV (BRCC)
05/06 05/7-8	Hallett, OK	Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Oklahoma Thunder Driving School / Track Day (non-sanctioned) Friday the 6th 7 High-Speed Events ◊ 7? High-Speed Events ◊	THT TOCC
05/28-29	OKC, OK Noble, OK	Sheriff's Facility - 47th Annual Southern States Corvette Festival 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ Thunder Valley in Noble 3 Drag Events - MT, Record & ET ◊	OCCC
06/01	Your Club	Nat'l Newsletter Contest - Final Issue is DUE	Nat'l
06/04-05	OKC, OK	Sheriff's Facility 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊	TVS SCCC
06/11	Mansfield, TX	Fat Daddy's Bar & Grill Spring Scramble, Car Show, Funkhana & 2 Rallyes	CTV (BRCC / CCT)
TBD	TBD	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD	SWR
TBD	Your Club	Nat'l Club Website Contest - Step 1 Deadline	Nat'l
TBD	Your Club	Nat'l Club Website Contest - Judging takes place	Nat'l
07/17-22	Omaha, NE	NATIONAL CONVENTION 2016 & NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
07/22	Omaha, NE	National Club Newsletter & Website Contest Winners An- nounced	Nat'l
08/13-14	Cresson, TX	Motorsports Ranch - 1.3 Mile Lower Track 14 Low-Speed Autocrosses	CTCC TCCC

Complete schedule and flyers for these events can be found at  
<http://www.ncccsregion.org/schedule.html>

## NCCC GOVERNOR



The awards for 2015 are as follows:



It is time to we say goodbye to 2015 and hello to making a 2016 a great New Year!

As promised in my short article of December, I will recap the 2015 winners of NCCC competition.

We had an outstanding year for competition and it was packed with lots of things to remember. Lots of miles and many smiles!

The year started with the National Council of Corvette Club (NCCC) governor meeting in Feb., where Doug and I got snowed in for an extra day & night. Beautiful but not my idea of a vacation in a St. Louis hotel! Then we followed that up by having the Southwest Region fund raiser in Waco in March. We ended the year successfully with our Texas Motor Speedway event. A long year but as always lots of fun and socializing with other corvette clubs, making new friends and keeping in touch with old ones!

Cowtown ended the year with 186 members. 2016 will start with a few less but will grow over the year as it always does. This is a very active club that offers, just about anything anyone would want. Car shows, cruises, autocross and lots of social events along with numerous charity events each year. Cowtown and NCCC are our second family!

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LIKE YOU STOLE IT!**



**SAVE THE WAVE!**

Glenda McMahan  
2015NCCC Governor  
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### FIRST PLACE AWARDS

#### Speed events

Kevin Anthony  
Cathy Anthony

#### Drags

Fred Proctor  
Cathy Anthony

#### Rallye—poker and gimmick

Jerry and Debbie Lindsey

#### Funkana

Fred Proctor  
George Aggas  
Doug McMahan  
Michelle Aggas  
Glenda McMahan

#### Top Competitor for 2016 with the most NCCC points

Cathy Anthony

#### Governor's Award

Doug McMahan





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- Sweatshirts.....\$20.00  
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- Men's & Women's Long Sleeve Denim Shirts.....\$25.00
- Polo shirts. All different styles.....\$25.00  
(Please note that on all shirt orders,  
2XL and up sizes are slightly higher)

**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!  
*Karen Watson*  
Logo Merchandise Chairperson  
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We would invite you to check out the promotional video of the 2016 NCCC Nat'l Convention – they have fun stuff planned for everyone; including diamonds for the ladies

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**Website:** <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html>



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