

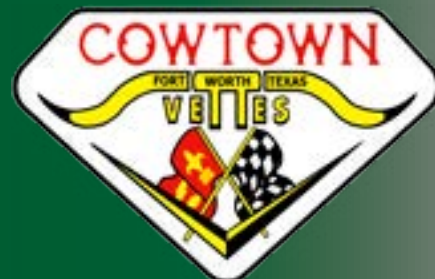


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Cover photo - 2016 Cruiser Contest Winner - Doug McMahan

## Membership Meeting Location and CTV Sponsor

### "BUFFALO WEST"

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# CALENDAR

Space constraints mean it is not always possible to show everything on this calendar. Please check the [website](#) in addition!!!

## March 2017 NATIONAL PEANUT MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 * Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm	4 * Cruise to Nocona
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 NCCC SWR Awards Banquet
12 NCCC SWR Governors Meeting	13	14	15 Board Meeting ----- Lowdown Deadline	16	17	18 * Practice Autocross Burleson HS
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## April 2017 INTERNATIONAL GUITAR MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 * 21st Annual Super Speedway Weekend @ TMS						1 CTCC/MCCC Low Speed Autocross Waco TX
2 CTCC/MCCC Low Speed Autocross Waco TX	3	4	5	6 Cowtown's Official 43rd Birthday	7 * Cowtown 101 6:30 pm * Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm	8 TMS Racing Events Thur - Sunday
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 TAXES
16	17	18	19 Board Meeting ----- Lowdown Deadline	20	21	22 Cowtown's Official 43rd Birthday
23 8th Annual Vines & Vettes Lost Oak Winery Burleson	24	25	26	27 Pate Swap Meet @ TMS Thur - Sunday	28 * 21st Annual Super Speedway Weekend @ TMS	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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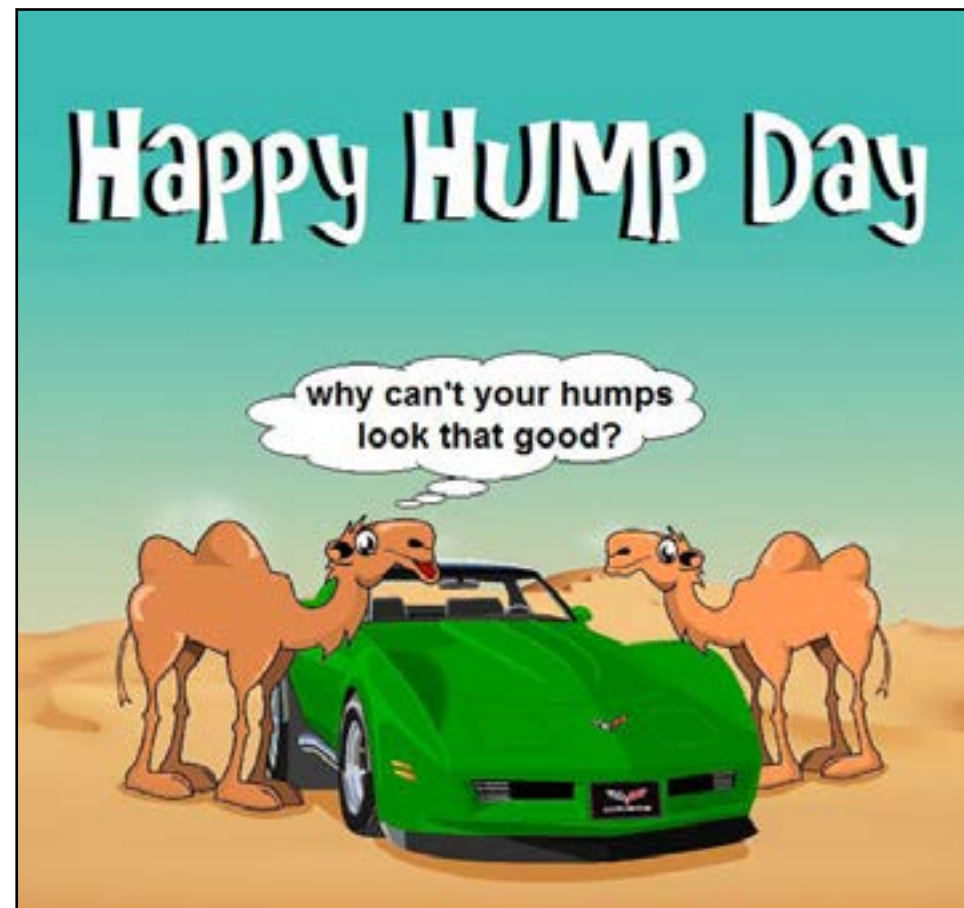
## WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT



WOW!!! What a great turnout for our February Meeting. We had close to 100 members and guests at our Friday meeting. Thank you all who attended and the energy that you created for us all. It was a great pleasure as President to see tables being brought in to accommodate everyone. I would like to thank Becky, our VP, for a great Super Bowl Party and a game that turned out to be quite interesting. As you look at our Web page and Newsletter, we have some more great

things lined up for March with a cruise and the SW Region Awards Banquet that our club is putting on. We count on our Members to enjoy these events and encourage new and even present members to come out for the chance to visit and socialize. Have a great Month and look forward to seeing you at our next events.

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## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



### MARCH

We will again have two opportunities to qualify for 100%er. The first event will be a cruise to **Nocona, TX** to visit the Horton Classic Car Museum and have lunch at **Sweetie Pies in Decatur**. **Robert and Cydnie Geyer** will be leading the cruise. Date is **Saturday March 4th**. Meeting place will be the **NW corner of the Home Depot parking lot at 7100 North Freeway, Fort Worth** at 8:00 am

The second event will be the **Practice Autocross at the Burleson High School on March 18th**. To qualify for 100%er for this event you must either work at the event or enter to autocross. Set up will starting at 8:00 am with the first car off the line at 9:00 am. Come out and see what autocross is about.

### APRIL

Our 100%er for the month of April will be the **21st ANNUAL NCCC Super Speedway Weekend on April 28th - 30th**. This is our premier racing and fundraising event for the year and we need everyone to help make it a top-notch event. There will be opportunities to volunteer to help for any of the 3 days, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. In order to get 100%er credit, you need to volunteer or race (or both) one or more of those days. Look elsewhere in the newsletter and on the website for further details.

**April 6th is CTV's 43rd Anniversary**. We will have a celebration cake at the April membership meeting.

In addition, on **Sunday, April 23, the Annual Vines and Vettes Car Show** will take place at **Lost Oak Winery in Burleson**. Check the website calendar for more info.

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## MEMBERSHIP

### New Members

Bob & Cindy Adams – '79 Black Coupe;  
Carol Aggas (Enthusist);  
Frank Clary – '99 Black Coupe;  
Brian Harnisch & Darlene Soltani – '74 Yellow Coupe, '78 25Th Anniversary, '84 Gray Coupe, '95 White Convertible;  
Bob Rake – '84 Coupe;  
Neal Seidner – '16 Black Convertible, '99 White Coupe;  
Mike & Jeanine Stovall – '00 Yellow Coupe, '92 White Coupe, '98 Burgundy Convertible

### Visitors

None that did not join this month



03/03 - Jason Blocker  
03/05 - Linda Lumas  
03/06 - Manda Gorman  
03/07 - Bobby Murphy  
03/07 - Joe Rosales  
03/08 - Debbie Murphy  
03/09 - Norman Walker  
03/15 - Donna Rosette  
03/28 - Rachel Toombs



03/03 - Ronnie & Connie Mccrary  
03/03 - Norman & Ann Walker  
03/04 - Lonnie & Joy Williams  
03/05 - Larry & Kaye Schaapveld  
03/08 - Jonathan & Stacey Dowdy  
03/10 - Joe & Anna Rosales  
03/15 - Donald & Carlanne Hickman  
03/16 - John & Cory Armes  
03/30 - Kerry & Alaine King



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## WEBMASTER



Cowtown has enjoyed our first two events for 2017 and they are posted, the Super Bowl Party and the Mardi Gras Party. There will be numerous new pages from all the events that are taking place in March. Currently there is some double-duty on these event pages since I'm creating them for the old and new website formats. Why, you might ask – I'm probably crazy however I'd like all 2017 webpages to have the same new look. So when the switch is flipped and the new website comes online, everything for 2017 looks the same.

Be sure to grab that camera when you head out in your Corvette; if you forget it – most will have a smartphone. Regardless what type of event – you never know when you might capture a once in a lifetime shot. We can always use more and different types of high-resolution photos for our website & newsletter. For any photo you provide, I resize them for use on the web along with a larger format for the Low-Down and the slideshows at our membership meetings. Recognition is also provided to the photographer on each of their photos. Who knows, you might also capture that once-in-a-lifetime awesome “what you saw along the way” photo for the annual Cruiser Photo Contest.

**Social Media:** The webmaster also heads up the Social Media committee; one that you can get involved. Regardless if you just like to proof items, post on Facebook, etc. I'd invite you to contact me to join in. I know lots of you have Facebook accounts and post all the time. When you post a club or NCCC event, don't forget to tag Cowtown

Vettes with the post or photo, regardless if you are on this committee or not.

Once a year or so, we like to share our acceptable use of the email distribution lists, it can be found at: <http://cowtownvettes.org/misc/eMailLists.html>. There are a couple of dozen email distribution lists which are maintained by the webmaster; 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@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ctv-membership@yahoogroups.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 (from yahoo groups) will eventually time-out as well so don't delay.



Please don't hesitate to shout if you have suggestions, questions or comments about your Club's website, Facebook account or eMail distribution lists. 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 the website*.

*Doug McMahan*  
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## COWTOWN CRUISER



Cruising?? Back in 2013 when we bought our 2003 Corvette from Don Wells at Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet he mentioned being able to enjoy “some great cruises” in our car. Well, being a “newby” to the whole sports car/ car club scene and the only cruising, besides in a big boat, that I had ever done was up and down the “drag” in Hamlin, Texas. I wasn’t all too sure that Don’s statement was completely accurate, but I decided to keep my mouth shut.

Turns out Don was right!! Cruising has been great fun especially seeing more of the backroads of our great state and challenging the performance of our car.

The CTV Cruiser Program is designed to encourage our members to get out and enjoy driving their cars either individually or in a group with a little friendly competition thrown in collecting those cruiser points to make it more interesting.

For clarification purposes let us answer a few questions that have been posed to us:

1) Do I have to participate in the Cruiser Program to go on club sponsored cruises? No, you can enjoy these cruises without collecting cruiser points if you choose.

2) Do I have to sign up for a cruise? Yes/No, some cruises are just show up and go with the group, but others are limited by group size and/or participation in a scheduled event such as the cruise to Bowling Green this summer which requires that you be attending convention.

3) What is the “photo contest”? The “What I Saw Along the Way” photo contest is looking for a unique setting in which to photograph your Corvette while you are out cruising. This contest



concludes in November with club voting. Each member is eligible to submit up to 3 photos (4x6 or 3x5).

Our first club sponsored cruise is March 4th to Nocona, Texas to visit the Horton Classic Car Museum. Robert and Cydnie Geyer will be leading this cruise. See the CTV website for the specific details. Gwynne and Gary Hanna have a cruise to the Red River Army Depot in the planning stages for May 12 - 14, 2017 and Doug and Glenda McMahan are working on the Wild Horse Convention Cruise to Bowling Green, Kentucky for the 2017 NCCC Convention in August. There are several other ideas for day trips being tossed around so hopefully we will have some fun times. If you have cruise suggestions or would like to plan and lead a cruise please let us know.

As always see our award winning website for the most up to date cruise info.

**GET CRUISING!!!**

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*Mary Pittman  
Co-Chairperson*

## CHARITIES



National Kidney Foundation™

**CookChildren's.**



Thank you for approving the 2017 charity budget at the February meeting! We will be supporting the following organizations with our money and/or time or both:

*Cook Children's Hospital  
Tarrant Area Food Bank  
Toys for Tots  
Fisher House*

*Don't Forget to Feed Me  
American Heart Association  
National Kidney Foundation*

Please add these dates to your calendars and look for more details at the meetings or in future articles:

National Kidney Foundation Walk - Saturday, May 6th, 8:00 am  
Tarrant Area Food Bank, Volunteer, Tuesday, June 13th, 6:00 pm  
Cook Children's Hospital, Christmas in July, Tuesday, July 25th, 10:00 am  
Tarrant Area Food Bank, Volunteer, Thursday, November 16th, 6:00 pm  
Cook Children's Hospital, Christmas Party, Wednesday, December 13th, 10:00 am

**TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK**



**American Heart Association.**  
life is why™

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February 5th 2017  
at  
The Fox & Hound  
Cityview, Fort Worth



New England Patriots beat  
Atlanta Falcons 34 - 28



Many of us have protective film on our vehicles usually right after purchasing them, to protect the paint from rock chips and hazards as we drive them down the super-clean roadways. Well, they also have protective film available to protect your clear plastic lenses, like the headlights and fog lights on C6 or C7 Corvettes. **Note:** Some of the companies that apply the protective film to your Vette's paint also offer the lens protection option.

**Note:** this guide was completed on the C6 Corvette – however, the process is the same for a C7, just order the C7 lens protector kit. This guide also used the film that works with liquid to allow you to move them around before they are permanent. Some of the protectant films can't use water – read carefully before you start.

**Caution:** as with any work on your Vette, picking the correct day is a big key to success. This also includes things like the ambient temperature of the day of your project. Installing the lens protectors is easier when the temperature is 70o F. or warmer. The manufacturer warns to never install the protectors when the temperature is 50o F. or less. Personally, I have warmed the lens protectors with a hair dryer just prior to installation, making them more pliable.

## Let's Get Started

1. Be sure to purchase the correct lens protectors for your year and model of Corvette. While the headlight protectors are the same from 2005-2013, the lower lens is drastically different between the base coupe and the wide-bodies.
2. Thoroughly clean the lens using a good glass cleaner. Dry the lens with a lint free cloth. To avoid staining the Headlight and Turn Signal Protectors, make sure your hands are clean and dry before starting.
3. Dry-fit the Headlight Protectors, WITH THE BACKING ON, to get a feel for how they fit. Note: it does help at this stage to have an extra set of hands and eyes to help line up the upper and lower corners. Once you have the protector lined up, you can leverage small pieces of painter's tape to hold in place.
4. Lightly spray a water/soap mixture on the lens which will allow you to move the film if you are off just a little.
5. **DO NOT** touch the adhesive part of the lens protector or you will leave visible finger prints. I would recommend starting in the upper corner peel back 1" of the backing paper, and FOLD UNDER exposing only 1" of the adhesive part. Handle only where there is backing paper; do final alignment with the corner, and stick that exposed portion down to the lenses; working from the center, press the material down, and work toward the outer edges. (If you are off on the alignment, you can CAREFULLY pull the film loose and realign it). I used a soft but firm squeegee to help remove the air bubbles and water – some film kits come with these.
6. Pull the backing only 1" at a time, working it from the center, press the material down toward the outer edge, watching for air bubbles as you go. If you discover an air bubble, pull loose only as far as you need to work out any air bubbles; yes you will have some. HINT: Due to the curvature of the headlight, you must make sure you work the edges down, the tendency of the protector is to buckle at the edges.
7. Your backing paper will naturally fold under as you move down and over on the headlight. Be sure to periodically recheck your film alignment each time you move 1", by laying that part of the protector with the backing still on, down on the headlight. If you are drifting slightly, then you can actually pull the protector slightly, in the direction you need to go.
8. I found it necessary to use a hair dryer as I installed – to help the film to lay correctly and to help dry the part of the film that was finished.
9. For the lower lens protectors just follow the same procedure as the headlight protectors above. They are actually a little easier since they are primarily curved only in one direction. Again, dry fit first for alignment, then pull back 1" of the paper backing, and stick down, and move across the lens 1" at a time pressing the material down from the center toward the outer edge, once again, check the alignment each time you pull 1" of the paper back.

**After You Finished** – After installing the protectors, the manufacturer states for you to not wash your Corvette for at least 72 hours to allow the adhesive to properly set up. The fine white lines and blemishes under the lens protectors are normal and will disappear in a few days.





**Kidney Walk**  
Raise Money to Fight Kidney Disease



**130 days till the 2017 Dallas-Fort Worth Kidney Walk**  
**Saturday, May 6**  
**Levitt Pavillion, 100 W. Abram St., Arlington 76010**

The NKF leads the U.S. in awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease for thousands of healthcare professionals, millions of patients and their families, as well tens of millions of Americans who are at risk.

Your support of the NKF will directly influence and positively impact the lives of those at risk for kidney disease, those living with chronic kidney disease and those who care for and about them.

The KIDNEY WALK is the nation's largest walk to fight kidney disease. Held in nearly 100 communities, this Walk raises awareness and funds life-saving programs that educate and support patients, their families and those at risk.

#### WHY I WALK...

- Kidney disease is a major public health issue. 1 in 3 American adults is at risk for kidney disease. 1 in 9 American adults has kidney disease--and most don't know it.
- High blood pressure and diabetes are the two leading causes of kidney disease.
- Of the 118,000 Americans on the waiting list for a life-saving organ transplant, more than 96,000 need a kidney. Fewer than 17,000 people receive one each year.

Logon to the CTV website and click on the NKF logo to join Team Corvettes for NKF. There is no registration fee. However, each registrant is asked to fundraise. Please consider emailing your family, friends and co-workers for their help with donations and spreading awareness of the life-saving programs provided by the National Kidney Foundation.

**TO KICK OFF THE 2017 DALLAS-FORT WORTH KIDNEY WALK**, I will be selling \$1 chances at the January membership meeting, as well as the February, March & April meetings, for a \$25 gift card. At the end of each meeting, one (1) ticket will be drawn and the winner of the \$25 gift card announced. That ticket will then be returned to the other tickets sold and will be eligible for the 50/50 drawing that will be held at CTV's Annual Weekend.

*Sylvia Hoalddridge,*  
Team Captain

They say that a picture is worth a thousand words, and in this case the first photo I attached to this article should be worth at least the 400+ words I penned. A well-built and maintained roadway, a virtual absence of traffic (of all kinds), the highest speed limit in North America... and a Corvette with a full tank of gas.



I clearly remember when the road was being built, news reports speculating on the mayhem that would result from the opening of a high-speed by-pass option for the San Antonio to Austin section of I-35 that had become a virtual nightmare for drivers. As is usually the case, those pundits had it all wrong. It's a great road. Its been used for timed speed trials exceeding 220 mph and the toll cameras were designed and tested to tag cars at 180 or more. It's a road built for speed. So, back in October 2012, SH 130 was added to my bucket list.

After several years of saying "one of these days..." this last week of October brought my wife and me to SH 130. It was great fun (see photo 2). Yeah, I know, it's interstate driving and not the fun twisty back roads that are usually favored by our members, but this was high speed driving over distance that is not usually available to us (not counting the Open Road Race event), at least legally, anyway. And, with the light traffic and great sight lines, it was speed with an added margin of safety built in.

I chuckled as we zoomed southbound and I saw (very briefly) a sign warning of a bump ahead – at a fraction of a second before I hit it. The warning was to reduce your speed to 75 mph. A number of states out there do not even allow you to drive over 65 on smooth roads while we can safely hit bumps at 75mph.

Of course, the round-trip tolls (and I'm not even going to get into my opinion on the concept of toll roads) were a bit distasteful, and at speed seemed to come rather too frequently, but what fun.

And, for the sake of full disclosure, the northern portion of the highway is listed with an 80 mph limit while the balance (approximately 41 miles) is 85 mph. Or, as someone I talked to a while ago, joked that they were suggested speed limits anyway, but I guess that phraseology was too large to fit on the standard speed limit signs.

So, for those who haven't ventured down there, it's worth your consideration. And, as an additional enticement, the City of Lockhart is easily accessible from SH 130 and is known for some of the top rated BBQ in the state.



*Richard Downing*





Spring has sprung! Well maybe not quite yet, but the worst of the winter “non-driving season” is probably over. We are fortunate here in the south that our Corvettes do not have to hibernate nearly as long as our Corvette brothers and sisters in the north. I personally have used the “non-driving season” to do have some maintenance work done on my 72 so it will be ready for the spring driving season.

Now, what the heck does all of this have to do with the National Corvette Museum you ask? Well, spring time is prime time for events at the museum and there are a few of those events that I want to make club members aware of.

One of the biggest events of the year at the National Corvette Museum is the Spring Bash which is slated for April 27-29. This event features several activities highlighted by the rollout of the new model 2018 Corvette. This provides enthusiast a first look at the new model. Also as always at the bash, there will be a large contingent of designers and engineers from the Warren Tech Center and the Bowling Green Assembly Plant on hand to answer questions about the C7. For those of us who are gear heads, there will also be a LT4 Engine building demonstration by BGAP Rob Nichols and Brian Lee.

Another activity slated for the Bash includes a high performing driving school. This is driving school is being conducted at the NCM Motorsports Park which is adjacent to the museum. The school requires an additional registration and fee. Bash attendees who are curious about the school as well as the Motorsports Park can view the driving on the track for no additional fee. Additional activities include a couple of road tours which are always fun. One of the road tours is the Rough River Dam State Resort tour. Cindy and I went on a tour that was similar to this several years back and we enjoyed it. An other scheduled road tour travels to the International Blue Grass museum and this one looks to be a lot of fun. If shopping is your thing, there is a bus tour that goes to Opry Mills Mall. There are also several seminars to attend as well as a

show and shine type of car show, autocross, a comedy show banquet, and much more.



In addition to the Spring Bash, a “Museum in Motion” event is scheduled for immediately after the Bash beginning on April 30 and concluding on May 3. This event is called MIM Dragon Run @ Biltmore Estates and consists of a guided road trip through the famous Tail of the Dragon road and onward to the Biltmore Estate, former home of the Vanderbilt family in Ashville, North Carolina. Even though we have never taken the MIM tour, Cindy and I have visited both the Tail of the Dragon as well as Biltmore and I can assure you this would be a wonderful experience. Last year when we attended the Anniversary Celebration, we met some really nice folks who are avid attendees of the MIM events and they told us they are fantastic events and are always well organized and hassle free. I will say this though, the MIM events fill up fast, so if you want to do this one it would be a good idea to reserve your spot early.

Information and registration for these events is available on the National Corvette Museum website @ [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com).

Well, that is about it for this month. Thanks for reading and have a great month.



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We are just over one month away from the Practice Autocross and just over two months away from the Super Speedway Weekend at Texas Motor Speedway. At the March membership meeting we will have sign-up sheets for both events and will need the club's support. If you are interested in assisting in these events but have not had a chance to learn the functions, the practice autocross is the place to learn. If you want to learn to drive your Corvette better and have great fun, again the practice autocross is the place to learn. That is how both Carlanne and I started working corners and driving in autocrosses. Saturday March 11, 2017 is the date selected for the SWR Awards Banquet and CTV will be hosting this event in the Historic Fort Worth Stockyards. If you have questions about NCCC, our events, or competing in events please contact me, Doug or our NCCC Governor Glenda. If you have questions about NCCC, our events, or competing in events please contact me, Doug or our NCCC Governor Glenda.

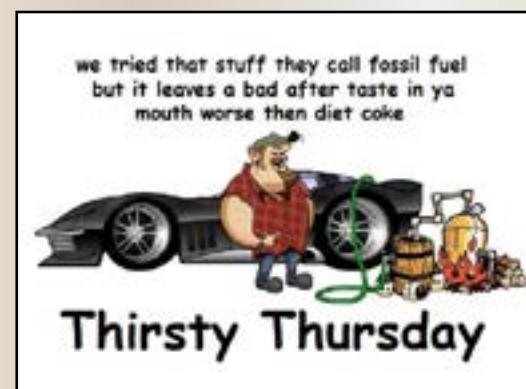


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## 2017 NCCC Event Dates:

- **Sat. March 11, 2017** – SWR Awards Banquet – tentative dates & Cowtown is **HOSTING THIS EVENT**
- **Sat. March 18, 2017** – Practice Autocross at Burleson High School
- **Sat. & Sun. April 29-30, 2017** – 21st Annual Super Speedway Weekend at Texas Motor Speedway
- **Sat. June 3, 2017** – Corvette Scramble at Fat Daddy's in Mansfield
- **Sat. & Sun. November 18-19, 2017** – Autocross Scramble in Mineral Wells, TX
- **Other 2017 NCCC SWR Event dates** can be found on the SWR Schedule





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
- CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS (CCT)  
Dallas, TX • SW-074
- CORVETTE OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
OF SOUTH TEXAS (COAST)  
San Antonio, TX • SW-143
- COWTOWN VETTES (CTV)  
Fort Worth, TX • SW-055
- EAST TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB (ETCC)  
Lufkin, TX • SW-577
- LONGHORN CORVETTE CLUB (LCC)  
Austin, TX • SW-207
- MID-COAST CORVETTE CLUB (MCCC)  
Lake Jackson, TX • SW-170
- OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB (OCCC)  
Oklahoma City, OK • SW-131
- SAN JACINTO CORVETTE CLUB (SJCC)  
Houston, TX • SW-063
- TEXAS COMPETITION  
CORVETTE CLUB (TCCC)  
McGregor, TX • SW-569
- TEXAS CORVETTE  
MOTORSPORTS CLUB (TCMC)  
Houston, TX • SW-568
- TEJAS VETTES (TV)  
Plano, TX • SW-163
- TEXAS OUTLAWS CORVETTE CLUB (TOCC)  
Graham, TX • SW-198
- TIN HALL TOYS (THT)  
Santa Fe, TX • SW-392
- TULSA VETTE SET (TVS)  
Tulsa, OK • SW-248



2017 SWR COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
03/01	Your Club	Nat'l Newsletter Contest - deadline for email to participate	Nat'l
03/11	Ft Worth	SWR Awards Banquet, hosted by Cowtown Vettes Banquet Registration Deadline: 3/1/17 (postmarked) Location: Cowboy Hall of Fame in the Ft Worth Stockyards Room Cost: Holiday Inn Fossil Creek \$109+ tax BOOK ON-  Deadline TBD (block will be released)	CTV
03/12	Ft Worth	1st SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 9:00 AM at Holiday Inn in the Trinity III Room	ALL
03/15	Your Club	Nat'l Newsletter Contest - 1st Issue is Due	Nat'l
03/18	Burleson HS	Practice Autocross - non-sanctioned	CTV
03/19	Holland, TX	Practice Drags @ Little River Drag Strip - non-sanctioned	LCC
04/01-02	Waco, TX	Baylor Stadium Parling lot 4 Low-Speed Autocrosses	CTCC MCCC
4/22-23	Grapevine, TX	Classic Chevrolet 1st Choice Events - Car Sow, Funkhana & Rallye ◇	TOCC
04/29-30	Ft Worth, TX	Texas Motor Speedway - 21st Annual Super Speedway Weekend 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◇ 5 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◇ Laps on the Oval Sunday Morning	CTV (BRCC)
04/29	Ft Worth,	2nd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ Hampton Inn	SWR
05/05-06	St Louis,	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
05/12	Hallett, OK	Hallett Motor Racing Circuit - Oklahoma Thunder	THT
05/27-28	OKC, OK	Sheriff's Facility - 48th Annual Southern States Corvette Festival  Thunder Valley in Noble	OCCC
06/01	Your Club	Nat'l Newsletter Contest - Final Issue is DUE	Nat'l
06/03	Mansfield, TX	Fat Daddy's Bar & Grill Spring Scramble, Car Show, Funkhana & 2 Rallyes ◇	CTV (BRCC / CCT)
06/24-25	OKC, OK	Sheriff's Facility 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◇ 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◇	TVS SCCC
7/?-8/?	Your Club	Nat'l Club Website Contest - Judging takes place	Nat'l
08/12-13	Cresson, TX	14 Low-Speed Autocrosses	TCCC
	TBD	3rd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD	SWR
8/21-25	Bowling Green, KY	NATIONAL CONVENTION 2017 NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l

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

NCCC GOVERNOR



March is a busy month for the club! The weather is getting warmer and people want to get out and enjoy their vettes!

I just returned from the National Council of Cor-vette Clubs (NCCC) meeting in St. Louis (Feb.24th & 25th ) It is my opportunity to represent Cowtown as your governor to find out what is happening with our by-laws and regulations to make this a better club and of course keep us up to date on insurance requirements. This is one of the reasons Cowtown is a great club because we are a part of the NCCC organization, which offers members ad-ditional benefits.

The first weekend of the month is, of course the monthly meeting followed by a cruise on Saturday. The second weekend,March 11th, is the Southwest Region Banquet that Cowtown is hosting at the Texas Cowboy Hall of Fame Museum. This looks to be a fun filled night in the stockyards. This will be fun like our Christmas Parties in the Stockyards but in a different and neat location we haven't used as a club. So we invite you to put on your jeans, boots, etc. and enjoy a fun evening with good food, music and get to know some of the Corvette loving members in our NCCC family.

The third weekend, March 18th is our practice lowspeed autocross and will be a chance to try your and your car's skill. This is the place to shake out your car and prepare for the 2017 competi-tion schedule or to just try autocrossing. It is only youon the track,

you against the clock to see if you enjoy this in a safe environment. This promises to be a fun day! Let's hope for beautiful spring like weather! If you or a loved one wants to apply for the South-west Region Scholarship this year you need to get involved or get your loved one involved in the club activities. Read the requirements on the website. Click on the Southwest Region link onCowtown's homepage. There is still time to register for the 2017 conven-tion in Bowling Green, KY. This is the birthplace of your car! This will be a fun exciting time to get to know your fellow NCCC members from around the country and to relax in beautiful Kentucky! The convention is the week of Aug.21-25. We are also heading up a cruise to have fun in addition to convention.

SAVE THE WAVE!

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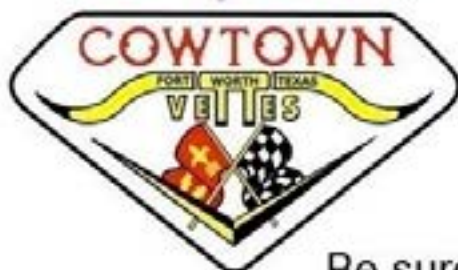




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Caps.....	\$ 7.50
Visors.....	\$ 7.50
Sweatshirts.....	\$20.00
(2XL and up slightly higher)	
Long Sleeve T-shirts.....	\$15.00
(2XL and up slightly higher)	
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it's only \$3 more!**

**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!

*Donna Forsythe*  
Logo Merchandise Chairperson





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



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