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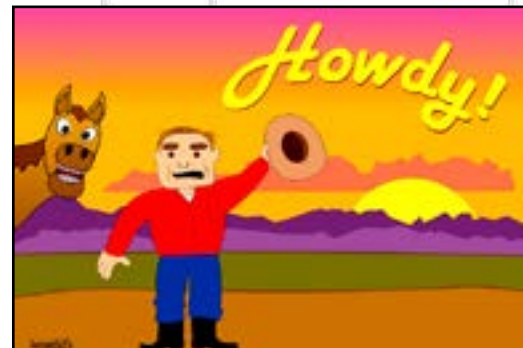
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Membership Meeting Location and CTV Sponsor

"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](http://www.cowtownvettes.org) in addition!!!

October 2017 SARCASTIC MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
LCC Car Show in Austin, TX	Child Health Day				* Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm	
	Columbus Day				* Saturday Oct 21st CTV 16th Annual All Corvette Car Show	BRCC Car Show in Granbury
			Board Meeting ----- Lowdown Deadline			NCCC COAST LS Events in Edmond, OK
NCCC COAST Drag Events in Noble, OK						NCCC SJCC/ CMTCC Events Houston
NCCC SJCC/ CMTCC Events Houston		Halloween				

November 2017 AVIATION HISTORY MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			DON'T FORGET Saturday Nov 11th Tarrant County Veterans Parade		Cowtown 101 6:30 pm * Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm	NCCC CCOC/ TVS Events in Edmond, OK
NCCC CCOC/ TVS Events in Edmond, OK SWR Gov Mtg		Election Day		Volunteer at Tarrant Area Food Bank	NCCC Nat'l Committee Meetings	NCCC Nat'l Committee & Gov'r Meetings
			Board Meeting ----- Lowdown Deadline			NCCC CCOC/ CTV Events in Mineral Wells SWR Gov Mtg
NCCC CCOC/ CTV Events in Mineral Wells						

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



Hard to believe this year is going by so fast. I want to thank all the members who have given so much of their personal time to make our events work so well. This Month will be no exception. We have two major car shows in October that I hope Cowtown represents our club with a large participation. It is great fun to spend the time and see all the Corvettes and the generations that are stock or fully modified. It's a good time to meet

other Corvette owners and see the pride that they have in their cars and to trade ideas. We also have several events where our members can drive these amazing cars like they were meant to be with some sanctioned racing events in our area. All in all it is a great time of year to get your car out and enjoy it, even if it's on a back road cruise with your special someone. I hope to see you all soon.

John Armes
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JOIN US TO REPRESENT COWTOWN at the 2017 BRCC Car Show

BRCC donates their NCCC Sanctions to Cowtown for the following competition year due to our participation in their annual car show.

Car Show Date: **October 14, 2017**

*Detail your Vette for this show and enter
Cowtown's the week after!*

Car Show Location: **Historic Granbury Square**

*Note: Cowtown has won the Club Participation Award
for the last 6 years – let's keep it going!*

We will have a Cowtown Caravan that departs from
Cracker Barrel in Benbrook, located at I-20 & Winscott
See website for details

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



OCTOBER

On Saturday October 14th the Brazos River Corvette Club will be holding their 12th annual corvette show on historic Granbury square. We hope everyone supports BRCC by entering their cars as they in turn support ours.

Saturday, October 21st will be Cowtown's 16th Annual Corvette Car Show. It will be held at 4921 Overton Ridge Blvd. (in the parking lot in front of Bed, Bath, and Beyond). **This will be the October 100%er.** This is a major event for Cowtown and everyone is encouraged to enter their cars. There is also a need for volunteers to help in a number of capacities. It's a chance to see some great cars and visit with some interesting people. Check the website and newsletter for additional details.

Every Thursday in October is senior citizen day at the State Fair of Texas and everyone age 60 and over get free admission. As an extra event, Cowtown Vettes will be going to the fair on October 5th.

NOVEMBER

Our November 100%er event will be the CTV/CCT Autocross Scramble at Mineral Wells on the 18th and 19th. Cowtown is hosting the event on Saturday, so we are responsible for having all our volunteers in place on that day. And of course, you are welcome to race on either day. In order to get 100% credit, you will need to volunteer or race (or both) on either day. More info about the event is available on our website.

SAVE THE DATE: CTV Christmas Party/Awards will be on December 9th at Esperanza's.

Got any questions?
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New Members

Dick & Shelia Gutman – 69 Restomod Silver Blue/Gray, 65 Maroon Convertible

Visitors

None that did not become members



- 10/02 - Jane Buehler
- 10/02 - Laura Stevens-Randall
- 10/04 - Kathy Burt
- 10/05 - Ginny Van Buren
- 10/06 - Carlanne Hickman
- 10/07 - David Smith
- 10/10 - Connie Wharton
- 10/18 - John Armes
- 10/19 - Karen Watson
- 10/20 - Cathy Anthony
- 10/21 - Cathy Baker
- 10/22 - Anna Shotwell
- 10/23 - Larry Collier
- 10/24 - Frank Myers
- 10/26 - Charles Gerth
- 10/27 - Jim Hollinsworth
- 10/28 - Bob Rake
- 10/30 - Donald Hickman
- 10/30 - Mike Stoval



- 10/01 - James & Kim West
- 10/07 - Chad & Christi Martin
- 10/09 - George & Michelle Aggas
- 10/09 - PJ & Deborah Jackson
- 10/10 - James & Kathy Burt
- 10/16 - Brian & Ute Dereta



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The latest event pages from events our members participated in this month include NCCC Convention in Bowling Green, KY; it looked like they had a great time. Other events for the month include 14 NCCC Low Speed Autocross Events in Mineral Wells and 3 NCCC Drags & a Car Show in Holland, TX. Thanks this month to Robert & Cydnie Geyer, David & Becky Clark, for providing photos; adding to the photos we provided.

I would like to thank all that assisted with the re-vamp of Cowtown's Website; the club won 3rd in the National Contest this year.

2018 Officer Elections are just around the corner, the best way to have fun is to get involved. Since elections are over a month away, I would ask that you familiarize yourself with what positions are available. Think about it, ask questions if needed and let's have a good turnout of candidates for 2018. This club needs good candidates and new thoughts to keep it progressing with the times. Yes, we are a car club however, everyone has different thoughts and ideas which can contribute to making this club better. As candidates are nominated, they will added to the webpage so everyone knows who has been nominated. As elections get closer, the final candidates will have an opportunity to post their Bio on that page.

Social Media: The webmaster also leads the Social Media committee; something any of you can get involved with. I know a lot of you have a Facebook account and post all the time. We would ask that 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. We would also ask that you pay attention to what you post on social media; please DO NOT post photos of Vettes competing that might jeopardize the owner's insurance (i.e. photos with license plates).

Photos: Grab that camera (or your smartphone) every time you get into your Corvettes we can always use more and different styles / views of high-resolution photos for our website & newsletter. Please try to take your photos in the largest format your smartphone / camera offers. Hint: smartphone / tablet photos are marginal – unless you change the settings to its highest resolution. 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. Initials are added giving recognition to the photographer on each of their photos.

The club does have a couple of dozen **email distribution lists** which are maintained by the webmaster. 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.

NOTICE: 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 yahoogroups) 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. Remember, it is your website and it is Cowtown's image on the world-wide-web and it needs to be the best it can be.

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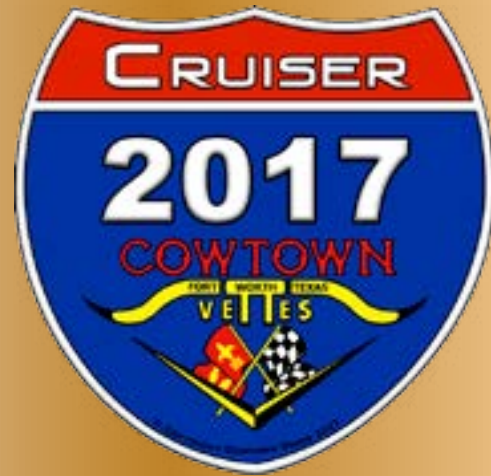


October, how can it possibly be October??!! So, this is the last month to collect cruiser points for the 2017 Cowtown Cruiser Program, but it is also the time of year to take the top off and go out cruising to enjoy that little bit of crispness in the air and hopefully some fall foliage colors...of course you can never tell in Texas what the seasons may bring. At one of the racing events we attended earlier this year, one of the out of region competitors who was suffering in the heat asked me, "Do you have all 4 seasons here?" I kind of laughed and said "sort of". Obviously the seasonal changes are generally not as dramatic here as some places, but more like subtle changes that happen when you aren't looking...like that bit of crispness in the air, the grass not growing as fast, or some of the leaves that hint at turning colors...then bang a freeze! So get out and enjoy this wonderful window of opportunity while it lasts.

There are no cruises currently scheduled, but on October 14, 2017 Doug McMahan will be leading a caravan of cars down to Granbury for the Brazos River Corvette Club's Annual Car Show. Up to date information on this event can be found on our award winning website. This is always a fun event and a great way to support a fellow car club. The cars look spectacular parked around the courthouse in Granbury. This will be followed up with our own car show the next weekend in Fort Worth. So plenty of opportunities to be out and about in your car.

So, there are several opportunities to add to your cruiser points. For the cruiser program, the points sheet must be completed and turned in to the cruiser chairperson by midnight, Sunday, November 5, 2017 with the photos due by midnight, Sunday, November 12, 2017. Photos may be submitted in a photo album or scrapbook form or digitally via CD or thumb drive arranged by category as outlined on the log sheet and labeled per category/location. For specific questions you can refer to the website or direct your questions to the cruiser chairperson. Awards for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place as well as gold, silver and bronze awards will be presented in December.

Even if you are not chasing cruiser points there is still the opportunity to participate in the "What I Saw Along the Way" photo contest by submitting a photo



of your Corvette in an interesting or unique setting. Each member is eligible to submit up to 3 photos in a 3 x 5 or 4 x 6 format. No fancy camera required... some of my best photos have been the spontaneous moment I grabbed my cell phone and snapped away. It would be great to have everyone compete in this contest. The photos will need to be turned in to the cruiser chairperson prior to the start of the November meeting. Please put your name on the back of each photo. They will be displayed during the meeting and members can vote on their favorite photo. Awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place will be presented in December.

HAPPY CRUISING!!!



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NCCC AUTOCROSS EVENTS

September 2nd 2017
Mineral Wells, TX



NCCC DRAG RACING & CAR SHOW EVENTS

September 17th 2017
Holland, TX





The recently received plaque for our Award Winning Newsletter.

Not having time to enlist Doug's aid, this is the best I could do with a transparent object with blue scalloped edges - and reflections all over the place.

You get the picture.....



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I hope everyone who attended the convention was able to visit the National Corvette Museum while in Bowling Green. If you were inspired while visiting the museum I suggest that becoming a member is a nice way to ensure the future of the museum and also enjoy some cool benefits.

You may or may not be aware of it, but every year the National Corvette Museum inducts a few people to the Corvette Hall of Fame. These can be GM employees (I.E. engineers, designers, marketers, etc.), Corvette Dealers, Corvette enthusiasts, racers, tuners, or anyone else who has made a significant contribution to the Corvette world. The induction of the new members to the Corvette Hall of Fame is conducted in conjunction with the annual NCM Anniversary celebration that is held the weekend before Labor Day.

One of this year's inductees is Peter Brock. In 1959 Peter was the youngest designer that worked at General Motors at the time at 19 and for that matter since. Peter, Bill Mitchell, who was the GM vice president of styling and Larry Shinoda were assigned to design a concept car based on the "stillborn racing project" 1957 Corvette SS. Another concept car, so what is the big deal? Well, this particular concept car became the influence and inspiration for the design of the upcoming C2 model. Here is the weird part; the project was not funded by the General, but instead was privately funded. Peter later became a great figure in the world of motorsports.

Another of this year's inductees is a gentleman named Jim Minneker. Jim was a racer and an engineer who had a unique understanding of what makes power and what it takes to control that power on the track. Jim joined the Corvette team in 1986 and spent the next 10 years working on the LT1, LT4, and the legendary LT5 engines that would become the heart of the XR1 Corvette supercar. He later became the engineering manager for GM High Performance Vehicle Operations.

As a racer, Jim competed in the SCCA World Challenge, the IMSA Supercar series, IMSA GT and the Grand Am series. He was also a member of the team of eight drivers that set the 24-Hour Speed Endurance World Record Run in 1990, driving a stock ZR-1 Corvette at an average speed of 175.885 mph. Jim was also involved in assisting the National Corvette Museum when it was first opening, arranging for displays relating to powertrain and engineering. He was ultimately elected as Chairman of the Board of the NCM where he was instrumental in setting the course for a bright future.

The final 2017 inductee to the NCM Corvette Hall of Fame is a Corvette racer named Tommy Morrison. In the early 1980s, he partnered with Jim Cook to form Morrison-Cook Motorsports. He was credited with dominating showroom stock racing. He set out to prove that Mobil 1 and Corvette were a nearly unbeatable combination racking up more 24-hour endurance wins than any team before them—thus starting a sponsorship relationship that is still winning to this day. Jim also provided race test data to GM an engineer that was invaluable in the design of new models. His wins on the track were also instrumental in establishing Corvette as a high performance icon. So important was this achievement that the National Corvette Museum has a long-term exhibit on display with the actual record run car, and plaster casts of Tommy, Jim Minneker and John Heinricy surrounding it.

As always, Happy motoring and if you want information on NCM membership you can email me at DBrown1157@aol.com.

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Cowtown's **LAST NCCC Event for 2017** is on our calendar and on the Southwest Region Schedule, along with flyers. We would ask that you please mark your November calendar to assist in hosting and participating in this event. Our website also has information pages around the event, click on the event on the calendar page or off our home page. This has been designated the CTV 100%er for November; to earn 100%er credit you need to work and/or compete in the event.

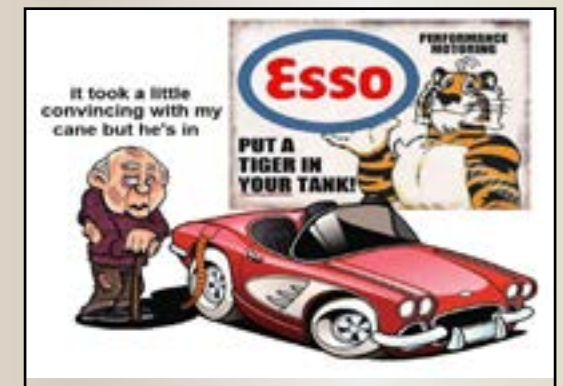
- **Sat. & Sun. November 18-19, 2017** – Our annual **No-Frills Autocross Scramble** held jointly with CCT; 14 autocrosses over the 2-day event. Our part of the event is on Saturday; CCT's on Sunday. This event is out at the Mineral Wells Heliport, the same location as our *Practice Autocross* in 2015; or our September 2016 NCCC event. The course will be slightly longer and somewhat different than it was at practice since I never design and use the same course. If you enjoyed the *Practice Autocross*, I would invite you to participate in this event – you will have just as much fun; remember, it is still you against the clock. New NCCC participants can participate in NOVICE class for their first eight events.

If you have questions around NCCC, our events or competing, please don't hesitate to contact Donald, Doug or your NCCC Governor – Glenda.



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 Co Event Coordinator



SW Region Clubs

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

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

**CONTRABAND CORVETTES
PERFORMANCE DRIVERS (CCPD)**
Lake Charles, LA • SW-603

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
10/21-22	Edmund, OK Noble, OK	<i>Edmund Fire Academy</i> 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ <i>Thunder Valley in Noble</i> 3 Drag Events - MT, Record & ET ◊	COAST
10/28-29	Houston, TX	<i>Houston Police Academy</i> 10 Low-Speed Autocross Events 4 Low-Speed Autocross Events	SJCC CMCT
11/04-05	Edmund, OK	<i>Edmund Fire Academy</i> 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events	CCOC TVS ETCC
11/10-11	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
11/18-19	Mineral Wells, TX	<i>Mineral Wells Heliport</i> 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events NOTE: THE COURSE RUN LINE WILL BE SWEEP / BLOWN	CTV (BRCC) CCT
11/18	Mineral Wells, TX	4th Governors Meeting - 7pm @ Comfort Inn & Suites	SWR
12/01-03	NOLA Mo- torsports Park, LA	<i>Convention Warm-Up / Regional Fundraiser?</i> Friday: non sanctioned high speed open track event provided by NOLA (Practice day for 2018 Convention High Speed) \$200 early registration fee Saturday: 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events Sunday: 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events	CCPD CMCT CTCC ETCC TOCC

On September 30th, the event bids for the 2018 Competition will be submitted - Stay tuned!!



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

NCCC GOVERNOR



IT IS RENEWAL TIME AGAIN! I will be taking your forms with payment at the Oct. and Nov. meetings. You can also mail your renewal to my home address, which you will find on the renewal form. I need ALL members (one per Primary member) to complete a new form this year. National Council is moving to on-line membership cards and I need to make sure your info and mostly your email is current on the national database. You will receive your 2018 membership card in your email after the first of the year. You can print or just have it on your electronic device for use when membership card is required.

THANK YOU for giving me the opportunity to serve as your governor again in 2018. If you have any questions about NCCC (National Council of Corvette Clubs), the rulebook for competition for what it all means, please see me. If I do not know the answer, we will find someone that does. It is an honor to be the governor of Cowtown and if there is anyway I can improve, please let me know. Competition is heating up in the region and Cowtown is well represented this year. A couple of events in Edmond, OK, one in Houston, our event in November at Mineral Wells and the final event in New Orleans, so there is plenty of opportunity to still come out and participate by entering or just



watching. Cowtown will need your help in working at our joint event with CCT (Corvette Club of Texas) in Mineral Wells in November.

The Southwest Region Standings are as follows:

Cowtown is #1.

- Kevin Anthony #1
- Doug McMahan #2
- Norman Walker #3
- Larry Schaapveld #5
- Doc Lambert #7

Women:

- Cathy Anthony #2
- Glenda McMahan #3

SAVE THE WAVE!

Glenda McMahan
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