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What I Saw Along The Way Contest 2017

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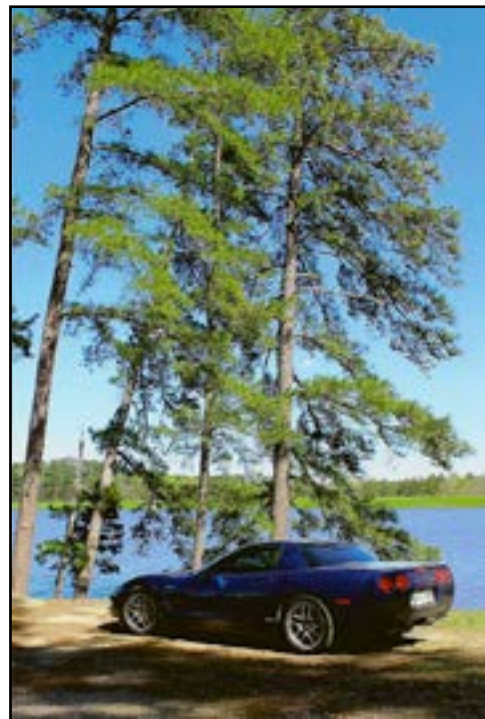
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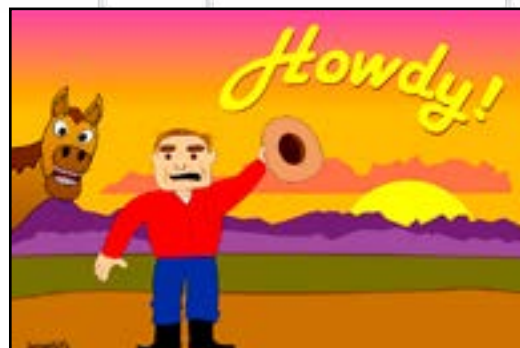


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Cover photo - 2017 Photo Contest Top 3

Membership Meeting Location and CTV Sponsor

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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!!!

January 2018 NATIONAL BATH SAFETY MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>Cowtown 101 6:30pm * Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm</i>	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 <i>Visit to Jim Jones Exhibit @ FtW Library 3:00pm</i>	13
14	15 <i>Martin Luther King Day</i>	16	17 <i>Board Meeting ----- Lowdown Deadline</i>	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

February 2018 CANNED FOOD MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <i>* Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm</i>	3
4 <i>* SUPER- BOWL PARTY</i>	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17
18	19 PRESIDENTS DAY	20	21 <i>Board Meeting ----- Lowdown Deadline</i>	22	23 <i>NCCC Nat'l Committee Mtgs - St Louis thru Saturday</i>	24 <i>* MARDI- GRAS PARTY</i>
25	26	27	28			

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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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Happy New Year!

I hope that you all had a great Christmas and New Years with family and friends.

We are off to start a new year and thank all of you for the participation and work that you did to make 2017 a memorable year.

Welcome to our new officers and I look forward to serving

you another year as President.

We had a great Christmas party and wish you all could have come, but thankful to all that attended.

I look forward to this New Year and hope you do as well. Look forward to seeing you all.

John Armes
President
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As always, I am constantly in need of articles, anecdotes and stories; after all, to steal a line from our Webmaster, "this is YOUR newsletter, I am merely the chump who puts it together each month".... So, how about a "Letters To The Editor" feature? You could ask questions, make observations etc, and I could find the answers from Doug... (LOL) Something along these lines:

Dear Sir,
I have been a subscriber of your magazine since 1776 and have followed the increases in horsepower with distinct interest. I currently run two Arabian stallions and a Surrey with a fringe on top. If I add a supercharger or turbo, will I need heavy duty reins or will regular ones do the job?
Bill E. Bob, Beaverville, W Virginia

Dear Bill,
Personally I'd use a turbo, since Arabians have prodigious and useful exhausts. As for the reins, the regular ones should be ok, but ensure to upgrade your shaft pins. It might be an idea to upgrade to 4 wheel brakes too.
Ed.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Thanks to everyone who attended the Christmas Party at Esparanza's and made it a success and congratulations to everyone who won awards. Thanks to Jo Anne Smith for helping me plan the Christmas party and thanks to everyone who helped decorate. It takes a team to make this happen.

As is our tradition, we will not be having a 100%er event in January. However, as an extra event Jo Anne Smith has volunteered to organize an outing to attend the exhibit honoring the late Jim Jones, Star Telegram writer and columnist and CTV member. The date will be January 12th. We will gather at the library around 3 PM, spend a couple of hours there viewing the exhibit. Afterwards, we will go to eat, although the restaurant hasn't been chosen yet. There will be a sign-up sheet just for the restaurant at the January meeting. If you have questions, please email her directly at josmith619@att.net.

Our first 100%er will be a Super Bowl Party on February 4th at the **Fox and Hound Sports Tavern, 6051 S.W. Loop 820** (off Bryant Irving) in Fort Worth. We will have a private room with a big screen TV, pool table and shuffle board. Come out and eat and visit with friends. Regular menu. Kick off is scheduled for approximately 5:30. <http://www.foxandhound.com/locations/fort-worth>.

There is a second opportunity to qualify for 100% in February. On Saturday 24th we will have a **Mardi Gras Dinner at Boo Ray's of New Orleans, 5728 Boat Club Road, Fort Worth**. (They have moved to a new location.) We will have reserved tables for our group and be able to order off the regular menu. Dinner will be at 5:30 PM but feel free to arrive earlier for cocktails. Feel free to wear Mardi Gras masks and/or your Mardi Gras beads. Deadline to sign up is the Feb. 2nd Membership Meeting. <http://www.booraysofneworleans.com>

Got any questions ?

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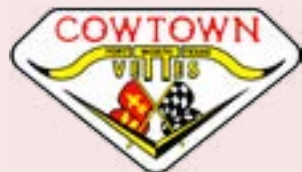
Dale & Kathy Thomson – 2009 Black ZR1

Visitors

Joe & Sheila Jackson – 1994 Green ZR1



01/03 - Dianne Young
01/08 - Charles Chenault
01/10 - Stacey Dowdy
01/10 - David Gill
01/11 - Don Wells
01/13 - Becky Clark
01/15 - William Nolan
01/17 - Barb Greenfeder
01/17 - Red Greenfeder
01/18 - Larry Schaapveld
01/20 - Darlene Soltani
01/22 - Willie Owens
01/27 - Ute Dereta
01/27 - Larry Hoaldrige



01/02 - Walt & Sharon Zschirnt
01/06 - Bill & Ginny Van Buren
01/09 - John & Nancy Dick
01/09 - John & Barbara Morton
01/09 - Stan & Glenda Rhone
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01/18 - Daniel & Daina Eckles
01/28 - Jerry & Debbie Lindsey

Gwynne Hanna
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WEBMASTER



I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and I wish you all a safe, prosperous, healthy, and Happy New Year.

I sincerely thank those of you who voted for me, for the 2018 outstanding male member. It is an honor to be the recipient of that prestigious award. As many of you have heard me say since we joined the club back in 2003, you get out of it what you put into it. This is true with everything in life, regardless if you are talking home, marriage, family, job, friends, and yes the same goes for being members of Cowtown. I didn't get involved to win an award,, just to do what I could to help make Cowtown the best club it could be ... and to meet new friends and have fun while doing so. I'll now step down off that soap box.

2018 will make 15+ years that I have served as your Cowtown Webmaster. It has been fun and rewarding however I feel that it is time for someone else to step in and take over. If you have an interest I would welcome you to contact me. I'll be more than willing to share what the position entails and what I've learned during my time as webmaster. Hint: it isn't rocket science nor that difficult, I can say that since I am a self-taught webmaster and have learned a lot over the years. I am sure someone out there has the interest and possess more skills in this area than me 😊

The latest event pages from events are posted, sharing the fun our members had participating in multiple NCCC Events along with the Annual Awards Banquet & Christmas Party. I would like to thank Raley Smith for stepping up to provide us with the high-quality photos of the Awards Banquet & Christmas Party.

The club's website is much closer to being up to date after my recent external hard drive crash. It has taken a bit to pull info from various sources, cloud backups, ISP, etc. to get back it all back in the right gear, so to speak. Along with that setback, this is also the time that numerous changes take place for ending & beginning of year; i.e. elected officer, committee chairs, new calendars, etc. ...stay tuned.

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. For any photo you provide, I resize them for use on the web along with a larger format for the Low-Down. Initials are added to each photo giving recognition to the photographer.

The club has a couple of dozen **email distribution lists** which are maintained by the webmaster. If you change your email address, mailing address, Vettes, etc., please let membership know so your information can be updated at ctv-membership@yahoo.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 will eventually time-out as well so don't delay.

In closing, 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.

Doug McMahan
Webmaster
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COWTOWN CRUISER



Thanks so much to those who participated in the Cowtown Cruiser Program for 2017. Our numbers were down a bit this year, but we still had some great competitors.

The top 3 competitors were:

- 1st: Mary Pittman and William Nolan
- 2nd: Glenda and Doug McMahan
- 3rd: Christi and Chad Martin

There were also a number of great photographs submitted for the “What I Saw Along the Way” Cruiser Photo Contest. There were several first time participants this year. The winners were:

- 1st: Mary Pittman and William Nolan
- 2nd: Deborah and PJ Jackson
- 3rd: Michelle and George Aggas

Thanks again to all of you who submitted photographs.

The 2018 Cruiser Program kicked off on January 1, 2018. New cruiser packets are available electronically or in paper form. This includes the 2018 cruiser logo, 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 and also as a type of competition program for those who were not interested in the racing competition, but wanted a bit of a challenge. This can be a club organized trip or a personal trip through the countryside. Even if you are not interested in collecting cruiser points you can still participate in the Cruiser Photo Contest by taking photos of your Corvette at the unique or interesting places you “saw along the way”. We had some amazing photos submitted for the 2017 contest and I know many of you took photos that you did not submit. Pretty much all of us have a cell phone or camera that can be used to capture that special moment with your Corvette.

For the Cruiser Program to remain viable, first, we need people to participate. Simple as that....it is a great way to get involved in Cowtown Vettes and an especially great way to meet and get better acquainted with some of your fellow Corvette owners. No special equipment involved...just the cruiser logo, log



sheet and some type of camera whether it be a cell phone or a fancy camera....either works. Secondly, we need members to suggest places to go and to sponsor cruises. This can mean finding a great curvy road, a venue that might be interesting or possibly a favorite restaurant you want to share....then plan the route and lead us there.

Gwynne Hanna mentioned at the last meeting the possibility of planning another outing to the Red River Army Depot, nestled in the woods near Texarkana and some other ideas being tossed about are a return to Loco Coyote near Glen Rose or Revolver Brewing near Granbury or a meal at Wilfong’s Cajun Shack and Oyster Bar in Bluff Dale....you never know what you might find in the Texas countryside.

If you have questions, please don’t hesitate to ask.

Happy Cruising!!



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Mary Pittman
Co-Chairperson

CHARITIES



The club Christmas party on December 9th was a time for us to celebrate the holiday and give to Toys for Tots. Petty Officer Rivera and Petty Officer Thomas attended the party and accepted a check for \$625 from our charity fund. Our members were very generous and brought enough toys to fill both of their SUVs! The United States Marine Corps Reserve presented a certificate of appreciation to our club at the December Board meeting. Thanks to all who supported this event! What a great way to start the holiday!

Our final charity event of 2017 was assisting with the Cook Children's Hospital Christmas party on Friday, December 15th. Our charity fund provided \$437.50 to fund the party. The food, crafts and the gifts were appreciated by the kids, their siblings and parents. It's no fun to be in the hospital, especially at Christmas time, so we were happy to participate in this event again this year!

Thanks to the club volunteers who helped with this event:

- | | |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| Gwynne & Gary Hanna | Jo Anne Smith |
| Barb & Red Greenfeder | Mary Pittman & William Nolan |
| Becky Clark | Ginny VanBuren |
| Connie & Dalton Wharton | Bob Pressler |

Did we have any two time winners of the 50/50 raffle this year? Check out the list below:

January	Doc Lambert	July	Corey Armes
February	Michele Aggas	August	Becky Clark
March	Mike Toombs	September	Jerry Lindsey
April	Jerry Crim	October	Norman Walker
May	Margaret Proctor	November	David Gill
June	Debby Jackson	December	Michele Aggas

Happy New Year!



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LOW-SPEED AUTOCROSSES

Hosted by CTV & CCT
November 18 & 19, 2017
Mineral Wells, TX



CTV CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 9th 2017
Esperanza's
Fort Worth, TX



SWR FUNDRAISER AT NOLA



Linup of the Ladies racing this weekend



Staging area



Norman Walker in their 1SG Coupe



Doug in their 1SN Coupe

December 2nd 2017
New Orleans, LA



SCCA did timing - Ann Walker Timing Boards



Doc Lamber in Mary Anne's 1SM Coupe



The competitors of the SWR Fund-raiser



Leaving the track on Saturday night



Driver's Meeting held by Alan Hill (THT)



Larry Shaapveld in his 1SG Coupe



Glenda racing their L1SN Coupe

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Asking \$15,000, or best reasonable offer; is very comparable to 2002- 2004 C5's currently on the market. Direct all inquiries to me at rsmith1203@att.net

Raley Smith



NCCC EVENTS



Well 2017 has come to an end and I want to thank everyone again who helped with our NCCC events during the past year. I promise you that without your support and hard work these events would not take place.

As winter is now upon us, it is a great time to start planning for the 2018 events and working on any changes or upgrades you plan for your Corvettes.

Here are our 2018 event dates so far:

- **Practice Autocross – TBD**
- **TMS – April 28-29, 2018**
- **Fat Daddy's – June 2, 2018**
- **Joint Event w/CCT – September 15-16, 2018**

A complete schedule and flyers for these events can be found at www.cowtownvettes.org.

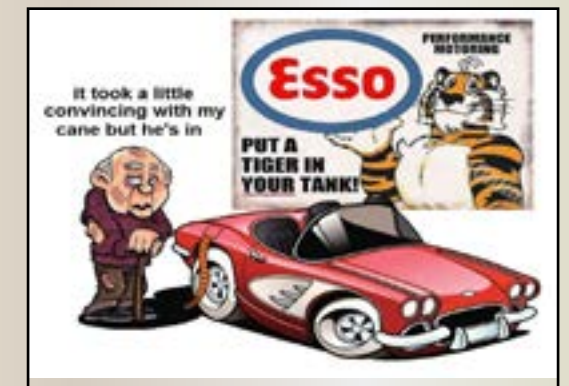
We continue to look for new locations to hold autocross events. If you know of a location that might work please contact me or Doug.

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



Donald Hickman
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Doug McMahon
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)
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Dallas, TX • SW-074
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OF SOUTH TEXAS (COAST)
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- COWTOWN VETTES (CTV)
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- TULSA VETTE SET (TVS)
Tulsa, OK • SW-248



2018 SWR COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
TBD	Your Club	Nat'l Club Website Contest - Contest Opens	Nat'l
02/23-24	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
03/10	Austin Area	SWR Awards Party & Banquet , hosted by <i>Longhorn Corvette Club</i> Banquet Registration Deadline: 2/24/18 (postmarked) Location: Austin TX area Banquet Menu - Maps Regardless if you compete, work or just support a club that hosts an event come join us! Room & Cost: Holiday Inn Fossil Creek \$TBD+ tax Deadline 2/??/18 (block will be released)	ALL
03/11	TBD	1st SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 9:00 AM at TBD	ALL
03/17-18	Waco, TX	<i>Baylor Stadium Parking Lot or TSTC?</i> 4 Low-Speed Autocrosses ◊ 10 Low-Speed Autocrosses ◊	CTCC MCCC
03/24?	Burleson, TX	Practice Autocross - non-sanctioned	CTV
04/21-22	Waco, TX	<i>Baylor Stadium Parking Lot or TSTC?</i> 4 Low-Speed Autocrosses ◊ 10 Low-Speed Autocrosses ◊	CTCC TCCC
04/28-29	Ft Worth, TX	<i>Texas Motor Speedway - 22nd Annual Super Speedway Week-end</i> 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ 5 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ Laps on the Oval Sunday Morning	CTV (BRCC)
05/04-05	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
05/26-27	?, OK Noble, OK	Edmond Fire Academy? - 49th Annual Southern States Corvette Festival 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ Thunder Valley in Noble 3 Drag Events - MT, Record & ET ◊	OCCC
06/02-03	Mansfield, TX	Fat Daddy's Bar & Grill Spring Scramble , Car Show, Funkhana & 2 Rallyes ◊ PROMO FLYER	CTV (BRCC / CCT)
TBD	TBD	2nd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD	SWR
06/23-24	OKC, OK	Edmond Fire Academy? 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ Hotels in Edmond near the Fire Academy	TVS ETCC

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

NCCC GOVERNOR



Unusually, our beloved governor the lovely Glenda had nothing to say this month. Whether she lost her voice or broke a few typing fingers is as at this time unknown. Of course she could be distraught that Doug wants to give up the webmaster job and will thence be talking to her more..... who knows!

Meanwhile, your ever lazier editor has to come up with something to fill this space; a major feat let me tell you! After all, I was only hired to throw this rag together, not to actually think and provide content - I may have to ask for an increase in pay....

Anyway, there are lots of good things coming up in 2018, check out the Competition schedule on the previous page, and don't forget the 2018 NCCC Convention in sunny N'Orlins Loozyanna during July.

Strangely enough, now I've run out of things to say, other than

Have Fun, Drive Your Vette, Be Safe and Laugh A Lot!



SAVE THE WAVE!



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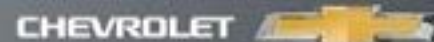
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Hello everyone. Welcome to the Logo Merchandise store. There are lots of great things for sale with the Cowtown logo on them:

Caps, Visors, Sweatshirts, Long Sleeve T-shirts, Short Sleeve T-shirts, Men's & Women's Long Sleeve Denim Shirts, Polo shirts Name Tags

(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!

We also have stickers, patches and koozies

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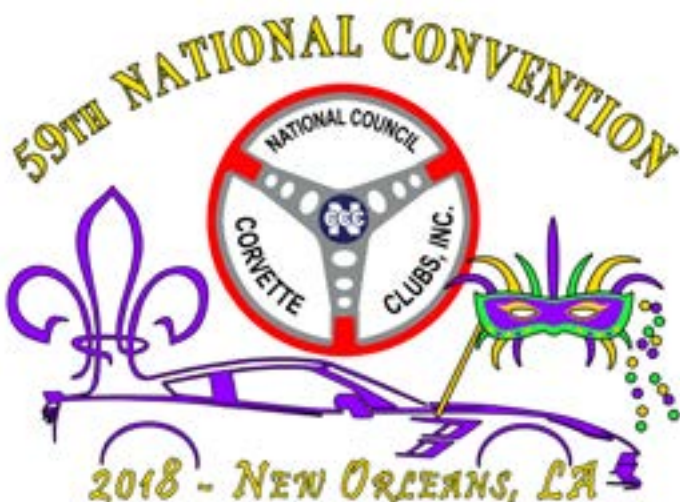
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Website: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html>



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