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Editors Note: With still nothing going on due to Covid-19, see last months note.....



Cover photo - No car show this year









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WHO DOIN' WHAT AN' WHERE IT BEIN' DONE ?

Space constraints mean it is not always possible to show everything on this calendar. Please check the <u>website</u> in addition!!!

September 2020 BETTER BREAKFAST MONTH

ednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4 Mentorsbip Meeting 20 pm	5
9	10	11	12
16 Meeting	17	18 1st Lowdown Deadline	19
23		25	26
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Bold italic type denotes CTV events

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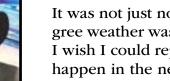
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From The President's Desk



It was not just not the Coronavirus, but the 100 degree weather was not on our side either last month. I wish I could report something good was going to happen in the next few months, but I can't.

Our Texas Governor has reduced restaurants to 25%, closed the bars and made masks mandatory, so there goes our membership meetings at Buffalo West. (Chris has closed the inside dining room down).

At the July Board Meeting, the Board voted to cancel this years Car Show due to the virus, but we still hope to have our September Autocross Scramble.

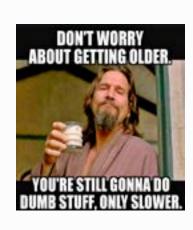
The August Membership Meeting will be on August 7th at 7:30 PM and the August Board Meeting will be on August 19th. Both meetings will be available by way of Microsoft Teams Meeting. Please check the email that Doug McMahan sends out before each meeting on how to attend.

Please check Cowtown Vettes website for current updates!!!

Have a safe month.

Don Wells President president@cowtownvettes.org





08/04 Billie Rogers

08/06 Larry Currey

08/11 Frank Clary

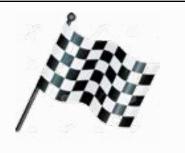
08/18 James West

08/22 John Morton

08/24 Randy Baker

08/31 Doug McMahan

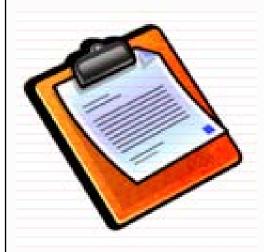
08/04 Carla Schneider





08/17 Gwynne Horton-Hanna 08/04 Randy & Cathy Baker 08/10 Wayne & Lisa Holman 08/12 Billy & Nancy Diehl 08/18 Jack & Billie Rogers 08/23 Rod & Gayle Cherry

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello everyone!

Well, again unfortunaely not much to say. While I have come up with a few ideas for social events, the

logistics of making anything work under the current retrictions are tricky to say the least. As with the mem-

bership meetings, we have more people than occupancy restrictions will allow, so until those are lifted, I can't really plan anything very soon.

Meanwhile, one thing I can work on is our Christmas party set for Friday December 11th, I hope to soon be asking for some volunteers to help with the planning. Last Christmas party was the first one I attended and I want to ensure it is enjoyable for all attending. I am also looking for help with planning events for later this year. As Don has said numerous times, this is your club and we would like to do things members would like to do. As you know, our Spring Scramble at Fat Daddy's had to be cancelled, so if you have ideas and/ or would like to help with any events for the remainder of the year, please feel free to email or call me. I look forward to seeing everyone in the near future.



CTV ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FRIDAY DECEMBER 11TH 2020 FORT WORTH TEXAS STOCKYARDS

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10 THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT CARS (in Australia)

- single car maker for the use of the patent?
- legally required on all new passenger cars sold in Australia.
- powered cars win the day. Well, for the first 100 years...
- first mass-market electric-only vehicles began to arrive in showrooms in 2012.
- Australia in 2020 will be electric only.
- we will increasingly rely on bio-fuels, such as ethanol-blended unleaded petrol and bio-diesel.
- nese maker Toyota soon after the Global Financial Crisis.

- carrying vehicle. Eventually it was approved and went into production in 1934.

(borrowed from www.carhistory.com.au)

1. Swedish maker Volvo invented the seatbelt over 50 years ago. But did you know they haven't charged a

2. Anti-lock braking systems (ABS) first appeared on volume-selling cars when Mercedes Benz introduced the technology on a flagship model in 1979. Today ABS is standard because since late 2011 stability control is

3. In the early 1900s there were more electric cars on North American roads than there were petrol-powered cars. But limited battery range - and the emergence of oil and the internal combustion engine - saw petrol

4. By early 2010 there were more than 2.2 million petrol-electric hybrid cars on the road (after 12 years). The

5. Electric cars won't replace petrol-powered vehicles; experts predict about 5 per cent of new cars sold in

6. The internal combustion engine (petrol and diesel) isn't going anywhere. There are more than 800 million vehicles on the planet that rely on petrol or diesel. As oil supplies diminish and/or become more expensive,

7. General Motors was the world's biggest car maker for 77 years (1931 to 2007) but it was overtaken by Japa-

8. Contrary to perception, the world's biggest selling car is the Toyota Corolla. The first big seller was the Ford Model T from the early 1900s (16.5 million sales), overtaken by the Volkswagen Beetle (21.5 million, not including the modern version). The VW Golf, on its sixth generation, is up to 24 million sales, close behind the tally for the Ford F Series pick-up (25 million). The Corolla total? A cool 35 million, and still counting.

9. Self driving vehicles may be hitting the roads sooner than you think. Companies like Google are busy testing prototypes for fully autonomous vehicles, but according to recent research, "incremental automation" (such as autopilot capability on the highway) is looking a lot more promising for the next three to five years.

10. Australia invented the pick-up (what we call a ute), which went on to become North America's biggest selling vehicle for almost half a century. The humble ute celebrated its 80th anniversary in 2014. According to Ford historians, in 1933 a Gippsland farmer's wife wrote a letter to Ford asking: "Can you build me a vehicle that we can go to church in on Sunday, and my husband can use it to take the pigs to market on Monday?" Lew Bandt, then a young designer at Ford in Geelong, came up with concept to combine a car with a load

WEBMASTER



The Great American Speedway!...

Hope everyone is staying safe and keeping up with all the changes.

It seems, all I do is put up events...watch them get canceled...and take them down. This is certainly a hard time for everyone trying to plan Club Activities and keep everyone updated.

> However, we did manage to participate in the Westcliff Neighborhood Assoc. 4th of July Parade for the **28th** year in a row.

Special thanks to Carol Savage for all her hard work...









Everyone is trying to keep club activities coming and scheduled for the upcoming months, so please keep checking the website for the latest updates.

Thanks again to Don Wells and Robert Geyer for the great shots of the parade on the website.

WEBMASTER





Stay Safe,

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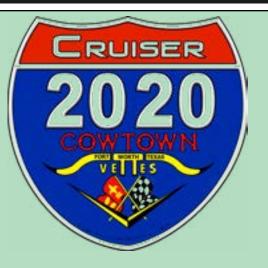
Well another month down and not much cruising happening.

I want to thank Norman Walker again for sponsoring the San Angelo cruise last month. Just as things were loosening up a bit, we find ourselves almost back to where we were in March and April. And of course this is having a negative impact on any group activity, cruising included.

Hopefully by this fall the Pandemic will have subsided enough we can restart group cruising with lunch or dinner included and meet and socialize with all our Cowtown family.

Just a reminder, you can still do personal cruising and get those cruiser points and find that perfect picture to enter in the 'what I saw along the way' cruiser picture contest. It's a perfect excuse to get out of the house and enjoy your beautiful Corvette.

As always Be Safe and stay Healthy



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David Gill Co-Chairperson



CookChildren's.

National Kidney Foundation**

Normally, we do have an August Charity activity- the Don't Forget to Feed Me Program- but with no meeting planned, that activity will need to be rescheduled to a later date, if possible. As with many things these days, decisions are pending.

I received a thank you note from Megan, our contact with Cooks Children's Hospital, for the donation that we made for their party. They did host a virtual "Christmas in July" party and our donation was used to purchase toys and trinkets for the stockings that they gave to the children. Santa even made a "virtual" visit. I am not sure how this is done, but I am sure they made this a fun activity for the children in the hospital. Megan said that she would send pictures of the event and I will share them with you when available. Thanks to our members who have continued to support the charity program, even though we have not been meeting.

We do have a different challenge to meet our budget. With the monies that have been received from members who have donated to the charity program, we are close to staying on track to meet our budget for monies derived from the 50/50 raffle. However, since the October car show has been cancelled, we will not have that income to help us meet our goal. Last year, proceeds from the car show raffle were \$1200. And due to the profit of the overall show, the



CHARITIES





Cowtown Executive Board voted to give another \$500 to the charity program. So... no car show, no monies for the charity program.

I hope you will consider making a donation to the charity program to make sure that we can meet the budget needs for the 5 programs we have voted to support- Tarrant Area Food Bank, Cooks Children's Hospital, Fisher House, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, and the NKF. Donation checks can be mailed to Jo Anne or myself. Addresses are as follows:

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Thanks for your support! Stay safe!



TARRANT FOOD BAN



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JULY 4TH PARADE

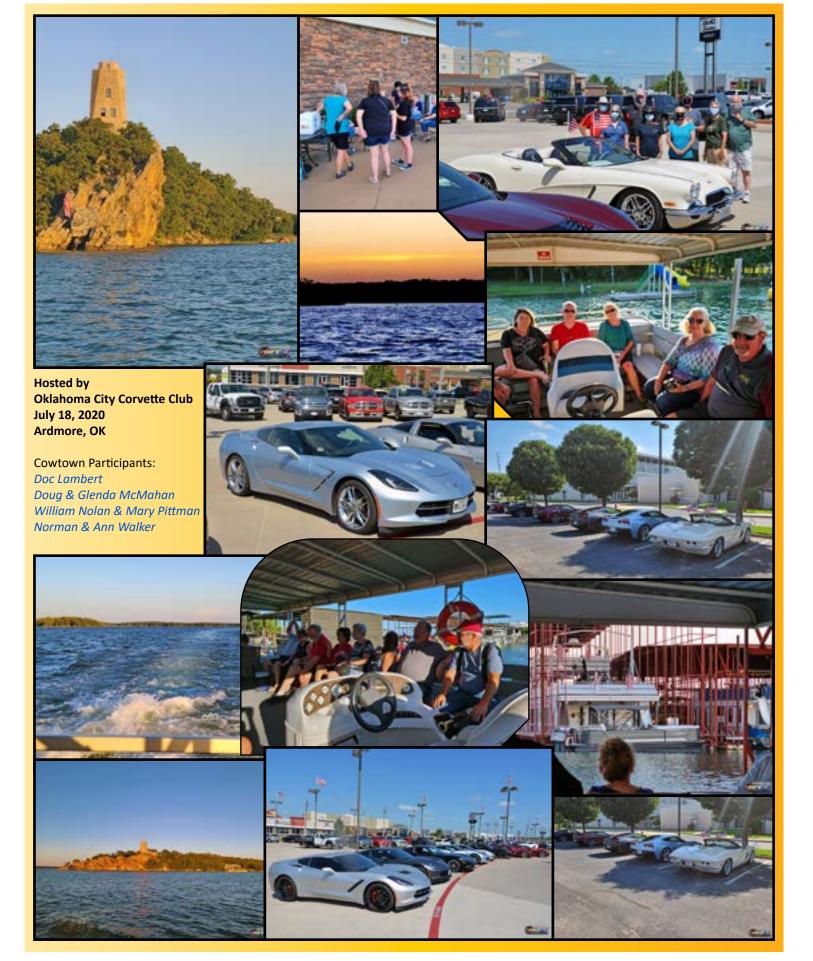




JULY 4TH PARADE

CRUISIN' THE ARBUCKLE

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM NEWS



This year marks the **26th Anniversary milestone** and focus on the diversity of the people that Corvette has brought together for a look back on the Museum's history and forward to the future! Registered participants can enjoy 4 days of activities in and around the Museum including access to interesting and unique road tours, special video presentations, raffles, and more during this event in honor of your help and support! The event will also include the Winner's Circle dinner, 10/15/20/25-year member recognition, and the "Corvette Hall of Fame" Induction Ceremony and banquet where we will induct new members into the prestigious and elite group of recipients who have made a significant contribution to Corvette history.

Help foster a love for Corvette, generate interest in the Museum, and create future hobbyists with the Next **Generation Membership** - designed for children from birth to age 18. Benefits of the program include: Free Museum admission; 10% Corvette Store discount; Free cookie in the Corvette Café when visiting (limit 6 per year); Discounts on NCM sponsored children's programs; Membership packet including toy Corvette when joining; Quarterly emailed newsletter; and Birthday gift each year. Next Gen memberships are a one-time tax-deductible donation of \$400 for kids age 9 and under; and \$200 for kids age 10-18. The membership is valid to age 18.

The **1.75 millionth Corvette**, an Arctic White Coupe with Adrenaline Red interior, will only temporarily call the National Corvette Museum its home as it will be used in a fundraising raffle by the Museum. This Corvette will be raffled on Friday, September 4 at 3pm CT as part of the Museum's 26th Anniversary Celebration event and features the Z51 performance package, 3LT equipment group, 5-trident spoke machined-face sterling silver aluminum wheels, engine appearance package, front lift adjustable height with memory and more. The car will be delivered via the Corvette Museum Delivery program, also referred to as option code R8C when ordering a new Corvette, which provides a red carpet V.I.P. experience for the winner and up to three accompanying guests.

After being closed nearly three months of their prime tourist season, the National Corvette Museum has announced an extension of a special exhibit that debuted in late January. Cartoon Creatures, Kustom Kars and Corvettes: The Art and Influence of Ed 'Big Daddy' Roth will now run through April 2021. "We have 14 cars displayed, beginning with actual hand-built Roth cars, leading to the Rat Rods and custom cars he inspired others to make." The exhibit features several cars from Galpin Auto Sports, with one car - the Wishbone, having been unveiled at the Museum for their Discovery Channel tv series 'Driven.' The exhibit ends with *Crosshairs* and *Sideswipe*, two Corvettes designed by Peters that would go on to star in the *Transformer* films.

August 20-22 the East Coast Rat Fink Reunion is slated to take place at the Museum offering amazing limited and new collectible items, Rat Fink artists, demonstrations and more.

Hexagon bricks are discounted for a limited time for our "Christmas in July Special" These unique bricks are discounted by \$25 when you order one or more by Friday, July 31st. Bricks are a tax-deductible donation. The Hexagon bricks placed on our highly viewed boulevard offer a choice of logo and text – depending on the selection you make.

Normally Hexagon bricks are \$250 – member price is only \$175 and non-members \$200 if you place an order before Friday, July 31st. Once your brick is ordered, returned, and set, you will receive an emailed photo and location number. Select your logo and text to place an order for our Hexagon Bricks - enter code: XJuly at:

https://www.corvettemuseum.org/support/bricks-and-dedication-opportunities/

Larry Dyer NCM Ambassador dverl-i@live.com

NCCC Events







As of July 15th, the Autocross Scramble Weekend is still scheduled for September 26th and 27th at the Texas State Technical College (airport) in Waco. Robert and I have reserved 25 rooms at the Holiday Express at 114 Melodie Drive, West Texas 76691, 15 minute drive to the track. Book your room soon as this is a Baylor College football weekend.

Robert and I presented the budget for the Autocross Scamble Weekend at the July Board Meeting and will be voted for or against at the August Membership Meeting. Please review the proposed budget in the web members only page.

Please check the Cowtown Website for the most updated information on NCCC Events.



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Robert Geyer Co-Coordinator





In case you have not received a CTV-ALL email from me in the last few weeks, the 14 autocross weekend in Oklahoma on August 8 & 9, 2020 and the 21 autocross event on Labor Day weekend in Waco have been cancelled. I will update the membership as soon as any new information is received. Please visit the Southwest Region website to keep track of changes if you are interested in attending any events.





NCCC GOVERNOR





Jerry Lindsey NCCC Governor

SW Region Clubs

BRAZOS RIVER CORVETTE CLUB (BRCC) Granbury, TX • SW-540	DATE
• CEN-TEX CORVETTE CLUB (CTCC) Waco, TX • SW-200	8/8-9 NEW
CORVETTE CLUB OF OKLAHOMA CITY (CCOC) Oklahoma City, OK • SW-468	9/5-7
CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS (CCT) Dallas, TX • SW-074	9/11-12
CORVETTE OWNERS ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH TEXAS (COAST) San Antonio, TX • SW-143	9/19-20
COWTOWN VETTES (CTV) Fort Worth, TX • SW-055	9/19??
EAST TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB (ETCC) Lufkin, TX • SW-577	9/26-27
LONGHORN CORVETTE CLUB (LCC)	
Austin, TX • SW-207	October Oct-Nov
MID-COAST CORVETTE CLUB (MCCC) Lake Jackson, TX • SW-170	10/10-1
OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB (OCCC) Oklahoma City, OK • SW-131	10/10
SAN JACINTO CORVETTE CLUB (SJCC) Houston, TX • SW-063	10/17-18
TEXAS COMPETITION CORVETTE CLUB (TCCC) McGregor, TX • SW-569	10/24-2
TEXAS CORVETTE MOTORSPORTS CLUB (TCMC) Houston, TX • SW-568	10/31 -11/1
TEJAS VETTES (TV)	11/5 07
Plano, TX • SW-163	11/6-07
TEXAS OUTLAWS CORVETTE CLUB (TOCC) Graham, TX • SW-198	11/14-1
TIN HALL TOYS (THT) Santa Fe, TX • SW-392	
TULSA VETTE SET (TVS) Tulsa, OK • SW-248	

SWR COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
8/8-9 NEW	Drumri CA OK	NCELLED ed Autocross Events	CCOC TVS
9/5-7	Waco, CA	NCELLED ed Autocross Events	CTCCC TCCC MCCC
9/11-12	St Louis	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
9/19-20		TSTC - Airport 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events Little River Dragway 3 Drag Events - MT, Record & ET (all 1/4 mile)	LCC
9/19??	TBD	3rd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING @ TBD Nominations for RCD & RMD 2021 1st Choice Weekend Bids	SWR
9/26-27	TBD	<i>TSTC - Airport</i> 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events	CTV (BRCC & CCT)
October	Online	Governors Vote for RCD & RMD (electronic voting)	All
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Oct-Nov	Online	Governors Vote for National Officers (electronic voting)	All
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Laps on the oval Sunday morning

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Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA)

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

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



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