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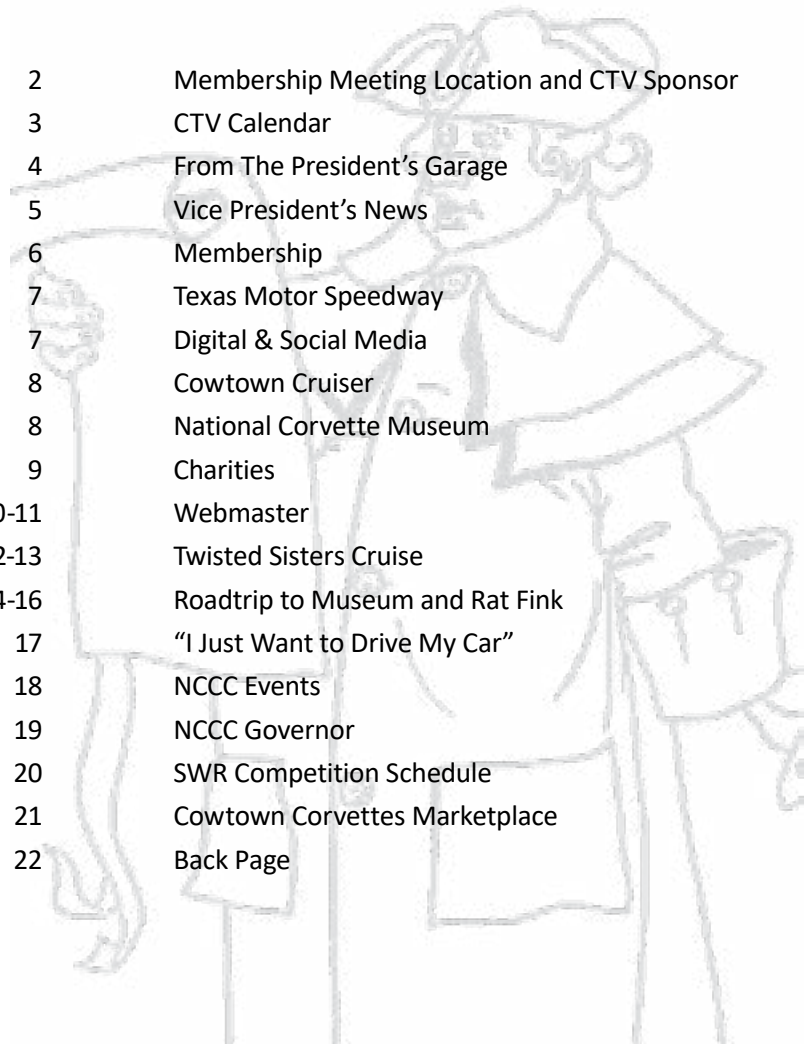


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Cover photo - A random C8 cooling down....

### Membership Meeting Location and CTV Sponsor



1st Wednesday of each month  
 at  
**781 W. Debbie Ln.**  
**Mansfield, TX 76063**  
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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 [website](http://www.cowtownvettes.org) in addition!!!

### May 2021 NATIONAL HUMOR MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	<b>LARGE DAY</b>	31				1
2		3	4	<i>Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm</i>	6	7
<b>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</b>	9	10	11	12	13	14
<i>Corvette Scramble @ Fat Daddy's</i>	16	17	18	<i>Board Meeting</i>	20	21
23	24	25	<i>Lowdown Deadline</i>	26	27	28
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### June 2021 NATIONAL HAMBURGER MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	<i>Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm</i>	2	3	4
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	<i>Board Meeting</i>	16	17	18
<b>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</b>	20	21	22	23	24	25
27	28	29	30			

*Bold italic type denotes CTV events*



## Committee Chairs 2021

### AUDIT

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### CAR SHOW

TBA : Chairperson

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### CHARITIES

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S GARAGE



We had a great April month. More members are showing up at our monthly meeting, we had nine new members and two guests. The lunch social in Weatherford at Beefmasters had around 37 members and guests. We enjoyed a great time and good food. We also had the overnight Twisted Sister trip in which Robert exceeded our members expectations. This is just the start of a exciting year for our Club and members.

May 15th will be Cowtown Vettes first NCCC event, Corvette Scramble at Fat Daddy's. You can show off your car, have fun doing the Funkhana and enjoy a fun rallye. Check Doug's NCCC article for details.

May 19th Board Meeting will be held at Fat Daddy's at 7:00 PM.

Please remember Board meetings are always open to all members.

***Have a safe month.***

*Don Wells*  
President

[president@cowtownvettes.org](mailto:president@cowtownvettes.org)

## COWTOWN CAR SHOW



It's time to start planning for 19th Annual Car Show on Oct 16th. I want to have our first meeting in May, and will be sending out an email on time and location soon. We need a lot of help and ideas.

Please email me if you would like to be on the Car Show event committee.

***Don Wells / Chairperson (dfw73vette@att.net)***

*Robert Geyer / Co-Chairperson*

*David Clark / Co- Chairperson*

## VICE PRESIDENT'S NEWS



**Gayle will divulge all her exciting new information at our membership meeting at Fat Daddies on May 5th**

*Gayle Cherry*  
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## Committee Chairs 2021

### NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

TBA : Ambassador

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## MEMBERSHIP



# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



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Dalan Walker



Pat & Tammy  
Ward



Todd Dalton



Tom & Lynn  
Fleeger



Mugshot not  
yet available

Donnie Carney

### VISITORS

Shelly Carney  
Karen Mitchell



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05/01 Glenda McMahan  
05/01 Harry Rumzek  
05/01 Victor Scavino  
05/04 Gary Hanna  
05/05 George Aggas  
05/05 Judy Rollinger  
05/06 Kay Snegon  
05/08 Sylvia Hoaldrige  
05/14 Brian Cherry  
05/14 Debra Gerth  
05/15 Dave Ducsay  
05/19 Jas Whitcomb  
05/19 Shirley Williams  
05/22 Viola Meyers  
05/24 Robert Geyer  
05/25 Joe Ratliff  
05/31 Mary Pittman



05/09 Bill & Darlene Hornback  
05/14 Jack & Karla Gandy  
05/15 Jason & Rebecca Blocker  
05/15 Keith & Carol Hunten  
05/15 Robbie & Carla Schneider  
05/19 Bill & Jane Buehler  
05/22 Tom & Sharon Wombough  
05/23 Todd & Wendy Dalton  
05/25 Sam & Cathy Castorani  
05/25 Mark & Lou Kirby  
05/31 Kevin & Cathy Anthony



*Ann Walker*  
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## DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA

The slideshow for May will have photos from the recent club events plus previous Scramble events. It will be on the TV at Fat Daddy's ...and our webmaster will post it online..

We would like to request that when you are replying to a **CTV-ALL** email, please only reply to the **originator** of that email. To do this, hit reply on the email, then remove the **CTV-All** entry and replace it with the **originator's** email address. I have also asked the officers and chairs to include their email address in the body of the email so you have that address handy.

**eMail Distribution Lists** – several lists are maintained for club use.

- **CTV-ALL@groups.io** – this list is for all active members of Cowtown Vettes. If you are not getting club emails, send an email to [CTV-Membership@groups.io](mailto:CTV-Membership@groups.io). This is the primary media used to disseminate information about things going on in the club. FYI: This list is moderated to eliminate spam emails from everyone's in-boxes.
- **CTV-EO@groups.io** – this is only for Club Officers – however, if you have something you would like to bring to their attention, as members, you can email to this list.
- **CTV-Committees@groups.io** – this is only for Club Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs – if you have something to share, as members, you can email to this list.'
- Other distribution lists exist for things like Car Show, NCCC Events, etc. exists, reach out if you need more info.

If you change your email address – please send an email to [CTV-Membership@groups.io](mailto:CTV-Membership@groups.io). More information on lists and acceptable use of them [can be found on our website](#).

**Note:** The CTV Virtual Monthly Meeting Invites are good for all-year (2021); for both Membership & Board. These are recurring meetings, so I do not need to send out a new invite every month. If you are a new member or by chance have deleted the previous invite email; drop me an email and I'll resend the invite to you.

**facebook** if you are on Facebook and not a "friend" of Cowtown Vettes, members can't include you in tags – to show your non-club member friends all the fun we are having. If you are posting, be sure to tag Cowtown Vettes so it appears on our Facebook news feed.

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## TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

I continue to work with our new contact at TMS, Chris, hoping that we can have an opportunity to continue to work the professional events out there. We really don't know what events or job functions will be available at this time, however I'll share those as soon as I know. If you like working these types of events, keep track of these dates.

### TMS 2021 Professional Race Event Dates

- *June 10-13 – NASCAR*
- *October 14 – 17 NASCAR*

Note: dates shown are tentative for qualifying and the actual race date  
If you have an interest in working a shift or two please reach out to me.  
Working helps us to offset the cost of renting the facility for our Super Speedway Event



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TMS Coordinator  
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## COWTOWN CRUISER



***Hello Cruisers!***

It's May and Spring is in full bloom. It's time for cruising in your beautiful Vettes and enjoying nature at it's finest.

This is a great time to drive around Texas and collect those cruiser points. While you're out and about enjoying the Spring flowers, you can take a picture of *'what I saw along the way'* for this years picture contest.

As you know I just returned from driving The Twisted Sisters near Kerrville with 40+ Cowtown members. I had a blast with all my cruisers and I hope they did too. We saw some beautiful hill country landscape and drove some crazy roads.. If you were one of the unlucky ones that did not go, then try one of my next cruises. I am working on a lunch cruise for the 29th of May. Need to make sure this date is not in conflict with other activities. Stay tuned and as always I will keep you updated.

Check out the cruise pictures in this Lowdown and come to May's meeting and see more pictures and some videos driving The Sisters too.



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*David Gill*  
Co-Chairperson

## NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

We did make a long weekend trip to the TN/KY area from the 8th to the 12th and we did enjoy a visit to the museum. Ed Roth's Rat Fink Exhibit was extended and has been removed as of May 2nd. It was great to see the awesome cartoons and some of the cars that many of us grew up knowing. See my article in this Low-Down for additional trip information and photos.

### NCM Dates

- 2021 9-Day Caribbean Cruise – May 14 @ 10:00 am – May 23 @ 12:00 pm. we will once again be offering cruise packages as part of our Museum in Motion program. A spectacular 9 day cruise to the Caribbean on the Celebrity Cruise line. Shannon has very graciously agreed to donate all proceeds and commissions from this cruise to the Museum.
- MiM Branson Experience – Jun 1 @ 3:00 pm – Jun 5 @ 11:00 am. How about a 'Museum in Motion' to the legendary Branson, MO?!! Its 76 Country Boulevard is famously lined with theaters, which once hosted mostly country music performers but today present diverse entertainment. Stay at the Hotel Grand Victorian. Centrally located on the 76 Strip, less than 3 miles from world class shopping at the Branson Landing, and walking distance from all of the best shows, restaurants, and attractions.

If you are planning to visit the museum, I do have some passes, compliments of CTV's NCM membership; contact me if you are interested.

*Doug McMahan*  
NCM Ambassador  
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## CHARITIES

**CookChildren's.**



Spring is here! Love all the beautiful plants and flowers that are showing up in full bloom. Always reminds me of an awakening and it is so much more appreciated this spring as we are seeing more people out and about after having their vaccines.

I am planning to sign up for a shift to work at the Tarrant Area Food Bank in June. The date will be June 15th, which is a Tuesday, and I would like to plan to go for the 1-4 pm shift. This will be the first time we will have signed up for an afternoon shift. I will check with Mexican Inn and see if they are able to seat a group of people there. Not sure what Covid restrictions they may still have. Please let me know at the meeting on May 5 if you plan to participate or you can email me and let me know if you can participate that day.

I am waiting to hear from my contact at Cooks Children's Hospital about our involvement with them. As previously mentioned, they are discussing hosting their Christmas in July party again but were working on details. Hopefully, I will have an update for you in May.

We continue with the 50/50 raffle each month at the meetings, and we appreciate your participation. Have not had any duplicate winners yet this year so it is anybody's to win!!

**TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK**



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The latest update on Corvette & 24 Hours at Le Mans on the web. Corvette Racing's return to the Le Mans 24 Hours has been confirmed with the publication of a capacity 62-car entry for this year's rescheduled race in August.

The two GTE Pro class C8.Rs, which will carry their traditional #63 and #64 race numbers, will be driven by their regular line-ups.

Full-season Corvette drivers Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor will be joined in #63 by Nicky Catsburg. Nick Tandy and Tommy Milner will be partnered by Alexander Sims in #64.



That's the latest for the racing... Now lets look at the newest split window.



...yep that's right a C8 Split Window. That just doesn't seem right. They probably should have talked to the man (Chip Foose) before starting.

Watch Chip create another great design [Streamlining the 1963 split-window Corvette | Chip Foose Draws a Car](#)

Latest Additions to [Cowtown Vettes website:](#)

[CTV Event – Dinner at Beefmaster Steakhouse Weatherford, TX](#)

[CTV Cruise – Twisted Sisters Kerrville, TX.](#)

[Road Trip to the National Corvette Museum – Rat Fink Exhibit](#)

Enjoy the read and if you have input or pictures we will welcome both.



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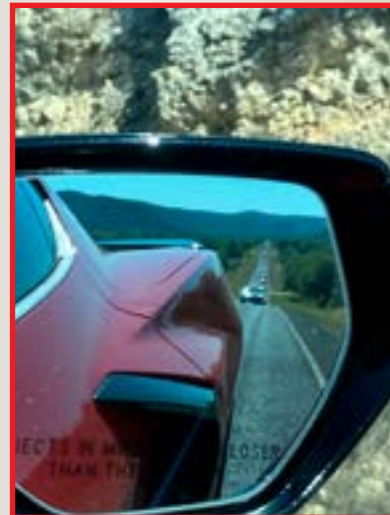


*April 23rd thru 25th 2021*

Our first over night cruise began on Friday morning with dark and damp skies. But this did little to dampen our enthusiasm for the adventure ahead. We left our check in point around 9 am and headed South. We traveled through Glen Rose and on to Hico where we had our first pit stop with locals taking pictures. From there we traveled to Llano and Copper's BBQ. Timing could not have been worse as the skies opened up just as we arrived. But with Cowtown good humor and many umbrellas we finally made it inside for lunch.

Arriving at our hotel in Kerrville, we all checked in for a little deserved rest from our cruise. Dinner was at Billie Genes restaurant in Kerrville. The restaurant was ready for our group and served us a good dinner. After dinner we returned to the hotel for a good nights sleep as the Twister Sisters drive began early the next morning.

It's Saturday and everyone is excited to begin the 'Drive'. We took FM16 South to RR 337 and began the Sisters drive. This was an easy stretch of road and just a build up of what to come. We did a pit stop in Leakey and took a group picture. We headed out again on RR 337 where the fun began. After driving along the canyon wall and many blind curves with several dips too, we made our way to Camp Wood and headed North on RR 335. More of the same as we finally made it to FM 41 where we stopped to regroup. At this intersection were several motorcycles and a group of Porches eyeing our Corvettes. As we started leaving on our next leg, one of our cars would not start. But as is true Cowtown spirit, several members jumped in and soon figured out what the problem was and made the repair. With the cars all running again we headed down FM 41 to RR 336 and back to Leakey for lunch. We were to have a burger at The Bent Rim Cafe in Leakey but little did I know that every motorcycle in Texas would be there. After some discussion we decided to return to our hotel and each person would find lunch on their own back in Kerrville.



Dinner for Saturday night was at Bricks River Cafe in Bandera. They provided us with a special menu with a variety to choose from. After dinner we all headed back to the hotel where some visited with one another to discuss the days twisted roads and the experiences we had.

Sunday we all headed out our separate ways home after having enjoyed the Texas Hill Country and The Twisted Sisters.

Cydnie and I would like to thank everyone that came along for the ride and hope all enjoyed the cruise as much as we did.

**Robert & Cydnie Geyer**



## ROADTRIP TO MUSEUM AND RAT FINK



We along with Mary & William, have been planning to make a trip to the NCM since hearing the Ed Roth's Rat Fink Exhibit arrived, back in 2020. Well, with Covid-19, furloughs and everything else going on, we almost waited too long since the exhibit left the NCM on May 2nd. Some of us grew up building the model kits and enjoying the artwork of Ed's Creations. Do you remember his creations, like the Beatnik Bandit, Wishbone, Mysterion, Tweedy Pie, etc? In addition to the NCM, we had a few other targeted visits for this trip. One of these was a Facebook friend I've come to know over the past year, as he was completing his '63 Split-Window Restomod. I've visited with him from time-to-time on the phone and via Facebook messenger and he mentioned "next time we were in the area – come by to visit" so we did. His passion is the Full Octane Garage (they have two locations) where they build and work on various vehicles and create a lot of YouTube videos, not to mention that they broker collector car insurance.

We planned our trip to the Nashville area to enjoy the Full Octane Garage on Friday, after spending the night in Jackson, TN. We were a little early, so we headed further south to Columbia, TN. It turned out to have a neat downtown area, with restaurants, brew pubs and yes, several cruiser points. When we parked the Vettes to walk around, William commented that Mike Wolfe's van (American Pickers, Antique Archaeology) was over at the [Columbia Motor Alley](#) – you just never know what you'll see while traveling the backroads.



We finished lunch, enjoying a brew, walking around the square so we headed north to Brentwood, TN where the Full Octane



Garage (north) was located. It was a nice twisty drive up to Curt's home and garage (upper and lower) where located; he met us as we pulled up. We enjoyed seeing his cool garage – "man cave" as some call it, their C7 GS, a '60 Vette restomod, a '35 Auburn, a '58 GM pickup restomod he is working on and the real eye-candy to look at, a '63 split-window restomod. Since we are building a '67 restomod, it gave us a chance to look at some things we are planning to ours, such as electronic power brakes, the Ididit tilt-steering, Vintage Air, just to name a few. Curt was happy to



share all about his car and things he encountered building it – he was very informative and helpful. We left there after spending a few hours and headed north to Nashville, where we checked into our hotel. That evening, we enjoyed strolling around, specifically Broadway. This was the first night that the mask mandate was lifted outdoors, and we saw very few masks. We had a good time, enjoyed a nice rooftop dinner, some live music and a brew or two.

## ROADTRIP TO MUSEUM AND RAT FINK

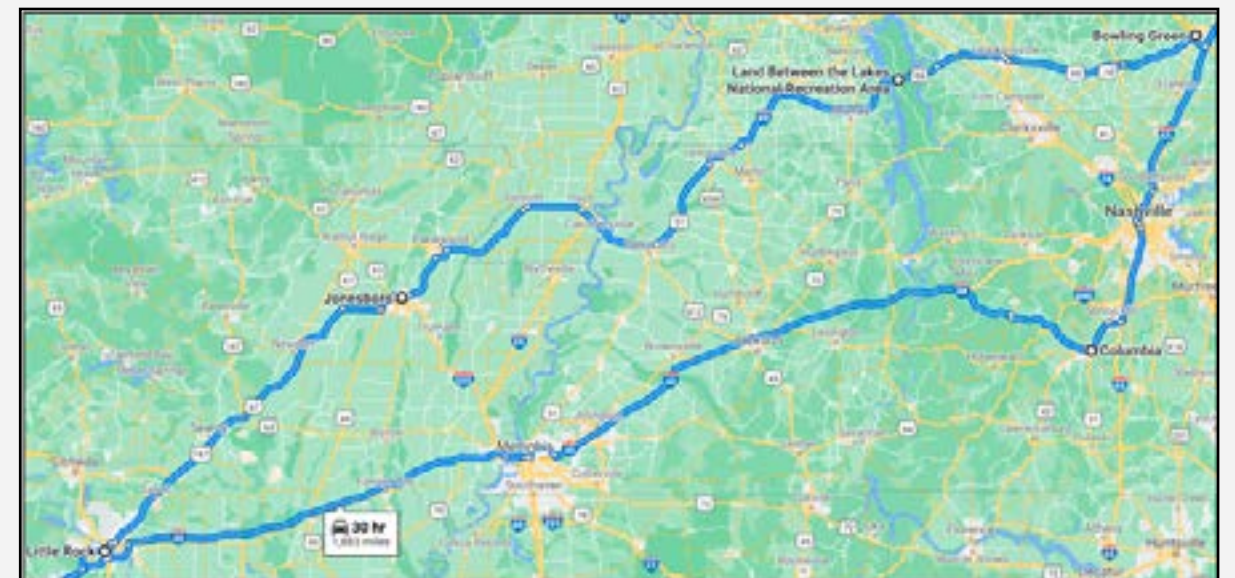
Saturday was a drizzly day however, we headed north into the Kentucky bourbon country, stopping first at Maker's Mark Distillery, one we have visited a few times. We enjoyed lunch, some tastings, walking around the gorgeous grounds, etc. Next, we headed to another one of our favorites, Buffalo Trace Distillery – wow, were they busy!!! 6 registers active and still a 10-15-minute wait to check out. They have one of my favorites, Eagle Rare however they were out of it this Saturday. We wanted to visit the Jim Beam Distillery (Basil Hayden) however, it was still closed to the public, like several other things in KY; virtually all wineries were still closed. We finally headed back south to Bowling Green, to spend the night and grab a really nice dinner at a neat downtown restaurant.



Sunday morning we headed over to the Corvette Assembly Plant (currently closed to the public) however we saw a pair of C8 convertibles on display. One was the Red Mist – and wow, the color is outstanding. After a few pictures there, we headed on over to the NCM. We located two of Cowtown's Bricks along with the NCM Bench I created the artwork for. Inside we viewed the various exhibits, including the sinkhole cars – it was nice to see a couple restored since our last visit. Then finally we came to the Rat Fink Exhibit. It was well worth the trip to the NCM to see this collection of a small collection of Ed's artwork and creations. Once we finished looking at all these, we headed over to the Motorsports Park, which we couldn't enjoy driving the track this weekend due to a 2-day HPDE event going on. There were lots of entries and we were able to drive around and see how much it has grown since opening day when we were there. On the backside of the parking lot we saw over 75 C8 Corvettes, many with window

stickers. We first thought these were ones they use in their Corvette Experience offering however, we found out they were C8s awaiting their turn for museum delivery – what a backlog!

Departing Bowling Green, we planned to take the backroads, to start our journey home. We headed west on 79, traveling thru the Land Between the Lakes (on 68), in southwest KY; it is a pretty drive with good roads and less traffic – need I say more? Our stop for the night was Paragould, AR, where we grabbed dinner. We actually met William's niece and kids for dinner. The real surprise – maybe a shock, the restaurant had \$1 draft beer on the menu – when we asked what the beer was, he said Yuengling – what a surprise! We spent the night at his sister's condo (their 2nd home). On Monday morning, we continued down the backroads until we arrived at Little Rock, then it was Interstate the rest of the way home.





## ROADTRIP TO MUSEUM AND RAT FINK



## "I JUST WANT TO DRIVE MY CAR"

I have had a passion for Corvettes since I was in high school. My cousin dated a guy who had a split window, '63 coupe that I thought was the coolest car. I thought I needed a Corvette! When I was a senior, I had saved my money from mowing lawns and working at a restaurant on weekends, so I went shopping for a Corvette. I found a new '67 convertible at a dealer for \$4189. I had about \$3000 so I went to my dad to borrow the remainder and he said I did not need a Corvette. I went shopping again for a muscle car and decided on a new '67 442. It was \$3130. My dad said yes! It was a beautiful car, burgundy with a black vinyl top, a 4 speed with Hurst shifter, no ac, power brakes or power steering, just muscle.

That 350 hp would smoke the tires from the start and get rubber in all 4 gears. I only got 11,000 miles out of my first set of tires. My dad was not pleased. I mowed more lawns to buy tires and insurance. Did you ever see a young man driving around in a new 442 with a lawn mower sticking out of the trunk? That is determination!

I loved that car but it did not satisfy my yearning for a Corvette, so after college and 3 years into my job and 3 little girls I convinced my wife we needed a Corvette.

One Friday on the way home from work in the spring of 1975, I stopped by a Corvette lot in Richardson and looked at a 1974 orange convertible with 14,000 miles on it for \$7,100. I went home and got my wife and girls and I drove it home that evening. I was racing sailboats at the time and had a custom hitch made for it so I could pull my 15 foot sail boat to the races. We really enjoyed the car. All three of my girls would get in the back with the top down and stick out their heads between the seats and we would go for rides and short trips. They thought the car was really neat!

I never did anything with the car like show it or autocross. I drove to an autocross once to check it out. It was put on by Lone Star Corvettes and was nothing like any NCCC autocross. They used reverse too much for me.

Ten years and 174,000 miles later, after new paint and a rebuilt transmission the first person who looked at it gave me \$8,000 for it. The only thing other than gas, tire and oil, I spent on the car was \$16.00 for axel bearings and my neighbor put them in for me.

Fast forward 20 plus years and I convinced my wife I needed another Corvette. It took several serious conversations but she finally believed I really needed and deserved a new Corvette. She bought me a new 2012 grand sport. I told her I never would need a Christmas, birthday, Father's day or other present again. I was like a dog who just caught a car he was chasing I did not know what to do with my catch. I started showing the car because my salesman said I would really enjoy it and he was right. The first show I went to I won sponsors choice! It helped that my salesman's dealer was the sponsor of the show. I showed the car intensely for seven years and did quite well with it. Sometime I would go to 2 shows on Saturday and occasionally one on Sunday. It was not unusual to go to 30 shows a year. After I started autocrossing about five years ago from March through November nearly every weekend I was showing or racing.

I autocrossed my Grand Sport a time or two then decided I needed an older car to autocross. I convinced my wife to buy me a '95 to help out one of my daughter's friends.

It needed a lot of work but with enough money it became presentable. I raced it about two years and then convinced my wife I need a '96 with a LT4 engine. Now I had three Corvettes and several people said that was a good start. Last year I inherited my daughters yellow '81 Corvette so for a short time I had four Corvettes. In the same week I sold the '95 and the '81. Just have two now.

I am hooked on autocross and with Covid, NCCC canceled all racing for 2019, but I just wanted to drive my car. I joined SCCA and raced two events locally and trailered my car to four events in Oklahoma City. With all six events I got 42 runs on my car. I'll get that many in Drumright on Memorial Day weekend. I had no other choice; I just wanted to drive my car.

This year at our practice autocross I drove my car 16 times. I trailered my car to SCCA events in Muskogee Oklahoma for seven runs, Eagles Canyon Raceway for four runs and Lone Star Park for five runs. NCCC is a much better deal but I just wanted to drive my car.

I'm looking forward to the NCCC season but there is a big gap between our first event on Memorial Day and our second event in September. I guess if I want to drive my car I'll have to humble myself and enter more SCCA events.

Kaye and I have started going on the cruises offered by the club. They are fun and it is something we can do together and I can drive my car.

***Hooked on Vettes!  
Larry Schaapveld***

## NCCC EVENTS



The competition season is in full swing around the country, with events of all types happening. For Cowtown, we have our **9th Annual Corvette Scramble coming up on Saturday, May 15th at Fat Daddies in Mansfield.** The day's festivities include four events: a Car Show, Funkhana and a Gimmick & Chance Rallye (run simultaneously). I will include some pictures from some previous year's events in the May Slideshow. Below, you will find a description of each event and feel free to ask any questions you might have.



- CAR SHOW:** ours is a Participant's Choice – simple, the participants vote for their favorite in each class.
- FUNKHANA:** an event with the added features of a navigator to assist the driver and a variety of gimmicks that the driver and/or navigator must perform in order to successfully complete a run. Some Funkhanas require driving unlike ours that only starts with the driver/navigator in a Corvette. The types of gimmicks that are included as parts of a timed run are only limited by the imagination of the Event Chairpersons if they are in good taste and done in the spirit of having fun (hence the name FUNKhana). A little friendly embarrassment of the entrants is okay and can make the Funkhana an exciting spectator event. The gimmicks to be performed may require certain common physical or mental skills but should not favor entrants with a certain physical size/strength or occupation. The Chairpersons have stated you will not be physically running, only walking.
- GIMMICK RALLYE:** A Gimmick Rallye is one in which the Rallyemaster presents route instructions and questions that the alert Rallyists must follow and answer along the Rallye route. The Rallyists can be required to test out their navigational abilities and match their wit and skill with the Rallyemaster. Answers to questions may be found on either side of the road. This Rallye is scored by following instructions, providing correct answers and being in by the pre-announced time given by the Rallyemaster in the "Generals" or at the Entrants Meeting. This Rallye is NOT scored by any type of CHANCE or unknown factor.
- CHANCE RALLYE:** in our case, is combined, run simultaneously with the Gimmick Rallye. Ours is a POKER RALLYE, where luck is most important. You will draw your first card before departing on the Gimmick Rallye, then you will arrive at three different checkpoint along the route, where the DRIVER or NAVIGATOR draws a card. One final card will be drawn at the end when you turn in your Gimmick Rallye answer sheet. The winner is the car which comes in within the specified time with the best poker hand, assembled from the five cards drawn.

Note: we are going deeper in the awards this year for the Car Show and Funkhana.

**Cowtown's 2021 Event Dates** – we invite you to mark your calendar for these fun events.

- Autocross Scramble: September 18-19, 2021** – TSTC Airport in Waco – consisting of 14 Low-Speed Autocrosses. The TSTC location is on the north-end of Waco. It is about the same distance for most of us as Mineral Wells was – plus TSTC has indoor restrooms and we have lunch inside the building.
- 1st Annual Larry Hoaldrige Memorial Event: tentative date of 11/6-7/21.** Due to the anticipated price jump at TMS, we are still entertaining other venues to host this event and possibly a date change.

More information on these events, please see information on Cowtown's website or feel free to reach out to Doug or William.

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## NCCC GOVERNOR



We have eight new members this month, bringing our new total to 143!

By the time you are reading this, I will have been to my first National Governor's Meeting in St. Louis. The first planned meeting was cancelled due to Covid. Hopefully, the fact we're having this meeting in person is a good sign of things to come.

Thanks to Robert Geyer for leading Cowtown on a very successful cruise to The Twisted Sisters. A good time was had by all in attendance!

Get ready for Cowtown's Spring Scramble coming up May 15 at Fat Daddy's in Mansfield. Come out and participate in a car show, funkhana and 2 rallyes (running simultaneously). The flyer and registration form are available to download from the SW Regional calendar website.

The Memorial Day event is a "go" at Drumright, OK. Registration is now open, and the flyer is online! Sign up now for three days of autocrossing, May 29 through 31 at Drumright, OK with our friends from Oklahoma. By the time you're reading this, the cut-off date for the block of rooms at the host hotel has expired, but I'm sure rooms are still available there, or at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Stroud.

Keep your fingers crossed, we may yet have an autocross season!

Save the wave!



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## 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



## SWR COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
05/01	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
05/15-16	Mansfield, TX	Fat Daddy's Bar & Grill Spring Scramble, Car Show, Funkhana & 2 Rallye (hosted by CTV)	CTV (BRCC / CCT)
05/15	Mansfield	2nd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - ?PM @ TBD	SWR
05/29-31	Drumright, OK	Central Technology Center 52nd Annual Southern States Festival and Tulsa Vette Set's Black Gold Weekend 21 Low-Speed Autocross Events	CCOC TVS
05/29	Drumright, OK	SWR GOVERNOR'S SOCIAL - ?PM @ TBD	SWR
06/13-18	Cleveland, OH	NATIONAL CONVENTION 2021	Nat'l
07/17-18	Ardmore, OK	Crusin' the Arbuckles - Car Show, Funkhana & 2 Rallyes Dinner Cruise	OCCC
<b>August</b> Lounging around the pool sipping frosty beverages			
09/10-11	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
09/18-19	Waco, TX / Holland, TX	TSTC - Airport 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events Little River Dragway 3 Drag Events - MT, Record & ET (all 1/4 mile)	LCC
09/25-26	Waco, TX	TSTC - Airport 14 Low-Speed Autocross Events	CTV (BRCC & CCT)
09/25	TBD	3rd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING ?PM @ TBD Nominations for RCD & RMD 2022 1st Choice Weekend Bids	SWR
October	Online	Governors Vote for RE (electronic voting)	All
Oct-Nov	Online	Governors Vote for National Officers (electronic voting)	All
10/??	Waco, TX	TSTC - Airport SWR FUNDRAISER ??? 14 Low-Speed Autocross Events	THT / TOCC
10/??	Waco	4th SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING ?PM @ TBD	SWR
10/16-17	Edmond, OK Noble, OK	Edmond Fire Academy? 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events Thunder Valley in Noble 3 Drag Events - MT, Record & ET (all 1/4 mile)	OCCC

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

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### CTV Logo Merchandise



Hello and 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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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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