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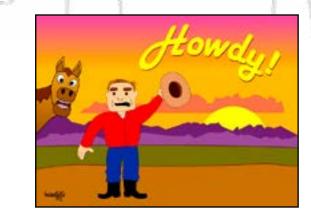
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Cover photo - All a Ferrambo will ever see of a 2023 Z06

Membership Meeting Location and CTV Sponsor



1st Wednesday of each month at

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

		Fe	bruary 20	022 NATI	onal Grape	FRUIT MONTH
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
CTV Super Bowl Party BJ's @ Hulen Mall	14	15	16 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Lowdown Deadline	24	25	26
27	28					

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6	7	8	9	10	11	Mardi Gras ¹² Party Razzoo's Arlington
13	14	15	16 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	17	18	SWR Awards 19 Banquet Lost Oak Winery
20 CTV Driver Training Burleson HS	21	22	23 Lowdown Deadline	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		
Bold italic type denotes CTV events						

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

March 2022 NATIONAL CELERY MONTH



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THE PRESIDENT'S PIT STOP David Gill President

president@cowtownvettes.org



I hope this report finds everyone staying warm and either enjoying good health or overcoming medical adversity. I believe you will agree with me that Cowtown has "had its share" of medical setbacks. Please join me in praying for us all.

The January Board meeting was most constructive with upcoming events as early as Superbowl weekend and our party. You will find more detail in Jim Dawson's article. Larry Schaapveld is "combing the countryside" in search of potential venues that would be amenable to autocrossing and any suggestions would be warmly welcomed. Larry is your contact person.

I am still waiting on volunteers to lead two key efforts that are critical to Cowtown objectives: Car Show and Charity. The annual car show held in October is a key source of Cowtown's ability to support our charitable efforts as well as to maintain our club's financial vitality. The club needs two members to head these two efforts. Those willing to assume the leadership of these efforts are blessed with seasoned committee members and former leaders that can support your endeavors. Do not succumb to the "I'm all alone and 'holding the bag' stuck..." That is NOT how Cowtown operates! The ENTIRE BOARD, committee members, and membership are behind every individual that assumes a position of leadership.

About a year ago, the idea of a "flash cruise" surfaced but, it never came to fruition. You know, someone sifting at home gets an "itch" to get in their Corvette, meet up with fellow members in their Corvettes, and "take the long way" to get to a restaurant, just for the "helluvit." If you are up to such an impulse, let's discuss our way into a Flash Cruise. I am confident our cruiser chair wouldn't mind such impudence as long as he got an invite. If anyone has ideas of their own that ends up in a fun day from the seat of a Corvette, don't be shy!

As we motor on, be sure and.....

SAVE THE WAVE!!

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Social Coordinator

As we kick-off the new year, I've been exploring options and venues for 2022; visits to Globe Life Field, the Fort Worth Zoo, the Botanical Gardens and restaurants across our area.

The Super Bowl Party is confirmed for Sunday, February 13th from 5-9 PM at BJs Brewhouse by Hulen Mall in Fort Worth. We'll have a separate, but not private space right off the entry to the restaurant.

To confirm your attendance, please call (817) 492-5327 or email me at gotomarketer@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events - Save the Dates

- Vette Talk with Guest Speaker: Michelin Tires Sat., Feb. 26 9-11AM
- Mardi Gras Dinner Event Saturday, March 12 3-7PM
- Elite Toy Museum Tour & Guest Speaker, and Dinner Sat., April 9th, 3PM
- Car Meet & Rangers Baseball Game, Globe Life Field, Fri., April 15th

The social and events committee consists of one club member. We have over 100 members and help is needed with event planning, meet & greet at events, menu planning, and more. To get started, pick an event of interest and let me know you're available and we'll find a way to fit event support into your schedule. To learn more, call or email me anytime.

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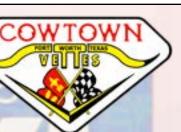
We have copies of Cowtown's NEW Sponsor Program and they are available at the Membership

Meetings – see me. If you need some in between meetings, contact me.

We continue tweaking the Member Guide that will help everyone to understand and promote Cowtown to potential sponsors. This guide will only be posted on the CTV Member's Only website page – not to be distributed to non-CTV Individuals.

If you have questions or need clarifications, please reach out.

SOCIAL NEWS







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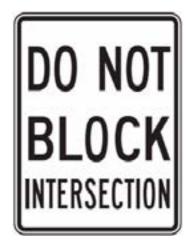
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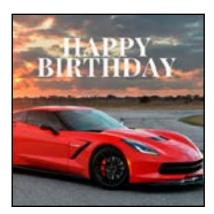




None this month

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02/09 Mo Wheeler

02/18 Don Fowler

02/24 Kim West

02/20 Doc Lambert

02/25 Dorothy Corbin

Last Month's Visitors





02/06 Don & Nancy Wells 02/09 Mickey & Patricia Rigney 02/15 John & Nancy Moulton 02/27 Bruce & Yvette Lewis 02/28 Doug & Glenda Mcmahan





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If you have taken a trip in your Corvette and have some fun pictures to share with membership, please send those to me and I'll include them in the next slideshow.

Cowtown's Microsoft 0365 account provides **OneDrive**, which makes it much easier for you to provide photos from events for for the web and/or monthly slideshow. Please contact me and I'll provide you with that link to share your photos.

We would request that when you are replying to a **CTV-ALL** email, please only reply to the originator of that email. To edo this, select *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.

If you change your email address – please send an email to <u>CTV-Membership@groups.io</u>.

More information on lists and acceptable use of them <u>can be found on our website</u>.

Note: We are discussing continuing the CTV Virtual Monthly Membership Meetings – anyone have thoughts?

if you are on Facebook and not a "friend" of Cowtown Vettes, members can't include you in tags - to facebook show your non-club member friends all the fun we are having. Maybe some of you are in the witness protection program and don't want to be tagged If you are posting, be sure to tag Cowtown Vettes so it ap-

A different kind of Corvette

pears on our Facebook news feed.

Royal Navy Flower class HMCS Regina from WWII





DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA

The February slideshow will again be on the BIG SCREEN at Fat Daddy's again this month. In addition, Larry (our webmaster) will post it online, on the CTV Website.



COWTOWN CRUISER



Robert Gever Cruiser Chairperson geverdrill@aol.com lames Little: Co-Chair

Hello Cruisers,

As I write this article I look outside and the weather is beautiful... should be cruising. But this is Texas and as the old saying goes, wait a minute and it will change. Imagines of my first early cruise last year come to mind, rain, cold, FOG. So be patient, reliable weather will

be here before you know it and we'll all be enjoying our Vettes on the open road again.

So with all this down time, start thinking about your personal car trips searching for Cruiser Points and cool Cruiser Pictures for this years contests. And speaking of Cruiser Points and Pictures, if you are interested in participating, but just don't know how or where to start then join me for my Cruiser 101 class at our March club meeting and I'll give you all the pointers you need.

More on up coming cruises at the February and March club meetings so come on out and hear what I'm planning.

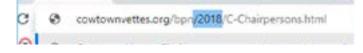
OUR COWTOWN VETTES LEADERSHIP & CHAIRPERSON **POSITIONS – FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION**

Do you have an interest to get more involved in the Club? Then your opportunity is NOW!

We are still in need of a *Vice President*, and *Audit, Car Show* and *Charity* committee chairs. If you'd like to step up, contact our existing President or a Board member and we can help share our knowledge on those activities and function. If you aren't ready to be a chairperson – step up and offer to be a co-chairperson.

You can also visit our website, select Contacts from the menu bar, and then select Officers or Chairpersons from the drop-down. Next, select the officer, board or chairperson title to see a job description.

Visit the Club's website, it has a list of members that have served as an elected officer or board member, since the club started in 1974. For chairpersons, you can go to the chairperson page and add a year date in the URL to look at previous years; as shown below.









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Charity Chairperson

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Corvette Racing is prepared for an intense, 13-car battle in the GTD Pro class at this year's 24 Hours **By SAM MCLEACHERN** of Daytona.



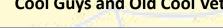
The GTD Pro field for the Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona is looking extremely competitive, consisting of factorybacked entries from a wide variety of experienced GT3 manufacturers such as Porsche, Lamborghini, BMW, McLaren, Lexus, Ferrari, Aston Martin and Mercedes-AMG.

The 2022 Rolex 24 at Daytona will kick off on January 29th.

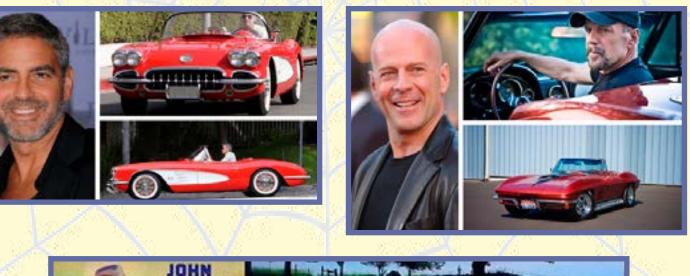


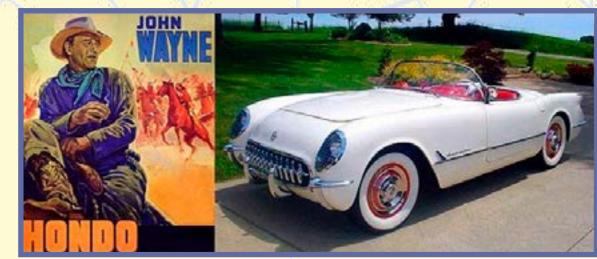
Not much going on now soooo...

...Tide's up...Lets Go "Web Surffin"









Photos courtesy of Motor Trend and Google Images.. Enjoy the read and if you have input or pictures...we will welcome both.

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WEBMASTER

Cool Guys and Old Cool Vettes... just seem to hang together!!

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NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

Randy Baker Mugshot not NCM Ambassador yet available rworldbfree@gmail.com

Howdy Y'alll !



Glad to report that things are getting back to normal at the Museum and the community of Bowling Green is starting a slow build back.

Did you know, as we move towards the **2023** model Corvette in September, it will mark the 70th Anniversary of the Corvette. Wow !

The museum looks back at the 30th Anniversary addition as an anniversary that almost didn't happen. Changing over from the C3 to C4 there were a number of ambitious upgrades making it impracticable to produce a 1983 edition. Actually there were 43 "pilot-assembly" cars produced with all but one going to the crusher. That one was later found on the plant lot and eventually made it's way to the museum in 1994. The lone survivor identified as RBV098 is still on display at the National Corvette Museum today.

As we near the 70th Anniversary edition, support our museum by buying a brick, a tile, or taking part in a raffle to win your own C8.

NCM Upcoming Event Dates

- <u>9-Day Southern Caribbean Cruise</u> | April 15-24, 2022 | on the Celebrity Cruise line | This cruise includes C3 Concierge class veranda stateroom and 3 perks: Classic Beverage Package, wi-fi, and prepaid gratuities. (restrictions apply). Our group will enjoy priority check-in, welcome cocktail reception, a private shore excursion for just our group, Concierge class Embarkation luncheon, dedicated concierge, and a welcome bottle of sparkling wine. This trip is extremely limited so it will sell out fast!
- 2022 NCM 28th Anniversary Celebration September 1-3, 2022

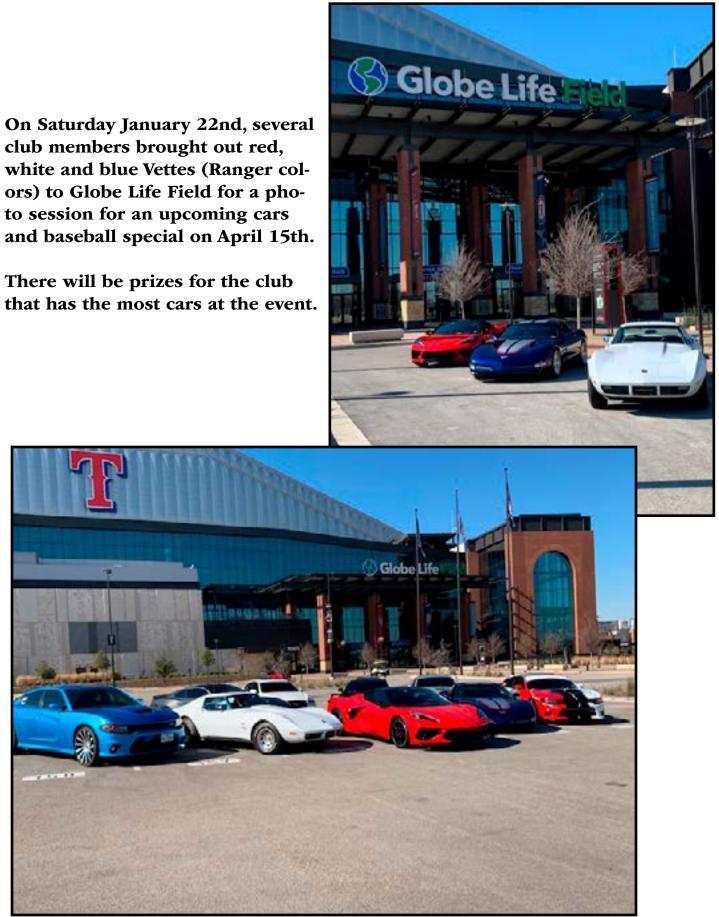
Museum web site: https://www.corvettemuseum.org/

Happy waves!





club members brought out red, white and blue Vettes (Ranger colors) to Globe Life Field for a photo session for an upcoming cars and baseball special on April 15th.



GLOBE LIFE PHOTO SHOOT

COWTOWN VETTES - THE EARLY YEARS (PART 3)

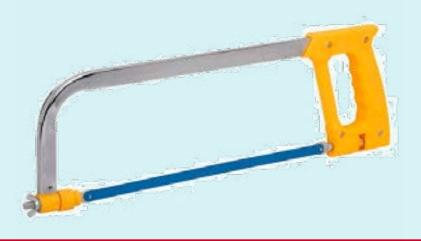
Jerry Lindsey **CTV** Founding Member

1977 started out as a bummer since I was in the midst of a divorce from my wife of over thirteen years. It appeared she was interested in marrying her

supervisor who was a bank vice-president who probably couldn't even spell Corvette. Anyway that one didn't last very long before she was looking for number three. The rest of the year went a whole lot better since I was introduced, by the Jandruckos, to Deborah (NMI) Guardalabene who was dissolving a close friendship with another Cowtown Vettes member. We felt we needed to keep the relationships within the club. Needless to say we are looking at 44 years of blissful marriage on January 28th. I know this may be TMI and not very interesting to you but this is my article and I will tell the story as I see it.

1977 was also the year the NCCC Convention came back to Dallas and CTV was ready for it. It is nice to be able to have one so close to home. We had 22 entries in the competitive events, probably twice that many attendees and brought home 7 trophies including Best of Show in the Concours. Larry Hoaldridge won a first place in Concours Prepared F. Debbie Guardalabene and I placed 4th out of 132 entries in the Rally so I figured we were compatible and proposed marriage to her shortly afterwards. Cowtown Vettes accumulated enough competition points in 1977 to place 10th in the nation.

In 1978 the NCCC Convention was held in Charlotte, North Carolina and CTV did not have any members attending. Debbie Lindsey became a member in January 1978 and Don & Karyn Fowler joined in November 1978. 1979, the sixth year of Cowtown Vettes existence, was a banner year for our club. One of our members placed 5th nationally with an unbelievably low 330 points, which would have been good for only 121st place in 2021, and we had the first regional officer from our club. Two of our men, Jerry Lindsey & Don Fowler, and two of our women members, Karyn Fowler & Debbie Lindsey, who was pregnant for 8 months of the year, placed in the top three in our regional championship points. The NCCC convention was in Colorado Springs and was a trip to remember. The high speed autocross and drag race was in Pueblo at a track 4900' elevation and temperatures around 108 degrees and 10% humidity. Porta potties were in abundance but not needed since everything evaporated. We were told if we went off the track to stay in our cars since there were rattlesnakes around. We traveled with the Fowlers and by the time we got to Amarillo Don had blown out both mufflers on his tow vehicle. He was towing his 1966 coupe on a trailer behind his 1973 Corvette. The weather also threw a tornado at the host hotel for good measure. There were 12 CTV members entered in the competitive events and we brought home 6 trophies. Some of the attendees were the Forsythes, Fowlers, Hoaldridges, Jandruckos, Lindseys and my memory fails me after that.



..... to experience many of the events your Cowtown membership offers!

The weekend of March 19th and 20th offers a car show, funkhana, banquet, and practice autocross. Except for our wonderful cruise program, thanks to Robert Geyer, much is to be experienced at one time close together. If you want to have a touch of cruising contact many of our members, meet somewhere and caravan to the event. There is nothing like seeing 20 or 30 Corvettes traveling together. The only thing better is being a part of it.

The car show is a people's choice. There will be plaques for the top ten vote getters plus two best of show trophies; One for early model Corvettes, '82 and older, and one for late model Corvettes, '84 and newer. Blow the dust off you "Garage Queen" and come to Burleson and join in the fun.

After the car show there will be a "Funkhana" What the heck is a funkhana? It is grown people trying to do childish things against the clock. It is fun to watch and to participate. If your partner is too old, a fuddy-duddy or not hip, find a friend and come to compete. There are man-woman, woman-man, man-man and womanwoman team choices. There will be Olympic type gold, silver and bronze metals given in each team category. You have a great chance to win a metal!

The banquet is for all Clubs in the Southwest Region and is limited to 100 people. I don't know if it will be a "sell out" so register early. Registration forms are available at the website, ncccswregion.org. At the banquet there will be good food, social time and awards will be given in all categories of regional competition, from car show, autocross, funkhana and rallies, fastest drivers to "Top Cone Killer".

Sunday brings the practice autocross sponsored by Cowtown Vettes. There are many opportunities at this event. You can race your car through the course against the clock and see if you can beat other competitors or you can drive your car through the course at a leisurely pace and enjoy the fabulous handling designed into your car in a safe manor. There will be experienced drivers to drive with you or you with them to enjoy the true Corvette.

There are many other opportunities at the practice autocross such as setting up the course, becoming a starter, registration, teching the cars for safety, becoming a corner worker (best seat in the house), staging cars, timing the cars, recording the event and penalties (cones killed), posting the board and more. If you are a new member or an old member there will be something for you to do or learn. This is the best chance to come out, get acquainted and get involved or at least see what goes on. This may be just another chance to drive your car and socialize with like-minded people.

"See you there in your car"

Larry Schaapveld **Red Vettes**

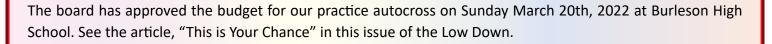
NCCC Happenings



Larry Schaapveld NCCC Events Coordinator ncccevents@cowtownvettes.org



The National Council of Corvette Clubs is the sanctioning body that the Cowtown Corvette club, Cowtown Vettes, CTV operates under. Nearly everything our club does is covered under NCCC. From insurance for club events to rules and guidelines how events should be held to provide some uniformity from club to club and equal competition.



The next event is Cowtown's first autocross, on April 9th and 10th. At issue is where will it be held? Most of our past venues are closed or priced out of our budget range. In the works is Tarrant County College, South Campus, small and lots of light poles but affordable. Irving Mall and Arlington Stadium's old parking lot might work but neither has responded to availability or price. If you know of a parking lot or any large slab of pavement 6 to 8 acres or more, let me know and I'll follow up. Time is of the essence because I would like to present the budget to the board at the February meeting.

Mark your Calendar for these upcoming events:

- March 19th and 20th, NCCC Awards Banquet, Car Show, Funkhana Plus Practice Autocross •
- April 9th and 10th, Autocross, Cowtown sponsored •
- May 14th and 15th, Cowtown's Scramble at Fat Daddy's •
- September 17th and 18th, Autocross, Cowtown sponsored ٠
- October 15th and 16th, Cowtown's 20th Annual Car Show plus NCCC Scramble •





Norman Walker NCCC Governor norman walker@charter.net



Unfortunately, both Norman and Anne have Covid.

We wish them both a speedy recovery!

Save the wave!

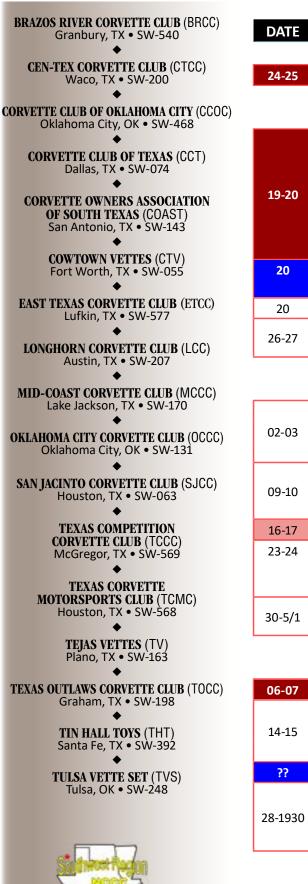


NCCC Governor

from The Guy

"The Governors office is **TEMPORARILY CLOSED**"

SW Region Clubs



SWR COMPETITION SCHEDULE 2022

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MARCH					
19-20	Burleson, TX	CAR SHOW/Fundraiser @ Hampton Inn (host hotel) SWR Awards Party & Banquet, hosted by Tin Hall Toys Banquet Regn Deadline: \$40, 2/27/2022 (postmarked) Location: Lost Oak Winery Burleson, TX Time: 5-10PM Menu: BBQ Dinner Buffet Hampton Inn Room & Cost: \$99.00 +tax. 817-295-2727 room block National Council of Corvette Clubs			
20	Burleson, TX	1st SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 9:00am @ Hamp- ton Inn @ host hotel	ALL		
20	Burleson, TX	Driver Training / Practice Autocross @ BHS	CTV		
26-27	Waco, TX	McLane Stadium 14 Low-Speed Autocrosses t	CTCC TCCC		

APRIL				
02-03	TBD	(2nd Option) Location TBD 14 Low-Speed Autocross Events t	CTV (BRCC & CCT)	
09-10	TBD	(1st option) Location TBD 14 Low-Speed Autocross Events	CTV (BRCC & CCT)	
16-17		Easter Weekend		
23-24	Waco, TX	TSTC Airport 4 Low-Speed Autocrosses t 10 Low-Speed Autocrosses t	CTCC MCCC	
30-5/1	TBD, TX	Texas A&M University Central 10 Low-Speed Autocross Events	LCC	

MAY					
06-07	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS (Mother's Day Weekend)	Nat'l		
14-15	Mansfield, TX	Fat Daddy's Bar & Grill	CTV		
		Spring Scramble - Car Show, Funkhana & 2 Rallyes t	(BRCC /		
		(hosted by CTV)	CCT)		
??	TBD	2nd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - ?PM @ TBD	SWR		
28-1930	Drumright, OK	Central Technology Center 53rd Annual Southern States Festival and Tulsa Vette Set's Black Gold Weekend 21 Low-Speed Autocross Events t	CCOC TVS THT		

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



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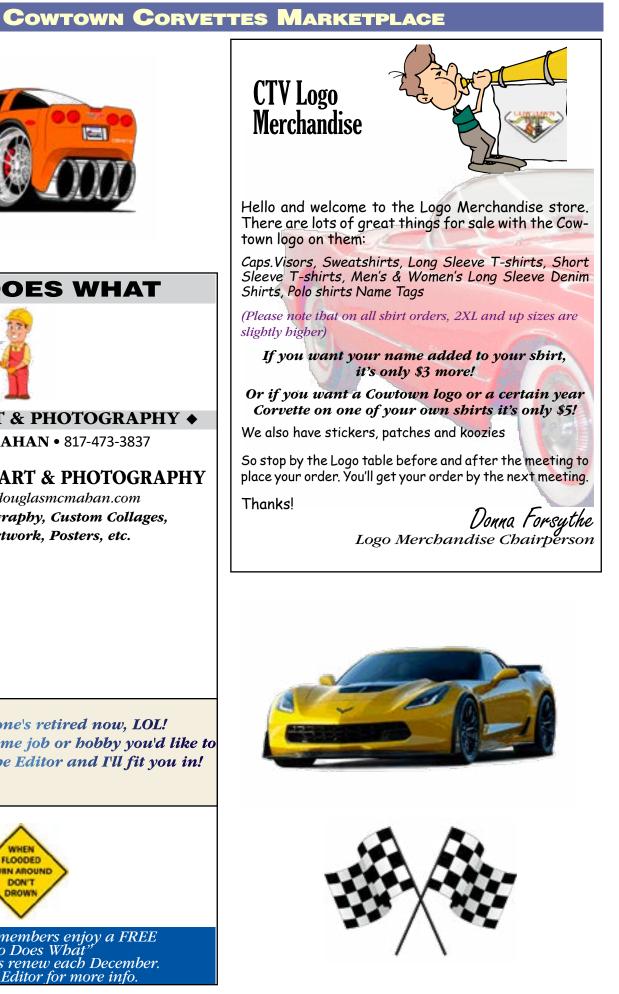
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I guess everyone's retired now, LOL! If you have a part time job or hobby you'd like to advertise, email the Editor and I'll fit you in!



Current club members enjoy a FREE Who Does What listing. Listings renew each December. Contact the Editor for more info.





ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE SENT TO: COWTOWN VETTES P.O. Box 1974 Fort Worth, Texas 76101



DO YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS? HAVE YOU SOLD YOUR CORVETTE OR BOUGHT A NEW ONE? If so, let Membership know so we can update your address on the various email lists. You can send any updates to Membership at: *ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com*.



Advertise in the Lowdown! Contact the Editor for information

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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