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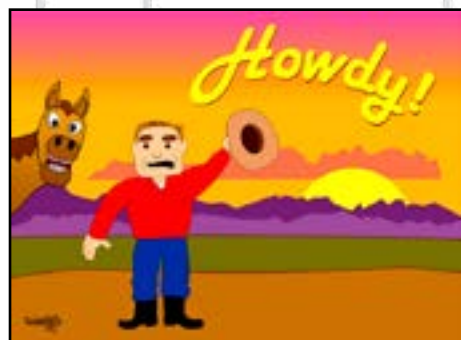
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Membership Meeting Location and CTV Sponsor



1st Wednesday of each month

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who's doin' what an' where's 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 2023

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 <i>Membership Meeting 7:30pm</i>	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>CTV Cruise to somewhere</i>
14 <i>HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!</i>	15	16	17 <i>Board Meeting 7:00pm</i>	18 <i>Car Show Committee Meeting @ Kim's house</i>	19	20
21	22	23	24 <i>Lowdown Deadline</i>	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

June 2023

NATIONAL ICED TEA MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 <i>Membership Meeting 7:30pm</i>	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18 <i>Happy Father's Day</i>	19	20	21 <i>Board Meeting 7:00pm</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 <i>Lowdown Deadline</i>	29	30	

Bold italic type denotes CTV events



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THE PRESIDENT'S PIT STOP



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Well, April has proved to be a busy month but it was all good. The weather has been somewhat erratic but that hasn't slowed Cowtown Vettes up a bit.

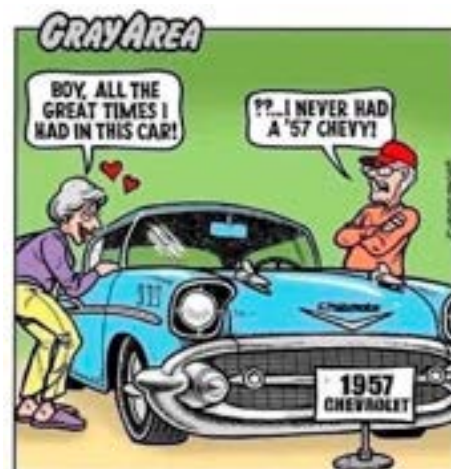
The Cruise to Woody's Museum in Cross Plains was well attended and enjoyed by all.

Following that was the Larry Hoaldrige Memorial Autocross. The committee, headed by Larry Schaapveld, planned and executed the event and, by all accounts, it was a smashing success with members turning out to work and race and with racers attending from as far away as Nebraska.

May promises to be a good month as well. Our Vice President/Social Chairperson, Mary Pittman, has a picnic planned for our social. These are always well attended and provide a great opportunity for members to mingle and get to know newer members. I hope all of you will be able to attend. Be sure to read Mary's article to get all the details.

May is also month where we take time to honor our Mothers. Be sure to remember and honor the mothers in your family. It's also when we take time to remember those who have given their lives defending our country and freedoms as well as defending democracy in other countries. So take a moment on Memorial Day to recognize the sacrifices of those whose lives have been lost defending the things we are free to enjoy.

Wishing you all a good month. Get the Vettes out and circulate the fluids.



SOCIAL NEWS



Mary Pittman
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How can it possible already be May?? Our year is off to a really great start!! We have already enjoyed some fun socials, cruises, and a successful autocross event and May is shaping up to continue the trend.

MAY

Our social event for May is our club picnic. It is scheduled for

**May 13th from 2 to 6pm at
Bicentennial Park, 900 E Glendale St, Crowley.**

For \$5 per person the club will provide hamburgers and/or hotdogs with the fixin's and we ask you to bring a side or a dessert to go with the meal. The club will also provide water or you may bring your own soft drinks.

- Please remember this is a **"No Alcohol"** venue.

Feel free to invite your children and/or grandchildren to this event. If you have corn hole, ladder ball, frisbees or other games to share that would be appreciated. Don't forget your lawn chairs..There will be another sign up sheet at the May meeting if you missed it in April and I would appreciate payment at that time.

JUNE

For June we have another cruise/dine combination planned. On **June 3rd** Robert Geyer, Cruiser Chairperson, is going to take us down the back roads to Waco to the **Dr Pepper** museum with lunch to follow, tentatively planned for **Hecho En Waco Mexican Cuisine**....there are several other restaurants in the area if Mexican isn't your thing. Robert will have more info at the May meeting and a sign up sheet.

Thanks so much for supporting all of our events thus far and we look forward to seeing you not only at the picnic, but also at the Spring Scramble at Fat Daddy's on May 20.



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New Members

None dis month



Last Month's Visitors

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- 05/01 Lynn Fleeger
- 05/01 Glenda McMahan
- 05/04 Gary Hanna
- 05/05 George Aggas
- 05/05 Judy Rollinger
- 05/06 Kay Snegon
- 05/08 Sylvia Hoaldrige
- 05/14 Debra Gerth
- 05/21 Sondra Minier
- 05/21 Gabriella Smith
- 05/22 Viola Meyers
- 05/24 Robert Geyer
- 05/25 Joe Ratliff
- 05/30 Brian Wish
- 05/31 Mary Pittman



- 05/04 Jim & Karen Dawson
- 05/09 Bill & Darlene Hornback
- 05/14 Jack & Karla Gandy
- 05/15 Keith & Carol Hunten
- 05/15 Robbie & Carla Schneider
- 05/19 Bill & Jane Buehler
- 05/20 Larry & Sue Combs
- 05/22 Tom & Sharon Wombaugh
- 05/23 Todd & Wendy Dalton
- 05/25 Sam & Cathy Castorani
- 05/25 Mark & Lou Kirby
- 05/30 James & Kim Little
- 05/31 Kevin & Cathy Anthony



DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA



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WOW – talk about some awesome weather this past month – and for a change I was home to enjoy it instead of away in PA. The weather for the Larry Hoaldrige Autocross was great ...especially Sunday when it cooled down ~10 degrees. We will have a slideshow at the May meeting which will include any socials and events that took place in April. It will also include some *Corvette Trivia* along with various other Corvette happenings around the country. It will be on the BIG SCREEN at Fat Daddy’s for your viewing pleasure. In addition, Larry will post a lower-resolution version on the CTV Website.

If you have been working on or updating your Corvette with new items ...or if you have taken a trip in your Corvette and have some photos to share with membership, please send those to me and I’ll include them in the monthly slideshow Cowtown’s *Microsoft O365* account provides *OneDrive*, which makes it much easier for you to provide photos from events for the web and/or monthly slideshow. If you plan to share photos, please take them in high-resolution; if not, they can’t be used on the big screen or they will be grainy/blurry. Please contact me and I’ll provide you more information and the OneDrive link to share your photos – basically use the highest resolution option you have on your camera or smartphone.

When you receive a CTV-ALL eMail blast, we would request that you 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. If you are sending CTV-ALL emails, please include your email address in the body of the email.

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

If you are not receiving CTV-ALL emails, please get with me so we can either add you or figure out why you aren’t receiving them. More information on lists and acceptable use of them [can be found on our website](#).

– if you are on Facebook and not a “friend” of Cowtown Vettes, members cannot include you in tags at events; these tags show your non-club member friends all the fun we are having. Who knows, 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 appears on our Facebook news feed.

Get on out there and enjoy that Corvette!!



COWTOWN CRUISER



Robert Geyer
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James Little: Co-Chair



Hello cruisers,

As you read this I will have completed my second cruise of 2023 with several more in the works. Because of the VERY busy month of May I do not have a cruise scheduled. However in early June, Mary Pittman and I are working on a cruise to the Dr Pepper Museum in Waco with a lunch at a local Mexican restaurant nearby. I'll have more on this trip at the May club meeting.

I have not mentioned this lately:
Don't forget to participate in the Cruiser Points Program (it's never to late to start) and also take those pictures of "what I saw along the way". I would really like a good group of pictures for member voting at end of year. This year I'll be accepting a larger 5 x 7 picture as well as the 4 x 6 size of the past.

That's all for now and I'll see ya'll in May.



CHARITIES



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Hello Everyone –

I want to express my sincere appreciation for everyone who participated in the “Don’t Forget To Feed Me” pet food drive that the club completed in early May. I don’t think we can express how appreciated these actions are not only to the DF2FM organization itself, but to the people it helps in continuing to be able to keep their pets during difficult times.

For the month of June, we are planning a club volunteering event with Tarrant Area Food Bank. In the past, these events are hard work but can be a lot of fun. As more information is received, additional details of the event will be announced at our upcoming meetings. Please plan to participate and watch for a “sign-up” sheet soon. Come one – come all it will be a good time !

During the meantime – hope everyone is enjoying the good weather and have been spending time with our family and friends.

More soon –





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Corvette Racing Continues...Go yellow #3

Who Has Early Advantage in GT Classes? Anyone's Guess



The Jumbled Classes Are Unpredictable, with Four Manufacturers Winning Already in 2023. The No. 3 Corvette Racing C8.R of Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor crossed the line for a hard-fought second-place finish at the Long Beach Grand Prix on April 15th, 2023.



Pratt Miller Racing wrote, "That's a wrap for the Long Beach Grand Prix! Congratulations to Jordan Taylor, Antonio Garcia, and the entire Pratt Miller team on an incredible performance at the Long Beach Grand Prix! Finishing in second place is a true testament to your hard work, dedication, and expertise."

Victory and Disappointment for Corvette Racing at Sebring



In his opening stint on race day, Garcia took full advantage of the open space ahead and stretched his lead over the GTD field but was set back when a full-course caution resulted in the closure of pit lane, necessitating an emergency pit stop for five seconds-worth of fuel. When the pits reopened, the Corvette had to come in for a full service, relegating it to eighth in its class. Undaunted, Garcia expertly navigated erratic traffic and clawed his way back to second in class before coming in for the next scheduled pit stop. The crew worked their magic and enabled Taylor to get out of the pits ahead of the No. 79 Mercedes that came into the pits first, thus giving Taylor the lead in GTD Pro.

Almost 2.5 hours later, Corvette benefited from yet another full-course caution, which enabled the team to get back on the lead lap. Taylor drove until the 10-hour mark then handed it off to Garcia, who would drive to the end. Several additional full-course cautions and some wild driving by overzealous competitors made the race's final hours treacherous, but smart strategic calls and skillful driving enabled Garcia to get back into the GTD Pro class lead. Unfortunately, with about 50 minutes left, the Corvette was hit from behind on a restart and sent spinning off the track, putting it back to sixth position when it got back into the fight. With only minutes to go, Garcia got caught up in yet another big melee, this one among the race's overall leaders. When the dust settled, the Corvette team had to settle for a disappointing fifth. That's as good as racing gets!!!



More Corvette Good Stuff:

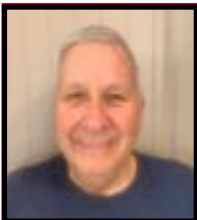
[C6 Corvette - oil change goes wrong](#)

[Brace Yourself, GM Pre-Announces Corvette ZR2 Shooting Brake \(gmauthority.com\)](#)

[Corvette Hits Almost 192 MPH At Kennedy Space Center: Video \(gmauthority.com\)](#)

[2024 Corvette E-Ray VIN 001 Sale Raises \\$1.15M For Charity \(gmauthority.com\)](#)

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



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Howdy,

Just a few words about our National Corvette Museum. According to the NCM website the Museum Mission Statement is ".... to celebrate the Corvette's invention and preserve the legendary automobiles past, present and future. The museum will serve as an educational and research model for all to enjoy."

There seems to be a misunderstanding that as a member of the Cowtown Vettes you are a member of NCM. Not true – there is a membership to join which is \$65 per individual or \$100 for a family per year. A lifetime membership is \$2000 (one time). These memberships are tax deductible.

If you choose not to be a member of the museum, you can still enjoy and support NCM through visits, taking part in Corvette raffles, purchasing items online from the NCM giftshop, or even using the NCM insurance for your prized Vette (if you are not already using James Little). All goes to keep our NCM vibrant, growing and supporting our Corvette passion.

What's happening at the museum - this month through June, the racing helmet, goggles and gloves of Corvette designer and architect Zora Arkus Duntov are on display. This legendary racer once drove for Porsche before dedicating his life full time to the Chevrolet Corvette in 1955. In many photographs of Zora, you see him wearing a yellow helmet , gloves and goggles. He even wore this helmet in a groundbreaking ceremony on a bulldozer on June 5th, 1992 for our own NCM. With the 70th Anniversary of the Corvette – the museum has put these artifacts on display for all to enjoy.

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



SPONSORSHIP



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Cowtown could really benefit from having a few good club sponsors; at any level; see below. Do you or someone you know own a business – **why not become a sponsor Cowtown Vettes Sponsor?** There are multiple levels depending on the depth of sponsorship desired. Do you have a candidate or thought on a club sponsor? With club sponsors we can fund the financial needs of our club, but we also have opportunities for funding an event or socials; or event to print the Low-Down, etc. **Not all sponsor levels have to be automotive related, so talk to us and share what you might be interested in sponsoring.**

Note: We have a freshly painted Club Trailer – Certain Club Sponsors Levels will have their logo added to our club trailer, adding visibility beyond the flyer and our website.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES (unlimited quantities unless otherwise stated)

- Platinum Club Sponsor (maximum one) (annual) \$ 3000+
- Gold Club Sponsor (maximum two) (annual) \$ 1000
- Silver Club Sponsor (annual) \$ 750
- In-Kind Club Sponsor - Discounts (annual) \$ 0
- Website Only Sponsor (annual) \$ 120
- Newsletter Only Full Page AD (annual) \$ 350
- Newsletter Only 1/2 Page AD (annual) \$ 200
- Newsletter Only 1/3 Page AD (annual) \$ 175
- Newsletter Only 1/4 Page AD (annual) \$ 150
- Newsletter Only 1/8 Page AD (annual) \$ 100
- NCCC Event Sponsor (per event) contact us
- Show Primary Sponsor (maximum one) \$ 650+
- Show Gold Sponsor (maximum one) \$ 500
- Show Silver Sponsor (maximum two) \$ 250
- Show Bronze Sponsor (maximum five) \$ 100
- Show Display Space (10'x10') disc for 2 spaces \$ 100/150
- Car Show Trailer Space (<12', <24', <36') \$ 100/150/250

We always have copies of Cowtown's Sponsor Program at the Membership Meetings – see me. They are also available on our website, on the Sponsor page. If you need some in between meetings, contact either me or the Sponsorship Committee CTV-SC@groups.io

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.

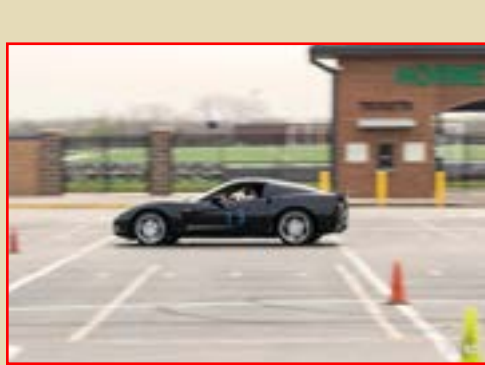
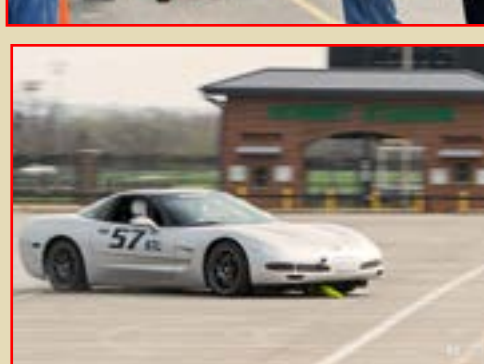
If you have questions or need clarifications, please reach out.

PRACTICE AUTOCROSS

Saturday March 11th
Azle High School



PRACTICE AUTOCROSS

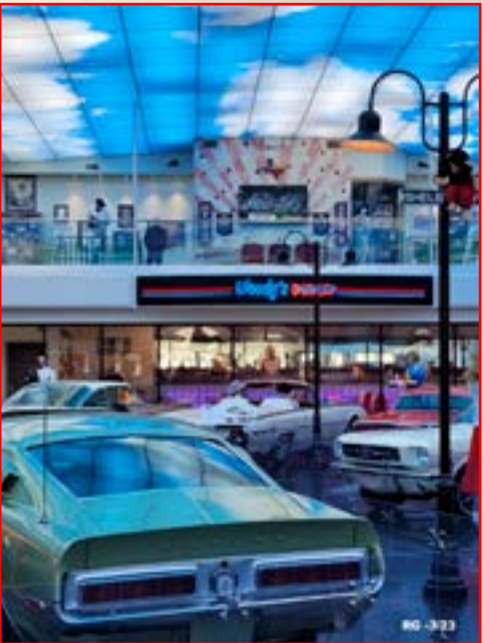


Cross Plains CRUISE

Saturday March 25
Cross Plains, TX



Cross Plains CRUISE



SWR AWARDS BANQUET



**Saturday April 1st
Lost Oak Winery
Burleson, TX**



SWR AWARDS BANQUET



SWR FUNDRAISER



**Saturday April 1st
Hampton Inn,
Burleson TX**



SWR FUNDRAISER



LARRY HOALDRIDGE MEMORIAL EVENT

Saturday March 15th
TCC South Campus
Fort Worth, TX



LARRY HOALDRIDGE MEMORIAL EVENT



CRUISE TO McGehee's CATFISH EMPORIUM



CRUISE TO McGehee's CATFISH EMPORIUM

Saturday April 22nd
Marietta, Ok





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Upcoming events:

- May 20th, Spring Scramble
- May 27-29 Autocross in Drumright, OK
- June 10-11 event in Ardmore.
- June 24-30 Convention in Bowling Green
- September 16th and 17th Fall Autocross

See website for details



The one and only SCOTT WHEELER in action. RIP my friend



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Currently, there are 152 Cowtown Vettes Members.

By the time you are reading this, the Tom Moore Memorial weekend will have taken place in Killeen.

Next on our agenda, on May 20 is our Spring Scramble at Fat Daddy's. This year, we have more events added, as an incentive for members chasing points. In addition to our standard car show, funkhana and gimmick and chance rallyes menu, high card and bean bag rallyes have been added. The official event flyer is online, and registration is now open.

Next in line in the Southwest Region is a 3-day event during the Memorial Day weekend, May 27-29, once again in Drumright, OK. It's a great course that's run at a truck driver training facility. The official event flyer is online, with instructions for online registration through AXWare.

The only NCCC event in June, other than the National Convention, is June 10-11 in Ardmore. Rumor has it that more rallyes have been added, with more points to be had. The flyer is not up yet, so keep a lookout for it.

Save The Wave!



SOUTH WEST 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



Competition Schedule 2023

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB(s)
MAY			
5-6	St Louis, Mo	National Meetings	Nat’L
20	Mansfield, Tx	<i>Fat Daddy’S Bar & Grill</i> Spring Scramble - Car Show - 9:00am, Funkhana - 10:00am & 2 Rallyes (Hosted By CTV) - 1:00pm	CTV (BRCC / CCT)
27-29	Drumwright, Ok	<i>Central Technology Center</i> 54th Annual Southern States Festival And Tulsa Vette Set’s Black Gold Weekend 21 Low-Speed Autocross Events	THT
JUNE			
10-11	Ardmore, Ok	<i>Crusin’ The Arbuckles</i> Car Show, Funkhana & 2 Rallyes Dinner Cruise	(TOCC THT)
10	TBD	2nd SWR Governor’s Meeting - ? pm @ TBD - (and Virtual)	SWR
24-30	Bowling Green, Ky	National Convention 2023	Nat’L
JULY			
		No Events Due To Convention	
		No Events Due To Heat?	
AUGUST			
		No Events Due To Heat?	
SEPTEMBER			
8-9	St Louis, Mo	National Meetings	Nat’L
16-17	Ft Worth, Tx	<i>TBD</i> 14 Low-Speed Autocross Events	(BRCC @ CCT)
23-24??	Waco, Tx	<i>TSTC Airport ??</i> 4 Low-Speed Autocrosses 10 Low-Speed Autocrosses	CTCC MCCC
??	TBD	3rd SWR Governor’s Meeting ? pm @ TBD (and Virtual) 2024 1st Choice Weekend Bids, RE Nominations, Banquet Host, Etc.	SWR
30-10/1	Edmond, Ok	<i>Edmond Fire Academy</i> Fall Festival 2022 14 Low-Speed Autocross Events	OCCC TOCC

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

THE 80's (remember them?)

The ’80s were a time for innovation and cars were becoming more and more technologically advanced. With these advances also came a bunch of bad ideas that didn’t stick. Some of these cars such as the Camaro Berlinetta were well thought out but executed quite poorly. Other features such as pop-up headlights were gradually phased out. Car tech is constantly changing with new advances in design, and we took a look at some of the most notorious (and currently extinct) car features of the 1980s.

Wood Panelling

The visual of a family going on vacation in a wood-paneled station wagon wasn’t just in movies. Many ’80s car models came with fake wood panels on the side. While this wasn’t bad looking at the time, it was cheaply made. By today’s standards, most of this wood paneling has either fallen off or disintegrated. Many different cars utilized wood paneling around this period. Chrysler was one of the last companies that offered wood paneling available on the Town & Country minivan until 1996 and on the last generation of the Jeep Grand Wagoneer. Although wood paneling can look great on certain vehicles like a sport utility, on today’s vehicle designs, it just looks out of place.

Automatic Seatbelts

We’re not sure what the appeal was with automatic seatbelts, but a lot of compact cars made in the ’80s had this feature. If you remember getting into an older Accord or Civic, you probably tangled with automatic seatbelts at one point or another. The concept was that the driver and passenger would always be wearing a seatbelt. Although intentions were good, these seatbelts would often burn out or get stuck. The cost to replace these units was high, and for many drivers too problematic. Honda went back to traditional seatbelts after the Accord’s redesign for 1994. We’re glad too because automated seatbelts in today’s vehicles wouldn’t work. These were one of the most annoying features of cars during the ’80s.

Impact Bumpers

Do you remember seeing those gray bumper inserts during the ’80s? Well, there was actually a good reason for that. Safety regulations around this period pushed automakers to get creative. One such method was to add an impact bumper onto the front and rear of the vehicle. The problem with impact bumpers is that no matter what you did, the design still looked tacky. Automakers came up with several solutions. Chrysler was notable for creating crumple zones on the sides of their minivans. Crumple zones became the norm for the industry and impact bumpers were replaced during the ’90s. Thank goodness too, because they would be hideous on today’s vehicle designs.

CB Radios

Heavily influenced by the movie ‘Smokey & The Bandit’ and the fact that cellphones were nonexistent, cars from the ’80s had the option to come with a CB Radio. These are great for two-way contact but they are also difficult to use. The CB Radio fad seemed to die off quickly as cellphones became universally accepted. Interestingly enough, CB radios made a sort of resurgence in the last couple of years, becoming popular with outdoor enthusiasts who go off-roading a lot. A CB Radio can be a cost-effective method for communication in an emergency or bad weather. Seems that some technology goes away and comes back again.

T-Tops

While General Motors was responsible for creating the removable roof design, a lot of other automakers adopted it. T-Tops were an almost iconic part of the ’80s and sort of a badge of honor if you had a sports car. The problem was that there were a lot of safety problems that T-Tops had. The first and foremost was the structural safety of the car, which was compromised by T-Tops. Then you had the problem with leaking roofs and even damage to the T-Tops caused by accidental storage. In the end, automakers dropped this concept although GM kept T-Tops as an option on their F-Body cars until the 2002 model year. You can get a 2002 Camaro and still ride around like the ’80s.

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