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Cover photo - [1953 Chevrolet Corvette Drawing by Nick Toth](#)

## Membership Meeting Location and CTV Sponsor



1st Wednesday of each month

781 W. Debbie Ln.  
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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](#) in addition!!!

## July 2023

### GREAT OUTDOORS MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31						1
2	3	4 JULY 4th	5 Membership Meeting 7:30pm	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 Breakfast Cruise to Graford
16	17	18	19 Board Meeting 7:00pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

## August 2023

### NATIONAL HOT DOG MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Membership Meeting 7:30pm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Board Meeting 7:00pm	17	18	19 Sylvia's Pool Party
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

*Bold italic type denotes CTV events*





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Greetings Cowtowners,

Hope you are finding ways to get out and enjoy your Vettes. I suspect many are taking advantage of this time to vacation with family, traveling to see family or just getting out to some of the fantastic vacation spots our great country offers since there aren't many club activities planned in the hottest part of the summer. As I write this, several are out doing just that.

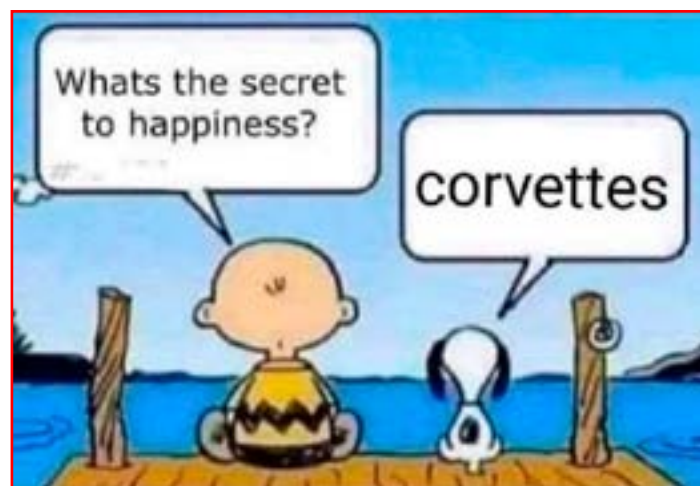
Robert Geyer and a group of CTV'ers are over in the Kentucky – North Carolina area enjoying some beautiful scenery and roads built for Corvettes cruises. I know they are having a grand trip.

In mid-July, Robert and Mary have a Breakfast cruise lined up to a cafe in Graford. Graford is near some locations on Possum Kingdom lake that might be worth a sight-seeing drive after breakfast. Be sure to keep an eye on the website for details.

Jo Anne and I are about to leave hot weather behind and spend a week in Utah (with nighttime low temperatures in the mid 40's) visiting a National Park or two and finding other scenic locations to enjoy.

Whatever you do, have fun with it, take photos to share with us and, above all, be safe out there.

**Save the Wave ... ..**



## SOCIAL NEWS



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So hard to believe that we are into the second half of 2023!! Seems the older I get the faster the time goes. Thanks to all of you who came out for our June Cruise to the Dr Pepper Museum with lunch at Ninfa's in Waco. It was another great back roads route put together by Robert Geyer, Cruiser Chair, a tasty Mexican food lunch and then "all things" Dr Pepper. The end was either a tasty Dr Pepper or an indulgent Dr Pepper float.

### JULY

July will be another cruise/dine event. We will head out a bit earlier than usual for a breakfast cruise to The Cafe in Graford, Texas. Robert Geyer will find us another great back roads route to enjoy then we will top it off with a delicious old style country breakfast. After breakfast you are free to cruise around the Possum Kingdom Lake area or head on back home to get out of the heat.

**The Cafe, 205 W Lee Ave, Graford, Tx 76449, 940-664-2233**  
(they don't have a website, but you can check out their Facebook page)

### AUGUST

Our social event for August will be a pool party on August 19 (please note date change), at the home of Sylvia Hoaldrige, 6095 Autumn Hills Dr, Fort Worth, TX 76104, the menu is yet to be determined...maybe potluck or we may have our "picnic" hamburgers. Details will follow at the July meeting.

### SAVE THE DATE

Put December 9, 2023 on your calendar for our annual Christmas Party/Awards Banquet!!



## Committees 2023

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New Members

None in June.....



Tim Swain

Last Month's Visitors



07/12 Jack & Paula Winter



- 07/01 Doug Bailey
- 07/07 Patricia Rigney
- 07/10 Jamie Bailey
- 07/12 Royce Lummus
- 07/15 Sam Castorani
- 07/18 Charlotte Willingham
- 07/22 Mike Messerli
- 07/23 Nancy Zirbas
- 07/25 Richard Downing
- 07/25 Mitch Williams
- 07/25 Sharon Wombough
- 07/27 Craig Plunkett
- 07/29 Ann Walker

DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA



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Well, so much for the great weather – we jumped from nice weather with a little rain, to over a hundred in a day. ☀️ We will have a slideshow at the June meeting which will include any socials and events that took place in May. 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 do 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](mailto: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.](#)

**facebook** – 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!!

CTV Treasurer

As a friendly reminder, our Monthly Treasurer Reports are located on the Member’s Only page on our website. If you have any questions about the reports, please feel free to reach out to me. The Treasurer Reports now match the timing of the Bank Statements (month ending) – so basically, they are a full month behind however; it includes all transactions now.

Additionally, all the Budgets and P&Ls for events and socials are there too.





## COWTOWN CRUISER



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James Little: Co-Chair

Hello all,

What with the Waco Dr Pepper Museum cruise and the 11 day trip to the Corvette Museum and Kentucky, June was a very busy month for me and our cruising program. I plan to have an article detailing our trip to Kentucky in August, but if that's not possible, it'll be in September's issue.

For July, Mary Pittman has secured reservations for Breakfast at The Cafe in Graford. The date is July 15th and I'll be leading my first breakfast cruise. This should finish early allowing most of Saturday for your normal activities. I am still working on departure time, location, and route but will probably be on the West side of Ft Worth with about a one hour trip duration. I will email all information well before time and also present it at our July club meeting. There is no limit to cruise participation, however I will need a head count for the restaurant. So if interested you can contact me at [geyerdrill@aol.com](mailto:geyerdrill@aol.com) or text me at 817 819 6798. I will also pass around a sign up sheet at July's club meeting.

Remember to take your 'what I saw along the way' pictures for membership voting in November and continue to collect Cruiser Points. It's not too late to participate in the Cruiser Points program. The participation rules are located on our Club website. Click on website, members only section, and go to Cowtown Cruiser Information. If you need help getting started, I am always available.



## JULY 4TH PARADE



**This years July 4th parade in the Fort Worths Westciff neighborhood has been cancelled due to construction on route. 😞**  
**Thanks for 28 years. See you next year!**

*from Carol Savage*

## CHARITIES



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**TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK**

Hello Everyone –

Hope all is well and everyone is enjoying the warmer weather and fun activities of the summer months !

On Thursday, June 15th the CTV club was well represented as we completed volunteer work hours at the Tarrant Area Food Bank. There were two areas we all worked on - “healthy snacks” boxed up to be provided to children over the course of the summer since they no longer receive food while at schools, and sorting donated foods into categorized bins to be available through the food selection process of the TAFB.

We had 13 members helping the TAFB staff and I am very excited to report we had some “young volunteers” that pitched in as well. Donna's two grandsons as well as another friend joined us on our team. I personally find it very rewarding to help out when we can and I hope the younger generations will feel the same way. So remember, that in future events - let's teach this as a great way to “pay it forward” while helping others. Thanks again Donna for having the three REPRESENT !

Randy Baker  
Cathy Baker  
Bill Buehler  
Jane Buehler  
Larry Currey  
Vicki Currey  
Donna Forsythe

Braden Forsythe  
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**CookChildren's**





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## Corvette Racing Continues...Go yellow #3

### CORVETTE RACING AT LE MANS:

**Keating, No. 33 C8.R Take Hyperpole!... and then after 311 laps in 24 hours ... CORVETTE WINS 24 Hours of Le Mans**

**Two Great Headlines...One Great Race for the Ages!**



### THE POLE

LE MANS, France (June 8, 2023) – A tow, tires and talent. Those all came together Corvette Racing as Ben Keating put the No. 33 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R on the GTE Am pole position during Thursday's Hyperpole session ahead of this weekend's 24 Hours of Le Mans. He then improved his time slightly before a red flag halted the session with five minutes to go. As the session went green again, Corvette Racing engineers decided to fit the C8.R with fresh, soft compound Michelin tires – the only team to do so during the stoppage. Keating made the decision pay off with his best lap of the weekend and put Corvette Racing out front to start its biggest race of the season.

### THE RACE

Come the start of the race, the team hit trouble early. In only the second hour a damper failure saw the No. 33 pushed into the garage for a quick fix. Once again, the crew moved fast, but it wasn't possible to get out fast enough to stay on the lead lap. Instead, Keating climbed in and found himself two laps down, tasked with surviving the heavy rain that caused so many incidents in the Am class. "We joked about going home," Catsburg said. "Thankfully the car was back to normal and felt good."



One of the most significant moments in this race for us was Nico's stint in the wet on slicks," Catsburg said. "Half of the field completely destroyed their cars and it's so difficult to stay calm and mistake-free."

With brake discs glowing and fireworks overhead, the pace of the 'Vette began to improve substantially as the track dried and Sunday arrived. Keating completed a triple stint before Varonne took over in the morning. Varonne was simply masterful with the sun rising, setting the fastest GTE time of the entire event as part of a triple stint that saw him make up more than a half-lap on the field. It was the perfect response to his FP1 shunt and resulted in a welcome reception in the garage after his final stint before Catsburg took the wheel for the finish.

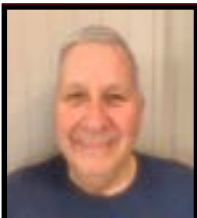
### More Corvette News:

['We joked about going home' - A look inside Corvette's remarkable Le Mans comeback \(msn.com\)](https://www.msn.com/en-us/sports/motors/news/we-joked-about-going-home-a-look-inside-corvette-s-remarkable-le-mans-comeback)

[Corvette Ends Factory Backed Racing.](https://www.cowtownvettes.org/corvette-ends-factory-backed-racing)







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Howdy Cowtown ...

Cathy and I just got back from another great Robert Geyer Cruise ! We had ten Vettes and eighteen members travel and a couple of the spots along the way included a tour of the factory and the National Corvette Museum.

The factory tour is up and running and takes groups of sixteen through with a maximum of 150 people per day. Highlights included stops at Marriage (chassis and body coming together), Robotic Paint Shop and Birth (where cars are started and driven over rumble strips for the first time).

An interesting fact shared by our guide: the C8 has two 9-gallon gas tanks, one on each side, in which a computer determines consumption from each tank to keep the car balanced to include the individual's weight in each seat. Pretty smart huh?

Currently, according to our guide about 188 cars are produced per day. Amazingly on our tour it seemed that a Z06 was about every third or fourth car.

Following the group tours, we then had lunch at the Stingray Grille with a welcome from Deb Howard, the Corvette Club Relations Coordinator. After lunch we toured the museum on our own and watched as new Corvette owners took Museum delivery of their new rides. One bummer for the group was that the Skydome and the Sinkhole Area was closed due to renovations.

The next day we were able to see our friend and CTV member James Little drive the NCM Motorsports Track. Unfortunately, James spun out on a turn and bruised his beautiful ride a little. The next day however, James made the most of his trip turning in 2 of the 3 fastest lap times. Way to go James !

Robert will fill you in on the rest of our cruise but as usual – we all had a great time and enjoyed each other and our “cool machines”.

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



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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](mailto: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.

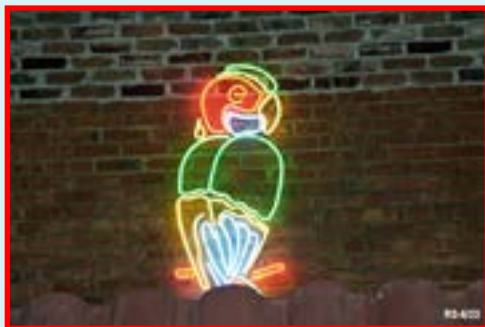






**DR PEPPER CRUISE**

Saturday  
June 3rd 2023  
Waco, TX



**DR PEPPER CRUISE**





**CRUZIN' THE ARBUCKES**

*with* Oklahoma City Corvette Club June 10-11 2023



**CTV AT TAFB**

June 15th 2023







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Upcoming events:

- 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 153 Cowtown Vette Members.

We are approaching a lull in NCCC activities, due to the upcoming convention in Bowling Green (June 24-30), and HEAT. There are no events scheduled for the entire months of July and August. The next scheduled NCCC event is our event at TCC on September 16-17. The following week was supposed to be the CTCC event at the TSTC Airport in Waco. They have lost the facility (there's a lot of that happening) and are scrambling to find a replacement. There's a possibility that not only the location, but the date might also have to be changed. Next after that, Oklahoma City Corvette Club will be holding their Fall Festival (14 autocross events) at Edmond, on September 30-October 1.

A SW Region fundraiser is currently in the works. The location being evaluated is in Frederick, OK. This will be the first time for most of us to visit Frederick.

Last month I listed the SW Region standings of Cowtown and Cowtown members. Here is an update: In the men's competition, Cowtown members still occupy SIX of the top eight spots! James Little -1, Dalan Walker – 3, Rick Whitcomb – 5, Larry Schaapveld – 6 , Red Greenfeder – 7, and Norman Walker – 8. On the ladies' side, Lee Ann Parker – 2, Cathy Anthony – 9, and Kim Little –10.

As a club, even after the 3-day event at Drumright, OK, Cowtown is Number 1 in SW Region, and still holds a commanding lead over Number 2.

Nationally, James Little – 2, Rick Whitcomb – 8, Dalan Walker – 9, Larry Schaapveld – 10, and Red Greenfeder – 14. Lee Ann Parker is 7.

As a club, Cowtown is Number 2!

*Save the wave!*



Mobil 1





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)
JULY			
		No Events Due Heat	
AUGUST			
		No Events Due To Heat	
SEPTEMBER			
8-9	St Louis, Mo	National Meetings	Nat'L
16-17	Ft Worth, Tx	TBD 14 Low-Speed Autocross Events	(BRCC @ CCT)
16	Ft Worth, Tx	3rd SWR Governor's Meeting ? pm @ TBD 2024 1st Choice Weekend Bids, RE Nominations, Banquet Host, Etc.	SWR
23-24??	Waco, Tx	TSTC Airport ?? 4 Low-Speed Autocrosses 10 Low-Speed Autocrosses	CTCC MCCC
30-10/1	Edmond, Ok	Edmond Fire Academy Fall Festival 2022 14 Low-Speed Autocross Events	OCCC TOCC
OCTOBER			
October	Online	Governors Vote For SWR Re (Electronic Voting)	All
Oct-Nov	Online	Governors Vote For National O Fficers (Electronic Voting)	All
7-8	Houston, Tx	Houston Police Academy 14 Low-Speed Autocross Events	CMCT SJCC
21-22	Killeen & Hol-land, TX	Texas A&M Central & Little River Dragway 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events 3 Drag Events - Mt, Record @ Et (All 1/8 Mile)	COAST
28	TBD	4th SWR Governor's Meeting ? pm @ TBD (and Virtual)	SWR
28-29	TBD	SWR Fundraiser - 14 Sanctions	TV
NOVEMBER			
10-11	St Louis, Mo	National Meetings	Nat'L



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

THE 80's (remember them?)

Part 3 of several that may (or may not) appear until someone notices and begs me to stop. Ed.

Bench Seats

If you were a kid in the '70s and '80s, you probably rode around on a bench seat. Every grandma and family had a car that had a bench seat, which was great because most coupes and sedans could seat six people. A feat that most modern sedans were never able to incorporate. Fortunately, bench seating went the way of the mammoth and the 1990s saw the end of it. Turns out that consumers fancied having a center console as opposed to another passenger. The Crown Victoria was one of the last modern sedans to offer a bench seat for consumers. Other than that, bench seats in sedans are all but a relic from a bygone era that left the automotive industry quite some time ago.

Button Tufting

Remember car seats that had button tufting? Those were quite the comfortable seats and they offered a fair bit of luxury as well. While you might think that button tufting was only relegated to luxury interiors it was not. Many lower trim levels also had this interior feature. GM was notorious for doing this to their interior pieces. Chrysler was one of the last automakers to offer this inside of their K-Car interiors. Car interiors have changed a lot over the years and button tufting was one of those '80s fads we'd like to forget. There was nothing remotely decent about having an interior that had tufting in the seats unless of course, you were a lowrider. Nowadays seating is more comfortable than ever with leather being the go-to upholstery choice.

Throttle-Body Injection

If you remember, there was a period in between the carburetor and fuel injection in the '80s. Throttle-body injection was that in-between period that was seen as a better form of technology. Unfortunately, there were a lot of drawbacks, and new technology was quickly adapted for getting fuel into the combustion chambers. GM was the most vocal company lauding the benefits of throttle-body injection. The Camaro IROC was famously one of the first sports cars to get this. The C4 Corvette also had a throttle-body injection system for a short period. These cars are a lot easier to work on than their carbureted counterparts, but for the most part, this technology went away. Fuel injection was just a better and more cost-effective option for automakers.

Car Phones

Back before a life where we had a cellular phone on us at all times, only the elite could afford to chat on the go. This was done by having a hard-wired carphone installed in your vehicle. Service was connected through satellites and only the elite could afford this feature. The Porsche 930 Slantnose and Mercedes 560SEL were two of the first cars to have this feature. One of the last cars that incorporated a built-in phone was the Lexus SC400 sports car. Having a car phone was a nice feature but cellphones advanced so quickly that automakers didn't see a need to include them anymore. Still, if you had a carphone back in the '80s you had something major.

Beaded Seat Covers

There was a time when car seats were not the most comfortable thing in the world. Those who lived and worked in their vehicles coveted the wooden beaded seat covers. You've probably seen these a time or two and you might have even used one. Fortunately, the classic seat covers went out of style once automotive interiors became more lively. There was a lot to be offered in the way of back support that these seat covers just didn't do. You'll still see these classic seat covers from time to time. But for the most part, car owners don't go for seat covers much anymore. There were much better options for back support than these old wooden seat covers.

Musical Car Horns

There was a period during the '80s where musical car horns were popular. We're not sure why someone would want an obscene horn like this. Nevertheless, there was an abundance of musical car horns in existence. For the short period that they were popular consumers went for the standard tunes that you'd expect. There was nothing like sounding like an ice cream truck coming down the block. Musical horns went away quietly although from time to time you'll still see a music horn. Generally, these are reserved for parade vehicles and floats. Still, it's cool to look back and reminisce on a time when the automotive industry was changing. There were so many unique options during the '80s that cars were truly personalized.





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