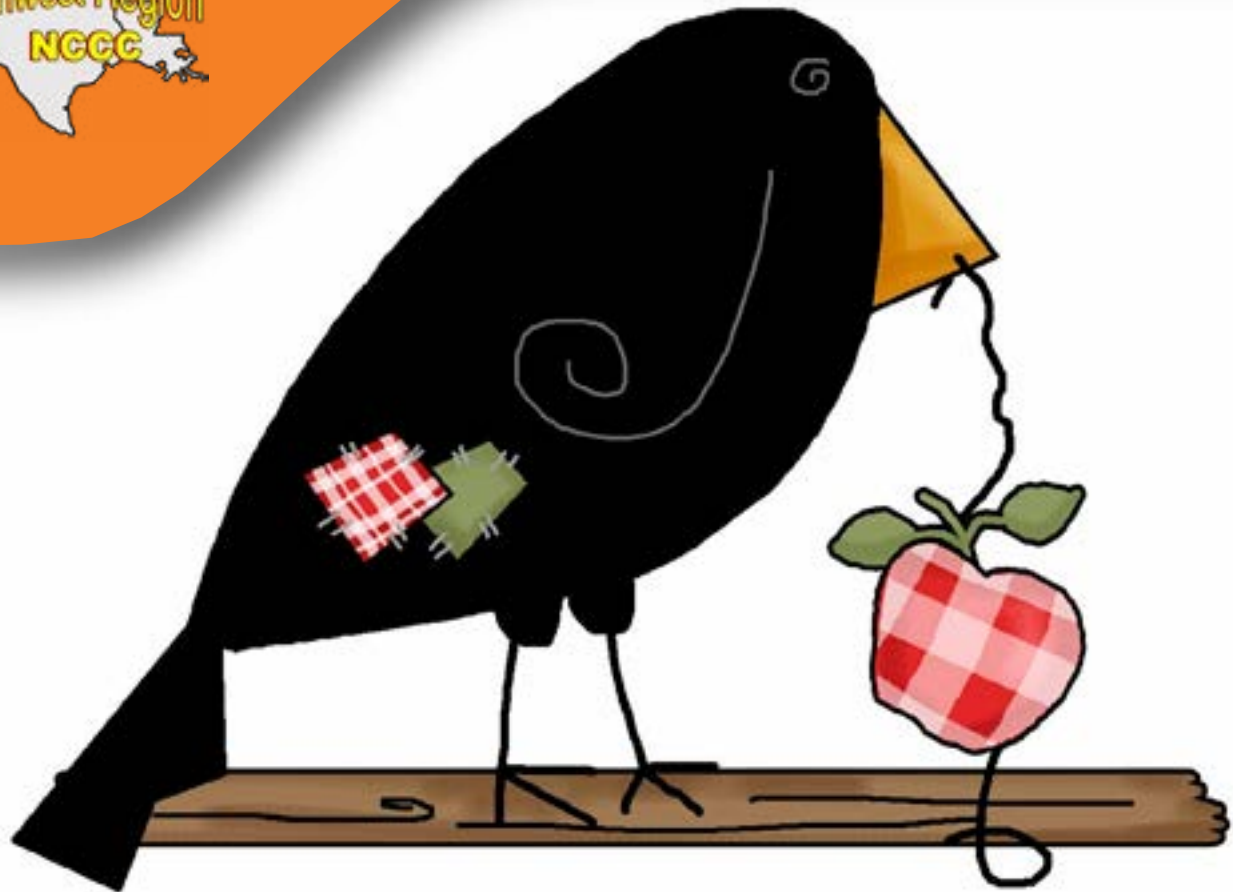




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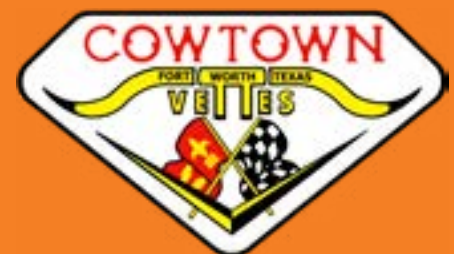
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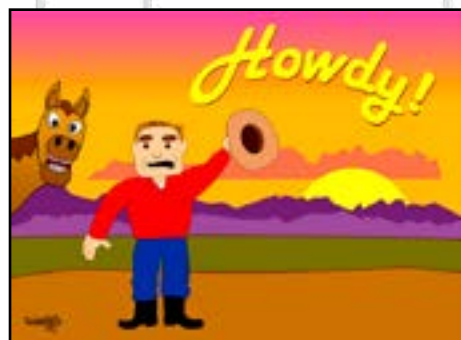
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Cover photo - Yes, it's the beginning of Autumn.....

Membership Meeting Location and CTV Sponsor



1st Wednesday of each month

781 W. Debbie Ln.
Mansfield, TX 76063
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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!!!

September 2023 BETTER BREAKFAST MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 LABOR DAY	5	6 Membership Meeting 7:30pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 CTV Corvette Roundup TCC Sib Campus Fort Worth, TX
17 CTV Corvette Roundup TCC Sib Campus Fort Worth, TX	18	19	20 Board Meeting 7:00pm	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

October 2023 APPLE JACK MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Membership Meeting 7:30pm	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Car Show Granbury, TX
15	16 Columbus Day	17 Happy Boss's Day	18 Board Meeting 7:00pm	19	20	21 CTV Annual Car Show Fort Worth
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Bold italic type denotes CTV events



Committees 2023

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With cooler weather coming (only hopeful as I compose this), a number of Cowtown and other Corvette activities are coming on the calendar. Autocrosses, ours and others; car shows, ours and others; social and last but certainly not least, CTV officer elections are nearing. Visit the website regularly to be sure you are working with the most updated information. Immediately happening events all have information linked on the website.

In mid- September (16th & 17th), CTV will be hosting their second sanctioned Autocross of the year at the south campus of Tarrant County College. Be sure to read Larry Schaapveld's article to get the latest information. As always, you are encouraged to enter, work or enter and work.

Planning for our annual all-Corvette Car Show continues with Kim West and her committee working to make it one of the best ever. You'll want to be sure and enter your car. Information is available on the website. See Kim West's article for more information.

A word about the Brazos River Corvette Club car show: BRCC graciously offers CTV their sanctions which makes it possible for us to have our NCCC sanctioned Autocrosses and Funkhannas. We have made it a point to encourage CTV members to repay BRCC's generosity by attending and entering their car show. So, plan on joining us for this show on the historic square in downtown Granbury. Early registration ends on September 14.

As I wrote last month, you are encouraged to keep the upcoming officer nominations/elections in mind. We need new people stepping up to bring new ideas to the club. Be looking around to see who you think might be one of those leaders; maybe it's the person you see in the mirror.

Save the Wave!!



SOCIAL NEWS



Mary Pittman

VP & Social Coordinator

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As I write this article now, prior to September, I am praying for a cool down! Thanks to those who came out for the pool party. Despite the heat it turned out to be a great time! The breeze and shade made the heat bearable. Thanks also for all of the food.... so plentiful and tasty. Thanks to William and Doug for putting out the cooler and shade tent for your comfort. Thanks to Doug for showing us the '67 and all the work that has been done to it. Finally thank you to Sylvia, the consummate hostess, for sharing her home with us.

SEPTEMBER

The social for September will be another combo cruise and dine. It is tentatively scheduled for September 23, but Robert Geyer, Cruiser Chair will have up to date info at the September membership meeting.

OCTOBER

Originally I had scheduled a cruise to be led by Doug McMahan to Corsicana and Cassaro Winery. However, after reviewing the club and SWR calendars, it seemed prudent to postpone this event until a later date so as not to take away from any other of the previously scheduled events. So, with that being said come out and support our club at the Brazos River Corvette Club Car show, CTV's own Corvette Car show and the SWR Autocross Fund Raiser.

NOVEMBER

On November 4, we will once again be heading out to the Currey hanger at Hicks Airfield and will again enjoy lunch at the cafe there at the airport. We will cruise out together and have lunch and enjoy visiting as well as looking at Larry's rat rod and other sundry cars! Time and starting location will be provided later.

SAVE THE DATE

Be sure you have **December 9th 2023** reserved on your calendar for our annual Christmas Party/Awards Banquet.



Committees 2023

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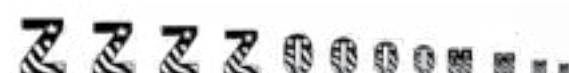
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New Members

Matt Chamberlain



Last Month's Visitors

None



09/04 PJ Jackson
09/08 Michelle Aggas
09/09 Melissa Musick
09/13 Matt Chamberlain
09/16 Jack Winter
09/20 Vanessa Glass
09/22 Nancy Moulton
09/23 Nancy Dick
09/24 Bernyce Molenda
09/25 Jack Rogers
09/30 Tim Musick
09/30 JL Smith



09/04 Tim & Melissa Musick
09/10 Charles & Debra Gerth
09/14 Steve & Rhonda Weible
09/21 Danny & Renee Townsend
09/27 Cliff & Jackie Holden
09/27 Raley & Jo Ann Smith
09/28 Don & Karyn Fowler



DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA



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Hope everyone is staying safe and cool during this heat wave. The pool party social was warm but bearable, thanks to Sylvia offering her home and pool – the water was nice. I was also asked by Sylvia and Mary to have the shop open to share the '67s progress – hope everyone enjoyed. We will have a slideshow at the September Meeting which will include any socials and other events that took place in August. The slideshow will continue to 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.

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.

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.

receiving them. More information on lists and acceptable use of them [can be found on our website.](#)

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



Robert Geyer
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James Little: Co-Chair



Hi guys

Well you wouldn't know it, especially if you have been outside lately, but it's almost Fall. And that means several things. First, it's time to start cruising again. Speaking of cruising I have a little trip planned to an Old Time Soda shop in Cleburne. The date is set for Saturday September 23. Plan to meet up at the Mansfield Kohl's parking lot at 10:30 am with a drivers meeting at 10:45 am and leaving around 11:00 am. It's a short cruise of about an hour through Johnson county backroads ending at Dillon's Depot. I will have more details later as I will be out of town for September's club meeting. So watch for my CTV-ALL emails.

Second, time is nearing for your special picture ' what I saw along the way' so be aware of that and let's have a good representation for all members to vote on.

And lastly, if you are participating in the Cruiser Points program there is still plenty of time to add more points to your total.

There is another cruise being planned by another club member for October. Details will be forthcoming as time nears and I'll keep all posted.

With all the car shows and NCCC events upcoming, it should be a busy and exciting Fall. Hope you participate in as much as you can as that's where the real fun is.



CHARITIES



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Hello Everyone –

Well, we are certainly into the hotter months of summer and hope that everyone has enjoyed vacations, family and down-time as some of us will soon will be back into some of our normal routines.

I would like to personally thank those volunteers who participated in the Cook Children's Hospital "Christmas in July" event on Tuesday, July 25th. Unfortunately, I missed the event due to travel, but was certainly with all of you in spirit and look forward to another event being scheduled in December. I know Cook Children's Hospital are always very appreciative for the Club's participation.

The volunteers representing CTV were the following:

Belinda Biggers	Jane & Bill Buehler
Becky & David Clark	Vicki & Larry Currey
Barb & Red Greenfeder	Jackie & Cliff Holden
Margaret Proctor	JoAnne & Raley Smith

A huge Thank You to all of you !



CookChildren's



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Corvette Racing Continues...Go yellow #3

Corvette Racing Muscles To Podium Finish At Road America 2023



Garcia with a little less than an hour left in the event. After pitting for four tires and fuel, Garcia dove back out onto the racing surface. However, the Corvette Racing team was nailed with a penalty for not meeting the minimum refueling time outlined by the sanctioning body. Garcia was forced to serve a drive-through penalty, surrendering the lead with 24 minutes left on the clock. They went on to finish third, and now must win to gain points in the championship.



Tides UP...Lets Go Web Surfin...

Corvette History Showcased In...Petersen Museum Exhibit



More Corvette News:

[2024 Corvette E-Ray: Real World Photo Gallery \(gmauthority.com\)](http://gmauthority.com)

[GM Sets 2024 Corvette Z06 Ownership Requirements \(gmauthority.com\)](http://gmauthority.com)

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



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Howdy Cowtown ...

We all heard of the sinkhole that swallowed up eight classic Vettes. Believe it or not, that was February 12, 2014, at 5:44am - almost ten years ago. The cause was attributed to the region’s geology and National Corvette Museum’s location atop soluble limestone and caves. Experts from various fields including geologists, engineers and construction specialist were called. The first step was stabilizing the area by filling in voids and ensure the ground was stable. Next came the careful process of retrieving the cars. Some visible, while others were completely buried. Cranes were used to extract each car and minimize further damage. The eight cars swallowed by the sinkhole included a 1993 ZR1 ‘Spyder’, a 2009 Blue ZR1, a black ‘62 Roadster convertible, a ‘84 Pace Car, the 1 millionth Corvette (a white ‘92), a ‘93 40th Anniversary, a ‘01 Z06, and the 1.5 millionth White ‘09 Corvette.

As the rescued cars were brought to the surface, they revealed varying degrees of damage. Some were remarkably well-preserved considering the circumstances of a fall of 60 feet, while others were significantly more affected by the collapse.

The repair of the sinkhole itself, was a massive undertaking that required significant time, effort, and resources. Engineers utilized advanced techniques like ground-penetrating radar and laser scanning to map the subsurface accurately. They then backfilled the sinkhole with a combination of crushed limestone and concrete to restore the grounds stability.

Eventually NCM reopened its doors with the recovered cars on display. Only 3 cars were completed restored. They were the Black 62 convertible, which was restored at the museum, while General Motors took over the restoration of the White ‘92 (1 millionth Vette) and the blue ‘09 ZR1.

If interested – there are outstanding time lapse videos you can view on YouTube of the Sinkhole Security Camera Footage and of the 1962 Sinkhole Corvette – The Final Chapter.

Almost ten years later it is all there waiting for you on your next visit to Bowling Green as a member and supporter of the NCM. You might find yourself being even more selective in finding that perfect parking spot for your beloved and shiny ride.



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Cowtown would benefit from having some good club sponsors (at any level); see below. Do you own or work somewhere that might be interested? ...if so, 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 any thoughts for 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.

POOL PARTY



CTV Social
Saturday August 19th
at Sylvia Holdridge's



DOUG & GLENDA'S '67 RESTOMOD



Save the Date: **October 21st**



Registration is now open.

It would be great to support the club even if you will not be able to attend.

There are 2 ways:

- Pre-registration for \$40.00, you will receive a goodie bag and t-shirt
- or you can order a t-shirt for \$20.00.

Two club members have volunteered to DJ the event. I'm so thankful for Raley and Randy.

We will need volunteers for the day of the show:

- Parking
- Registration
- Door Prizes & 50/50
- Lot Entry
- Setup, Tear Down

I will pass a sign-up sheet around at the next 2 meetings. If you are not able to attend, contact me and I will add your name to the sheet.

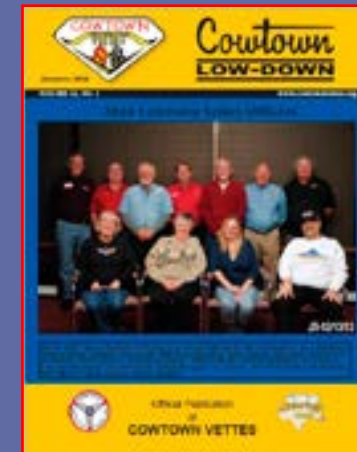
Next Car Show Committee meetings:

- September 28th 7:00 at the home of Bill and Jane Buehler.
- October 19th 6:00 Goodie Bag Party at the home of Bill and Jane Buehler.

Looking forward to seeing you all on at the 21st Annual on October 21st.

Kim West

Car Show Committee Chair



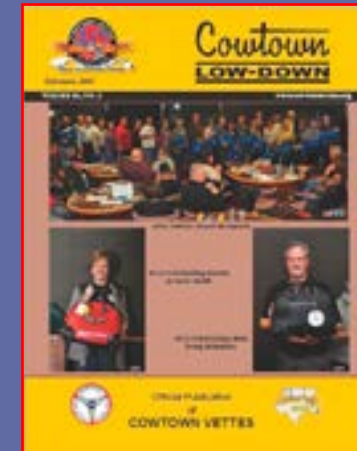
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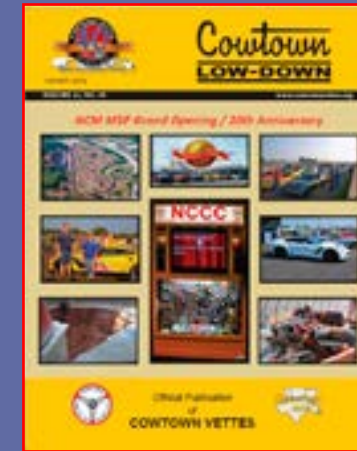
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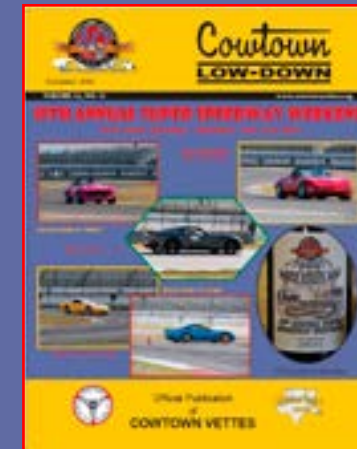
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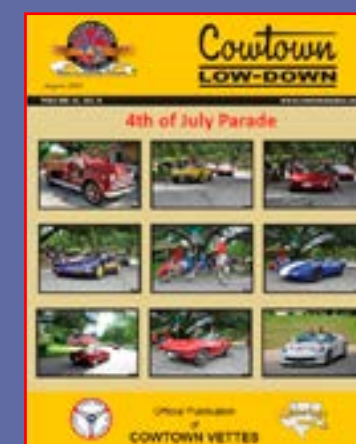
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NCCC EVENTS



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Upcoming events:

- September 16th / 17th - Cowtown Corvette Roundup
- October 21st - Cowtown Vettes Car Show

See website for details



NCCC GOVERNOR



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Currently, there are 154 Cowtown Vette Members. Again, if you know of a friend or neighbor with a Corvette, invite them to come be a part of Cowtown Vettes!

There is nothing going on in the SW Region, due to the extreme heat.

Our autocross event at TCC on September 16-17 is coming up next. We hope the weather will give us a break by then.

The CTCC event at the TSTC Airport in Waco has officially been canceled! Counting ours, there are only three events left this season, not counting the SW Region fundraiser. Oklahoma City Corvette Club will be holding their Fall Festival (14 autocross events) at Edmond, on September 30-October 1. Longhorn is hosting their event October 21 & 22 event at Killeen and Holland. Seven autocrosses on Saturday, and 3 drags on Sunday. This will be the only drags event in the SW Region this year!

The SW Region fundraiser is still in the works, but not at Frederick, OK. The facility was not available on any of the dates we could use.

The SW Region standings of Cowtown and Cowtown members are still unchanged, since there have been no events in the SW Region.

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, Cowtown is Number 1 in SW Region, with what I believe is an insurmountable lead over Number 2 Oklahoma City Corvette Club.

Because other regions are now heavily competing, the national standings have changed.

Men, James Little - 8, and Rick Whitcomb - 10. There are no longer any Cowtown ladies in the top 15. As a club, Cowtown is still Number 4, with a fairly good lead over 5. There are no other Cowtown members in the top 15 nationally. As a club, Cowtown has dropped to Number 4.

Save the wave!



Mobil 1



NCCC 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)
SEPTEMBER			
8-9	St Louis, Mo	National Meetings	Nat'L
16-17	Ft Worth, Tx	Tarrant County College 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	CTCC 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 Officers (Electronic Voting)	All
7-8	Houston	Edmond Fire Academy Autocross Events	CMCT SJCC
21-22	Killeen & Holland, 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?)

The final part of this series (to loud applause).....

Techno-Colored Dashboards

One thing drivers remember about the '80s it was the dashboards. The digital dashboards of this era were meant to represent the future. Unfortunately, all that happened was expensive dashboard replacements. The Camaro Berlinetta was one such vehicle that tried to take advantage of the digital design. Consumers didn't adapt to this at all and by the turn of the '90s, dashboards were analog again. The Cadillac brand was another home to way too many digital dashboards. There are some benefits to a digital dashboard but they weren't major. Most consumers just preferred the regular style of analog gauges as opposed to the digital dash. Still, the digital dash is a pretty notable part of '80s automotive culture.

Cylinder Deactivation

Throughout the '80s, automakers were experimenting with all kinds of new fuel management technologies. The Cylinder Deactivation was among one of the most controversial. On most of the cars that featured this technology the reliability suffered. As such, most automakers ended up moving away from Cylinder Deactivation not long after it was introduced. Cylinder deactivation has returned in some sense of the word almost 30 years later. Most modern engines have some type of deactivation, especially on pickup trucks. It's questionable how much fuel the technology saves. Most consumers went to have a reliable vehicle and with cylinder deactivation, this isn't always the case.

Paint Jobs

Remember the Baja-themed trucks of the '80s? Probably not unless you lived through it. But there was a period where automakers were going a bit over the top with paint schemes. The paint jobs of this era were notoriously flashy and most of the automakers were following with this. The problem is that 10 years down the road, most of these paint jobs had peeled or faded. Automakers are notorious when it comes to cost-cutting and it would appear that this fad was part of that. Nevertheless, if you've ever seen a pickup truck or car from the '80s, you probably remember these wild paint jobs. One of the last prominent vehicles to feature this was the Ford Ranger Splash.



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