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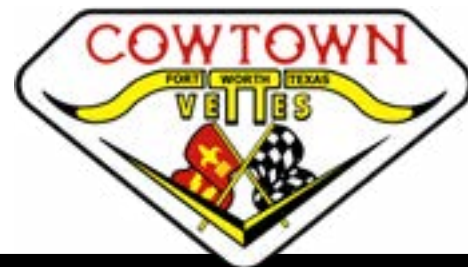
Cover photo - Happy Christmas

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](http://www.cowtownvettes.org) in addition!!!

December 2023 BINGO MONTH

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

January 2024 BATH SAFETY MONTH

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

Bold italic type denotes CTV events



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THE PRESIDENT'S PIT STOP



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Here we are at year-end with only a few things to do before we say goodbye to 2023 and ring in 2024. There are Elected Officer positions to be voted on in the December Membership meeting – 3 candidates vying for 2 Board positions and 4 members are on the ballot for Junior Board Member. All candidates are good CTV members and are worthy of your consideration. Please take the time to cast your vote for the candidates that you believe will best serve Cowtown Vettes.

Shortly after the Membership meeting we will have our Year End Awards Banquet/Christmas Party. We'll recognize the members who have achieved specific points standings while representing Cowtown at Autocrosses around the Region and beyond and at other NCCC events. Be sure and check the Mary Pittman's Vice President article for more details.

It's hard to believe the year of my being President is coming to a close; I was sure it would never arrive when the year started. I have certainly appreciated all the words of encouragement you have given me. They have made the task much easier than I expected. I particularly want to thank the Elected Officers and Committees for all their hard work and support during the year. It's because of their efforts that we've had a successful year – we had new members join us, previous members return, autocrosses that were challenging, well attended and profitable and the annual car show had over 100 cars registered and returned a nice profit to the club's treasury.

And so as I step down as President, I'm encouraged that Randy Baker stepped up to be our President in 2024. His wisdom and demeanor will serve Cowtown well and, as a former school administrator, his experience handling a rowdy crowd make him a perfect fit for the position. I wish him great success and encourage each of you to join arms with Randy, find a committee to work with and make 2024 our best year ever as we celebrate Cowtown Vettes' 50th anniversary.

I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Save the Wave!!

SOCIAL NEWS



Mary Pittman

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How can it possibly be December?? Where has 2023 gone?? It seems to have been a whirlwind year or is that just my imagination...seems the older I get the faster the year goes by or maybe that is just an illusion from riding in a Corvette.

Thanks so much to all of you who came out for the social events we had this year and thank you to Robert Geyer who teamed with me to put on some great "Drive and Dine" events. Looking forward to more of those next year.

The only thing left on our social calendar for this year is our Christmas Party and Awards Banquet:

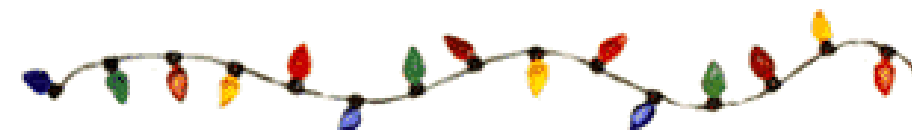
Saturday December 9th at 6:30pm

at

**Lost Oak Winery Event Center,
8101 County Rd 802, Burleson, Tx 76028.**

We are praying for a beautiful day and no pouring rain like we had last year. We will enjoy at holiday dinner, awards, some games, door prizes and don't forget your toys for our annual "Toy for Tots" charity donation. Looking forward to seeing all of you who have made reservations for this event.

Looks like I will again be your social chairperson for 2024. So I look forward to some new activities as well as repeating some of the most enjoyed events from this year. Thank you for your support in 2023!



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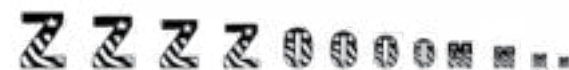
New Members



Paula & Ken
Campbell

Last Month's Visitors

None



12/03 - Raley Smith
12/05 - Belinda Biggers
12/06 - Pat Gill
12/09 - Cliff Holden
12/10 - Margaret Proctor
12/12 - Bill Buehler
12/16 - Teena Warren
12/26 - Bob Snegon
12/26 - Rick Young
12/26 - Greg Zirbas
12/27 - John Moulton
12/31 - Debbie Lindsey
12/27 - Sam Castorani
12/27 - John Moulton
12/31 - Debbie Lindsey



12/11 - Red & Barb Greenfeder
12/12 - David & Pat Gill
12/27 - Jauni Skinner & Jim Johnson



DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA



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What a wild swing in weather this past couple of months – glad the heat is past but it would be nice to have Fall before Winter started ☺ We will have a slideshow at the December Meeting which will include any socials and other events that took place in October & November. 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.

Don't forget, Next April will be Cowtown's 50th Anniversary – 2024 should be a big & fun year for all

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).

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 & Happy Holidays

It's Winter now and my cruising is done for the year. I would like to take this time and personally thank each of you that participated with me cruising the back roads of Texas. I'm looking forward to another fun year of guiding y'all to more back road destinations next Spring.

Lastly, remember our annual Christmas party is this December 9th. This is when I will hand out my awards for the Cruiser points program and 'what I saw along the way' photo contest. Come see who won Cruiser and the Photo contest and if you did not participate then next year will be a great opportunity for you to try them out.

FROM THE ED

*As y'all may have heard **Debby's Mom, Janie**, passed away on November 21st. She n' I didn't always get along, but she was a wonderful lady and I miss her so much. We're coming to terms with our loss.*

Being short on available time, for the 1st time (in 10 years of producing this tome), it's possible I might have missed a thing or two. Also pics of recent events will have to wait until the next issue. Thanks to Larry (and Doug) though, you can most likely find 'em on our website.

Meanwhile, "Happy Holly-Daze" and back to normal (is there such a thing?) next month.

As Groucho Marx said "Next to a dog, a book is mans best friend; inside of a dog, it's too dark to read...."

PJ

CHARITIES



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**WOUNDED WARRIOR
PROJECT**

**TARRANT FOOD BANK
— AREA**

Hello Everyone -

First, I would like to report on how successful we believe our Car Show was in October. The weather was nice, and I believe many enjoyed the day. Kim West did an outstanding job in organizing the entire event (I would imagine that was like "herding cats"). Everyone did a great job; we were able to give away a bunch of great door prizes and I was pleased that our 50/50 drawing raised \$1106. And with that said, our very own club member Glenda McMahan was the 50/50 winner. So congrats Glenda and she told me "she never wins" ! LOL

Our November volunteer event at the Tarrant Area Food Bank was a big success. We had 14 club members participate and everyone worked so well as teams, we completed our "task" in record time. Needless to say, TAFB was amazed at the number of produce boxes we completed. So, after a quick break, we were given another "task". We then headed over to Angelo's Barbeque for an early dinner and was nice to be able to visit with everyone.

As we come up on the holiday season, we know everyone is getting ready for events with family, friends, and co-workers. As a reminder for CTV Club events in December we have on Saturday, Dec 9th the CTV Christmas Parts at Lost Oak Winery. During this event, CTV will again participate in the Toys-for-Tots, so bring an unwrapped toy/toys to the venue. We have requested a representative from the Marines at the event. Our contributions last year were **INCREDIBLE** and we hope that we can do that again (or even better) this year.

On Tues, Dec 19th, CTV will be supporting the Cook Children's Hospital Christmas Event. CTV normally provides around 10-12 volunteers to help with their Christmas event for the kids. Some details are still pending – so more information will be provided as soon as it is received.

During this holiday season, please take a moment out of your busy schedules to enjoy family and friends, count your blessings, and stay safe and healthy.

Again, as always - Thank You !



CookChildren's





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Corvette Racing Continues...Go yellow #3..#4

Pratt & Miller debuts the new Corvette Z06 GT3.R for IMSA and FIA WEC



Pratt & Miller debuts the new Corvette Z06 GT3.R for IMSA and FIA WEC (msn.com)
Click on the link to watch videos and read full article.
Pratt & Miller Team Manager Ben Bode gave quick walkaround tour of the new car that also represents a new racing organizational arrangement, GM stepping back from running the program, instead selling the Z06 GT3.R to select teams for \$735,000 apiece.
Per GT3 specs, the new challenger starts with a production Z06 aluminum chassis. Everything hung on it is all new compared to the C8.R that raced from 2020 to 2023. New mechanical and aero solutions include a center cooling exit for the radiator, which frees up the former cooling exits in the front fenders to be used as pure air extractors reducing lift at the front.



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Click and Read More Corvette Tech Talk on the Web:

<https://gmauthority.com/blog/2023/11/corvette-racing-expands-driver-lineup-for-2024-season/>



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



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Howdy Cowtown ...

Can you believe it's December with 2024 just around the corner. With the coming of the new year – I am humbled by your support as the new President of CTV for 2024. I look forward to working with you all, as we plan for our fun and adventures for our vibrant and active club. If you have any suggestions for meetings and activities, I am open to and welcome your ideas. Feel free to email, text or even better call me at any time. My number is 817-798-1733 and my email address is rworldbfree@gmail.com.

Also, taking on the duties of President, I will need to find someone to take the position of Ambassador to the National Corvette Museum. This position does not entail a great amount of work but offers individual opportunities to learn more about our own NCM and work to keep our members abreast of new opportunities and activities taking place at the NCM.

On that note, 2024 will be an exciting year for NCM with numerous events planned for its 30th year anniversary along with the events at the museum, a National Corvette Caravan will take place originating from all corners of the U.S and culminating in Bowling Green. This event is hosted every five years and is slated for Labor Day weekend 2024. North Texas participants will join in Oklahoma and travel to Bowling Green for the 4-day event. If you are interested in taking part there is registration information on the NCM website.

Meanwhile, I hope you all have a great holiday season enjoying your family and friends.

That's all for now....



meanwhile. here's the invisible man reading an article written with invisible ink.....

CTV ANNUAL CAR SHOW NEWS

I want to everyone who worked on the car show committee (a year of planning and meetings) and all the workers the day of the show. The day ended up being another warm 90+ degree day. There were 101 registered. All in all, the 21st Annual CTV Car Show turned out to be another great show. I have received many many compliments. A huge shout out to Street Side Classic for their sponsorship. A tremendous thank you to Mid-Cities Classic for the generous contribution again this year. We had one vendor Denise Kasper with Zoom Apparel. Thank you to Larry Schaapveld for the support, ideas, contribution. I will present the final financials to the board and will report to the membership at the December membership meeting. Thank you to everyone's for all hard work. This is very much a group effort.

Registration/Admin:

Donna Forsythe
Debbie Lindsey

Charity 50/50:

Cathy and Randy Baker
Jane Buehler

Vendors/Sponsorship/Prizes/Goodie Bags

Willie Owens
Cathy and Randy Baker

T-Shirts:

Kelly, Donna, and Jim Forsythe

MC:

Raley Smith

Trophies:

Mike Lindner

Artwork/Photography/Flyers

Doug McMahan

Setup/Parking/Signage

Bill Buehler
Tony Sokoloski

Kim West

Car Show Committee Chair



Equipment:

Robert Geyer

Refreshments:

Debbie Lindsey

Other Committee Members

Cliff and Jackie Holder
Jerry Lindsey
Jim Forsythe
Barry Smith
Sylvia Hoaldrige

Day of Workers:

Brandon Forsythe and Hannah Johns
Brittany Baker
Vicki and Larry Currey
Jack and Paula Winter
Mike Messeri
John Moulton
Jack Gandy
Michael and Belinda Biggers
Becky and David Clark
JoAnn Smith

NCCC GOVERNOR



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Early renewal is now over. We are starting 2024 with 125 members. I know there will be a few late renewals.

All SouthWest Region NCCC events are over, and the points are all in.

The final SW Region standings are as follows:

Men - James Little -1, Dalan Walker – 5, Rick Whitcomb – 6, Larry Schaapveld – 8, Red Greenfeder – 9, and Norman Walker – 10.

Ladies - Lee Ann Parker – 2, Cathy Anthony – 8, and Kim Little - 10.

As a club, Cowtown Vettes is once again Number 1 in SW Region!

The national standings have changed.

Currently, we have 2 men, Rick Whitcomb – 13, and James Little – 14. and no ladies in the top 15.

Cowtown is currently Number 3!

The newly elected VP of Competition is Rene Cardenas.

The SW Region Awards Banquet is a luncheon, being held at Lost Oak Winery, on February 17, 2024.

Save the wave!



NCCC South West Region

NCCC Events

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)
DECEMBER			
	Zip		All



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



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Provisional 2024 Upcoming events:

- March 23/24 - Fat Daddy's Bar & Grill - 12th Annual Spring Scramble
- April 13/14 - Tarrant County College - 4th Annual Larry Hoaldrige Memorial Event
- September 7/8 - Tarrant County College - 14 Low-Speed Autocross Events





ALL CORRESPONDENCE SHOULD BE SENT TO:

COWTOWN VETTES

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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**



All most will ever see of a C8 Z06....



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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