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Cover photo - Spring is almost here!!

Membership Meeting Location and CTV Sponsor

1st Wednesday of each month

7101 Camp Bowie West
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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!!!

March 2024 NATIONAL CELERY MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31						1 2
3	4	5	Membership Meeting 7:30pm	7	8	CTV Practice Autocross Azle High School 8:00 am
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	Board Meeting 7:00pm	21	22	12th Annual Spring Scramble
12th Annual Spring Scramble	25	26	27	28	29	30

April 2024 NATIONAL HUMOR MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	Membership Meeting 7:30pm	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	4th Annual Larry Hoaldrige Memorial Event
4th Annual Larry Hoaldrige Memorial Event	15	16	Board Meeting 7:00pm	18	Boerne Car Show Cruise (More Info Coming)	Boerne Car Show Cruise (More Info Coming)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Bold italic type denotes CTV events



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THE PRESIDENT'S PIT STOP



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Howdy Cowtown ...

Spring is just around the corner, and we couldn't be more excited for the warmer weather ahead. How about temperatures in the 80's and 90's in February – can you believe it? It's time to dust off those Corvettes and get ready for some fun in the sun!

Our club is vibrant and active, with a fantastic group of members who share a passion for all things Corvette as well as supporting local charities. We have a dedicated team of officers, board members and committee chairs who work hard to organize racing events, cruises, and socials for all to enjoy. Get ready – our club's 50th Anniversary party is just around the corner this summer with a Margaritaville theme and fun for everyone. Special thanks to Vicki Currey and Mary Pittman for their planning of this special event.

If you haven't already, but sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming events. We have some exciting plans in the works, and we can't wait to see you all there.

Stay tuned for more updates in the coming weeks on our comprehensive website Cowtown Vettes. Let's make this spring one to remember!

Happy Driving



SOCIAL NEWS



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Hope you enjoyed the balmy spring weather we had in February! Also, hopefully our winter is over and spring has sprung...not sure I am ready for 110 degree weather, but won't miss freezing temps. Thanks to all who came out for our first social of the year at Boo Ray's of New Orleans. We had a great turnout and everyone seems to enjoy themselves. It was great to get together with both old and new friends.

MARCH

As previously discussed, the calendar for March was full almost before the year started. The first weekend will be the CTV Practice Autocross, the second weekend will be an autocross in Waco which also will be the regional governors meeting which involves several CTV members, the third weekend will be the CTV Spring Scramble a Fat Daddy's in Mansfield which will include a car show, a funkana and several rallyes and the final March weekend is Easter. So, I encourage you to come out and support our club either as a worker or a participant in these events.

APRIL

For the month of April, Robert Geyer, Cruiser Chair, has a cruise in the planning stages and will provide more info on that. We also have the 4th Annual Larry Hoaldrige Memorial Autocross on April 13 & 14.

MAY

On May 11, we will be having a cruise to Cassaro Winery in Ovilla for a "Vettes and Vino" mini Corvette exhibition. Hopefully we will be able to enjoy a pretty day before the weather gets too hot. We can enjoy some wine and they also have pizzas and charcuterie trays. More details and a sign up sheet will be available later. www.cassarowines.com

I would hardily encourage you to come out for any or all of our March and April events. Participation is a great way to get involved and to also a great way to get acquainted with our members.



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Last Month's Visitors



03/03 JUANI SKINNER
03/05 LINDA LUMMUS
03/07 JOE ROSALES
03/09 NORMAN WALKER
03/14 BRUCE LEWIS
03/15 VICKI CURREY
03/17 JACK GANDY
03/21 SONDR A MINIER
03/22 BILL RUCKER
03/29 KAREN DAWSON
03/30 JESSE PEREZ



03/03 NORMAN & ANN WALKER
03/05 LARRY & KAYE SCHAAPVELD
03/10 JOE & ANA ROSALES
03/16 JOHN & COREY ARMES
03/24 GREG & SONDR A MINIER



DIGITAL & SOCIAL MEDIA



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How about this amazing weather – are we sure last month was February? The negative is where the temps & dry conditions that might have played a part in the wildfires in the Texas Panhandle. This year should be a fun and exciting year with Cowtown's 50th Anniversary. 😊 I did figure out the projector at Fred's and were able to share the slideshow at the February Meeting. We will be having a slideshow each month which will include any socials and other events that took place in the previous month. The slideshow will continue to include some Corvette Trivia along with various other Corvette happenings around the country. Larry (our webmaster) does post a lower-resolution version online, on the CTV Website. Please provide any submissions for the slideshow to me no later than Monday evening of the Membership Meeting week. April 6th will be Cowtown's 50th Anniversary, this year should be a fun year for Cowtown and the members. The committee is busy planning a 50th party along with proclamation by the FW City Council, most likely a Club Member/Vette photo shoot, etc.

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.

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.

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.](#)

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 on the Member's Only page as well.

COWTOWN CRUISER



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James Little: Co-Chair



Hello cruisers,

It's March now, the weather is warming up and the call of the open road is beckoning. So take your Vette out of winter hibernation, dust her off, and let's hit those country back roads. And hopefully you will be participating in our Cowtown Cruiser points program while cruising those back roads.

March is a busy month with several events happening and one personal event I will attend. So I will not be sponsoring a cruise this month. However cruising will begin in April and every month after that. Attend our March club meeting as I will be talking about an overnight cruise to Beorne, TX. for an open car show. Your participation in the car show is optional. If you plan to attend I will need you to sign up so I can find overnight lodging and restaurants for those cruising with me. For more information on the car show and associated events Google '2024 Texas Corvette Association Open Car Show'.

Hope to see y'all at the March 6th club meeting.



CHARITIES



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TARRANT AREA FOOD BANK

Hello everyone –

So here is a question what does charity mean to you? To me, it expresses the spirit of compassion and generosity. Selflessly giving to others through donations, volunteering, or acts of kindness with a goal of making a positive impact on others. And Cowtown Vettes members are a large part of making this impact possible for others. Whether through our monetary donations or our “labor-of-love” hours, we as a club have always been exceptionally charitable!

In the coming months, we are planning a “Don’t Forget to Feed Me” pet food drive as well as a “work-day” at Tarrant Area Food Bank. Both of these organizations are very appreciative of our club’s generosity and commitment to helping others. The club has a long and excellent reputation and I know we want to keep that going now, as well as in the future. Watch for more information as these dates and times are confirmed and I share the details of the events with you all.

During the meantime – with spring just around the corner, I know we all can’t wait to take some time to enjoy our Corvettes. So have a fun drive, be safe and stay well.

More to follow



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Corvette Racing ...Go yellow #3

Twenty-five years of Corvette Racing history comes to an end...



when the checkered flag falls on this weekend's Petit Le Mans, the season finale of the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.

Having competed as an entity through several categories of GT racing and across several series, the sun will set on the program as Corvette transitions to customer racing with the advent of the Corvette Z06 GT3.R next season.

"In my time with Corvette Racing, I watched the team evolve immensely," said Oliver Gavin, who drove for Corvette Racing from 2002-20. "It really has been incredible to watch.

Gavin, the winningest driver in Corvette history, is one of 24 different drivers to have won in a Corvette, including Johnny O'Connell, Jan Magnussen, Ron Fellows, Olivier Beretta, Antonio Garcia, Jordan Taylor, Tommy Milner, Nicky Catsburg, Ben Keating, Kelly Collins and Max Papis. Corvette lore is written in achievements such as the overall victory in the 24 Hours of Daytona in 2001 or the 2017 victory at Sebring against some of the best GTLM competition ever assembled, or the first-and-second battle to the finish at Daytona in 2016.



"It has meant a lot to my career with all I've achieved with Corvette Racing," said Garcia. "There couldn't be a better place to be. I've managed to win five championships, but the team has managed to win so many more. This is the best team in the sport at the end of the day, and I'm grateful I've been able to carry on.

"I'm super happy with Corvette Racing and they seem to be super happy with me. It's been a perfect combinations for the last 15 or 16 years that I've been racing." Can't wait for the season to kick off!!

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

SPONSORSHIP



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For our 50th Anniversary, 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.**

NCCC GOVERNOR



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We are finally in full swing! We now are back up to 145 members.

The SW Region Awards Banquet was a great success. Cowtown was extremely well represented.

New membership cards have started showing up. Ours arrived today. Check them over very carefully, and make sure everything is correct. If something is NOT correct, please let ME know. If you were a late renewal, there's a possibility that you will receive a card later on, with a sticker on the back with your name and NCCC number. They're only doing ONE printing.

We returned yesterday from the first National Governor's Meeting of 2024. Not much to relay, except the trend is continuing to swing toward non-speed events to acquire points. More funkhanas, car shows and rallies are showing up in the competition database.

Cowtown's first event this year will be our practice autocross on March 9, at Azle High School. This will be an opportunity for club members to learn all aspects of putting on an autocross. This will include setting up the course, driving, working corners, staging, starting, working the board, and, last but not least, timing.

The next autocross event will be 14 low-speed autocrosses at McLane Stadium in Waco on March 16 and 17. OUR next event will be our 12th Annual Spring Scramble at Fat Daddy's on March 23 and 24. This will be a two-day event, with one car show, one funkhana and five rallies on EACH day!

Save the wave!



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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

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Lufkin, TX • SW-577

LONGHORN CORVETTE CLUB (LCC)
Austin, TX • SW-207

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OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB (OCCC)
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TEXAS COMPETITION CORVETTE CLUB (TCCC)
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TEXAS CORVETTE MOTORSPORTS CLUB (TCMC)
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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 2024

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB(S)
MARCH			
16-17	WACO, TX	MCLANE STADIUM 14 LOW-SPEED AUTOCROSSES	CTCC TCCC
16?	TBD	1st SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - TBD @ TBD	ALL
TENTATIVE	MANSFIELD, TX	FAT DADDY' BAR @ GRILL - 12TH ANNUAL SPRING SCRAMBLE CAR SHOW, FUNKHANA & 4 RALLIES (HOSTED BY CTV) CS-9:00AM, FUNKHANA -10:00AM, RALLIES - 1:00PM	CTV (BRCC/CCT)
APRIL			
13-14	FT WORTH, TX	TARRANT COUNTY COLLEGE 4TH ANNUAL LARRY HOALDRIDGE MEMORIAL EVENT 14 LOW-SPEED AUTOCROSS EVENTS	CTV (BRCC/CCT)
27-28	KILLEEN, TX	TEXAS AM UNIVERSITY CENTRAL 14 LOW-SPEED AUTOCROSS EVENTS	TOCC
MAY			
3-5	ST LOUIS, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	NAT'L
11-12		NO EVENTS DUE TO CONVENTION	
13-19	JOPLIN, MO	NCCC NATIONAL CONVENTION	NAT'L
25-27	DRUMRIGHT, OK	CENTRAL TECHNOLOGY CENTER 55TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN STATES FESTIVAL & TULSA VETTE SET'S BLACK GOLD WEEKEND 21 LOW-SPEED AUTOCROSS EVENTS	THT
JUNE			
TBD	TBD	2nd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - TBD @ TBD	ALL
22-23		CRUSIN' THE ARBUCKLES - CAR SHOW & 4 RALLIES	
JULY			
		OPEN ...NO EVENTS DUE TO HEAT?	
AUGUST			
		OPEN ...NO EVENTS DUE TO HEAT?	



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

CTV CAR SHOW

It's time to get your log book organized for the upcoming car show season.

For all the information go to CTV's website, Activities tab, Car Show. There you will find the point system. I hope everyone participates, even if you only attend one or two car shows, turn in your point. The annual award will be give out at the Christmas party.

Kim West



COWTOWN CAR SHOW POINTS SYSTEM

- The 2024 show season: Jan 1 thru Nov 3
- Points to be turned in by Midnight Nov 3 to TBD
- Participant is representing Cowtown Vettes (flag, window sticker, etc.)
- Points will be awarded to the car, not the participant

DESCRIPTION

Show Entry

(per show day, i.e. 3-day car show* would receive 3 pts)
* note, multiple NCCC Event weekends that have a Car Show lasting only 1 day with racing on the additional day(s), only receives points for that one day, not the length of the NCCC Event.

POINTS

1-x

Show Awards

- 1st Place (or Top 20, Class Winner) 3
- 2nd Place (or Class Award) 2
- 3rd Place 1
- Club Sponsor Car Exhibition / Display 5

Best of Show

Sponsor or Manager Award

Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Interior, etc.

Mileage Points (One Way), from downtown Ft Worth*

- 100 to 299 miles 1
- 300 to 599 miles 2
- 600 and above miles 3

* Unless you live over 50 Miles from CTV's PO Box in Downtown Ft Worth

Be sure to email your show entry / participation information, awards won, mileage traveled, incl. photos, etc. to the Chairperson for posting to the standings



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



DO YOU HAVE A NEW ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER OR EMAIL ADDRESS? HAVE YOU SOLD YOUR CORVETTE OR BOUGHT A NEW ONE?
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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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