

# COWTOWN LOW-DOWN

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## Are Dinosaurs Really Extinct — The Road to #1

**Di-no-saur [dahy-nuh-sawr] - noun-**  
Something that is unwieldy in size, anachronistically outmoded, or unable to adapt to change.

The 2006 SW Region racing season has come to a close. It has been a year of highs and lows but in the end it has been a great year of competition and friendships shared. I thought

some may be interested in what it's taken to win in the 2006 competition year.

Most everyone in the Club (as well as the Region) is familiar with the 77 red Corvette we affectionately call Coneslayer. The car has been a member of the Cowtown family for over 15 years. Viola and I have had the good fortune to be it's caretaker for the past three. In the SW Region these relics are affectionately called Dinosaurs.

Over the winter we made the decision to move the car from Group 2 to Group 3 since there were less restrictions on modifications. With the help of engine builder extraordinaire Don Fowler we were able to put together a killer 350. With a few other modifications we finally got the car ready for the racing season about 2 weeks before the first event of 2006. With the new engine and other changes we had three goals for the new season. First, to finish every event in the car. Second, to finish in the top 10 in the region. Finally, to have fun. Racing is unpredictable and this year proved that point well.

We began the season in April with 6 Ax events and 2 drag events. At Wichita Fall we ran the 1/8 mile as the first event. The first practice pass was encouraging with a decent time. The car seemed to be running and hooking up great. Leaving the line on the second practice pass the car left hard and ran for 50 feet then nothing. Limped to the end of the track and back the return road. Broke a side yoke in the rear end. We wound up on the trailer after just one pass. So much for goal #1. We were done with the drags that day. On Sunday I drove Doug and Glenda's car and Vi drove Bruce and Yvette's car in the Ax. Nice thing about racers — always willing to help out. At least the weekend wasn't a total loss.

Thanks to Bruce we were able to get a new rear end in by Hallett. Friday and Saturday were miserable. Heavy rain both days. So now we have an unproven car,

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## JANUARY 2007

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

**CTV MEMBERSHIP MEETING**  
7:30 AT COORS FACILITY

SOCIALIZING AT  
SHADY OAKS BBQ  
AFTER THE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MEMBERSHIP SURVEYS ARE DUE

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7:00 AT COORS FACILITY

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BRITTANY LEWIS'S BIRTHDAY

DON WELLS'S BIRTHDAY

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YVETTE LEWIS'S BIRTHDAY

CHRIS GRAMS'S BIRTHDAY

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2007 will be a great year for CTV. I am looking forward to it. Congratulations to the new officers and board members. Each person on the board has such enthusiasm, it is contagious. Look for new and exciting things from this board.

Come be a part of our great team. It's that time of year again when I start forming committees. Please contact me if you would like to serve. Some committees are a one member job and some take quite a few. It takes many to keep this club going and the more the merrier.

Please fill out the survey you received. CTV is your club. We want you to be a part of the planning to create a great 2007.

Thanks to all for a wonderful 2006.

Keep on Vett'en,  
Kim West  
CTV President 2007

*Trivia Question: What year was the last year to feature "Wide Whitewall" tires?*

NCCC: Officer updates for the Region and the Nation. The following officers below and the officers you selected for our own club (to the left) have committed themselves to you, your club, your region and your national organization of NCCC.

## NCCC Officers Elect 2007

President	Richard Yanko
Vice President	Bob Bowen
Treasurer	Deb Murphy
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2007 Appointed Officer position will be announced February 23 - 24 at the national Governor's meeting.

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## NCCC News: [www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org)

December 27, 2006 ~ 2007 Membership Packets for Members are currently being mailed out. If you do not receive yours by January 10, 2007, contact the Governor of your Club or your RMD.

## Southwest Region News: [www.ncccswwregion](http://www.ncccswwregion)

Updates to the 2007 event schedules have been posted. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS** March 17th will be the SW Region Awards Banquet, more details to follow.

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## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well the New Year is here and I'm going to try my best to make it a fun one. I would like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve as Vice President. I will do my very best to serve you and the club.

I have a lot of ideas for 2007 and I need the help of each and every one of you to plan activities and build the calendar for next year. I am including a survey as an insert to this month's newsletter. I need **everyone** to complete a survey and return them to me. It is very important that **everyone** turn one in so I can evaluate what the **club** would like to do and what they are interested in.

I will represent the club as a whole and plan activities that everyone will enjoy.

Please help me help you and we will all enjoy a great year.

Thank you,  
Bobby Gorman  
CTV Vice President  
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## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

### MSD LT1 Distributor - The OptiSpark Option

MSD comes to the rescue with its Pro-Billet LT1 distributor

By Chris Endres, *Vette Magazine*, November 2006

As General Motors' flagship automobile, Corvette has always been the recipient of GM's latest and greatest innovations. Usually, this is a good thing. Occasionally, however, the latest isn't all that great. Such engineering pratfalls as the "Cease Fire" Injection debacle of the early '80s spring to mind, as do the half-baked FX3 suspension and the oddball 4+3 Nash crash box. The LT1 C4 aficionados among you will quickly add OptiSpark to this list, and with good reason.

**Diagnosis 101** Think your Opti is on its way out? Some common traits exhibited by a faulty OptiSpark include:

- |   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| -Excessive cranking required to start     | -Starts but dies immediately         |
| -Rough idle with backfiring or sputtering | -Poor performance with car warmed up |
| -Poor high-rpm performance                | -Poor gas mileage                    |
| -Black exhaust                            | -Weak plug-wire spark                |
| -Car suddenly dies and won't restart      |                                      |

The best way to determine the root of your LT1 Vette's ignition-related problem is through the use of a scan tool such as Autotap. Often, the PCM will detect the fault and flag it with an appropriate error code. This is not always the case, however, particularly if the problem is intermittent. Failing that, verify that all grounds are good. Also check the condition of the spark plugs, wires, and coil. Spending a few extra minutes to properly diagnose the problem could save you a lot of time, frustration, and more than a few Benjamins.

Options: The MSD Pro-Billet LT1 distributor sells for \$499 and is available in both early ('92-early '94) and late (late '94-'97) versions. The distributor is supplied complete with all the components required for installation and has a one-year warranty. Replacement OptiSpark distributors from GM commonly retail for over \$400, and dealer service departments have been heard to quote over \$1,000 to perform the switch. Sure, the MSD piece is a little more money than an OEM replacement from GM, but as we've shown, you get a premium product that should far outstrip the original in both performance and longevity.

TO REVIEW THE COMPLETE ARTICLE VISIT [WWW.VETTEWEB.COM/TECH/](http://WWW.VETTEWEB.COM/TECH/)

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## CHECK OUT GREAT DEALS AT BRUCE LOWRIE CHEVROLET!



# CTV 2007 AWARDS BANQUET AND HOLIDAY PARTY

2006 Cruiser Photo Contest  
Doug (1st) & Doc (2nd)



2006 NCCC Travel Patch Winners



Time to Mingle



2006 Car Show Winners - John (2nd), Doc (1st) & Fred (3rd)



2006  
Outstanding Male  
Don Wells



2006  
Outstanding Female  
Kim West

The Morrisons on The Dance Floor



President's Gift to the 2006 Committees



President's Gift to the 2006 Elected Officers



2006 100%er Awards

Vance, Hoalbridge, Brefczynski, West, Lambert, Morrison  
Wells, McMahan, Wheeler, Anthony, Zschirnt & Greenfeder



Time to Mingle



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"THE FEAST"



Sonny Scootin' a Boot  
with his partner  
The Samuel's close behind



## CHARITY NEWS

I can't believe 2006 has come and gone so quickly! I think we've done some worthwhile charity events this year and I appreciated everyone's participation in the various things we did.



Santa's Helpers on December 15<sup>th</sup> was so much more fun and meaningful than I ever thought it could be. We had 25 Corvettes plus two additional vehicles and we delivered many, many toys and a check

for \$1,000. WFAA TV's weathermen, Troy Dungan and Pete Delkus, were very excited and gracious in accepting our gifts. This was their 37<sup>th</sup> year of collecting toys for children throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth counties of Dallas, Tarrant, Collin and Denton. It looked to me like a lot of footage was shot of our cars but I never saw us on the Channel 8 news. Maybe we're on their website. Thanks so much to all of you who participated. I'm hoping this can become an annual event for Cowtown!!!

My charity award for 2006 was presented to SHARON ZSCHIRNT. As most of you know, she and her daughter, Stephanie, walked in the 3-day cancer walk in October, which benefited the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Sharon is always there when you need her and the 3-day was a testament to



the type of person she is. Thank you, Sharon, for your untiring efforts. I also want to recognize three other women who were very inspirational to me this year. They are Debbie Lindsey, Kim West and Mo Wheeler. Debbie was instrumental in getting 100% of Cowtown members to buy raffle tickets for the car given away at Convention this year, proceeds benefiting the National Kidney Foundation. She also enticed us to walk in the National Kidney Foundation Walk at the Botanical Gardens. Mo is my Susan G. Komen buddy. She has always been there for me when we do this walk, even when she had her IV pole with her! She's an amazing woman. Kim has been my inspiration all year - like, YOU GO GIRL, type of inspiration and I really needed that at various times. My hat goes off to these three - thanks for all of your efforts this year towards our charity events!!!

As I've mentioned on many occasions, if you're interested in being the charity coordinator for Cowtown, please let Kim, myself or any board member know. I think the job is rewarding in itself and anyone is welcome to chair this committee! Think about it!!!

Thanks again for a charitable 2006!

Karyn Fowler

Charity Coordinator 2006



## HISTORIAN



**As we embark on the 33rd Year of Cowtown**, we invite you to join in the functions that interest you and maybe even give one or two a try that your not sure about. Our club is a very diverse club, one that offers something for everyone and certainly too many offerings for anyone to participate in everything.

If you enjoy driving your Vette, there are many offerings to satisfy that desire, from our Cruiser Program and Photo Contest for folks that enjoy traveling. If some form of Vette competition is your desire, there are car shows, open road, drag and autocross racing, rallyes and there is talk of maybe even a funkhana or two this year. These competition types will be found in the form of NCCC sanctions along with many that aren't - check out our website for those listings.

And don't forget our monthly club socials and membership meetings which also have a tie to competition with the 100%er participation program. Our car club is non-

profit and we do engage in some great charity functions, like the WFAA Santa's Helpers that many of us participated on 12/15/06.

We do capture the club's history in photo albums / scrapbooks as well and the club has dozens of these which are packed away. We would welcome any printed photos from events that you participate in to contribute to these albums.

If you would like to donate or even loan your photo CDs to me, we do select various photos during the year to have printed; allowing us to permanently place in them albums and scrapbooks.

If you have any suggestions, questions or comments about our how we are capturing our Club's history, please

don't hesitate to drop me an email or give me a shout.

Regards,

Douglas McMahan -  
CTV Historian



# GOVERNOR'S REPORT

## PARDON FROM THE GOVERNOR

I'll be your NCCC Governor for 2007. That means I'll be the representative for Cowtown Vettes to the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). NCCC is the national 'umbrella' organization for a large number of Corvette clubs in the U.S. and is our sanctioning body for competition. I am proud that Cowtown is a 100% NCCC club.

A little about me. I have been an NCCC member since 1978. I have represented CTV as Governor in 1997 through 1999. My wife, Mo, and I have enjoyed competing in the past at the local level, the regional level and at National Conventions. We've been members of CTV since 1992. In a former life I was the Governor for a different Corvette club for many years.

It seems like just yesterday that we started this hobby. I still remember being totally confused by hearing words – or noises - like, "En-triple-See", "Oughtto-Kross", "Reegyun" "Funkhana", etc. at club meetings. [To save the Low-Down editor's spell check from hemorrhaging, that's "NCCC", "Autocross", "Region", and "Funkhana".] What I plan to do with my presentation time at the meetings is try to explain these things. Things have changed in the three decades I've been doing this; they've changed in the ten years since I was first elected CTV Governor. There are a lot more things now bidding for the Corvette hobbyist's time. I plan to tell you the valuable things that NCCC provides.

There are lots of other things the Governor can present to you each month. There's competition points, competition events, rules, rule changes, politics, et al. I'll try to put that stuff in The Low-Down.

DISCLOSURE: I stole my article title from a Governor who was in another club a long, long time ago.

Finally, one thing I learned from another ex-Governor, who I consider my mentor at Cowtown:

"Call me, I'm in the book."

/Scott

*Nothing good has ever been reported about the full rotation of a race car about either its pitch or roll axis.*

- Carroll Smith

## 2006 NCCC Final Points

~Unofficial~



POS	NAME	Points
2	Cowtown Vettes	8651
WOMEN		
1	Glenda McMahan	1019
3	Manda Gorman	892
4	Viola Meyers	873
11	Cindy Morrison	394
12	Cathy Anthony	366
13	Yvette Lewis	323
22	Sylvia Hoaldrige	188
25	Heather Anthony	167
37	Brittany Lewis	46
40	Audrey Samuel	42
41	Linda Anthony	42
68	Debbie Lindsey	14
69	Kerry King	14
70	Connie Dunn	14
71	Lei Testa	14
72	Karen fowler	14
73	Kim West	14
74	Elaine King	14
94	Sharon Zschirnt	9
95	Nancy Wells	8
96	Carol Savage	8

POS	MEN	Points
1	Paul Meyers	931
2	Doug McMahan	923
5	Bobby Gorman	835
18	Kevin Anthony	414
19	Robert Morrison	398
37	Bruce Lewis	209
43	Karl Samuel	171
45	Robert Schneider	151
49	Red Greenfeder	143
54	Larry Hoaldrige	125
74	Walt Zschirnt	68
80	Sam Castorani	59
84	Don Wells	53
85	Shannon Vaughan	53
89	Kelly Johnson	50
97	Carl Williams	46
105	John Masin	40
109	Chris Grams	38
133	Doc Lambert	23
156	Sonny Arnold	18
167	Bob Vance	14
168	Peter McGrath	14
169	Ron Stearman	14
170	Jack Gandy	14
171	Ted Anthony	14
172	Tom McHenry	14
173	Frank Testa	14
174	Tim Lowrey	14
175	Don Fowler	14
176	James West	14
177	Harold Rumzek	14
178	John Breczynski	14
179	Jerry Lindsey	14
203	Ryan Garabedian	12

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# ARE DINOSAURS REALLY EXTINCT—THE ROAD TO #1

(Continued from page 1)

rain and a high speed track. Surprise. The Coneslayer made a great showing for itself. Even with only 15 minutes of white knuckle practice on Friday on the second high speed run Saturday the car pulled fastest overall. Wound up taking class wins the entire day. Sunday was the drags. I got eliminated early but Vi ran an 11.84, only .3 off the record. We also drove the car onto the trailer at the end of the day. Always a good thing.

May brought 13 events and record drags. By the end of the month I was in first. Never thought that would happen. Able to take class wins every event and several FTD's. The car was running awesome. Big mistake at Thunder Valley. I put the slicks on and ran the Ax tires up front. The car was completely uncontrollable at speed past the 1/8 mile. Best times were in the mid 12's. I won't make that mistake again. Ordered a set of skinnies for the front. Good thing is everything has held together and we're getting really comfortable in the car.

June was a busy month with 34 events. At Mineral Wells the transmission let go on the second day. Only had first and third gears. Nothing to do but run it that way. Still took class wins. Thanks to Bruce's help (again) we put a new trans in and were ready for Belton. Second run the trans broke again. Finished the weekend with 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> gears again but still won class each event. Phoenix backed up their work and rebuilt the trans stronger and we were back for the next weekend. I was still in first by the end of June. Starting to feel the pressure to stay there. I learned several things about racing and myself this month. You can't compete at this level without a whole lot of help from your friends. More power means finding the weak links (rear end and transmission). I no longer cuss and cry when something breaks. Just fix it and go on. (Am I really getting a racer mentality now?).

July we ran our event. Always like to see the car run on our home track. When we first saw this car it was at our event. When we started racing we always thought about racing this car but never dreamed we'd someday own it. Competition, points, and everything else aside it's just a hoot to drive.

September brought 19 events and drags. Had August off. Good thing because it's no fun racing in the heat. Put in 4.33 rear gears which should help off corners. The car is finally running great with no issues. Even the drags were fun with the skinnies. I have to say the highlight of the month was running head to head against Walt at the drags. The two cars are closely matched and there's a long history of competition between them. I lost (broke out) but it was a hellofa drag race. I'm still in first but Doug's not far behind. There's no room for error and I have to make every run count. Could I really drive the Coneslayer to it's first championship? Still too early to tell. A lot can happen in a month.

October is the last month of competition with 28 events. It's getting more intense now. Doug and I are counting every point. Our first race is at Sherman. I had trouble with this track before but Saturday was a good day. Doug and I finished even. Sunday was miserable. Cold, wind and rain. We made two runs and they called the event. Unfortunately the Sherman curse got me again. I DNF'd both my first runs and my competition didn't run the second event. Lost big time in points since Doug took one overall group. Next event was a car show and funkhana at Georgetown. I would have blown it off but I can't. Every point counts now. The car show was a wash. We all took 3 points. I teamed up with Bruce for the funkhana and Doug with Bobby. We finished 5<sup>th</sup>, they 4<sup>th</sup>. Lost another point. Last race of the season was at Houston at the police academy. I ran this track 2 years ago in the C4 and wound up off course, damaging the front end. I wasn't looking for a repeat. The Cowtown racers had problems this weekend. Bobby and Kevin both broke. Bobby finished out the weekend in our car. Coming in I was only seven points ahead. It was possible the season could end in a tie. The car was perfect. Took first in class every event. Doug also ran strong but I was able to squeak ahead by 3 points. At the end of the weekend only 8 points separated us and the season was over. The tires were literally run off the car (see picture on website). But the Coneslayer prevailed and left Houston in first place.

*It's been a long, fun and rewarding season. Being with close friends and competitors has been the high point. Without Don, Bruce, Doug, Walt, Larry and of course Vi I would never have made it to #1. I'm proud to represent Cowtown as top competitor at the Regional level but I am most proud of the Coneslayer. After over 15 years in the club I know of one dinosaur that doesn't know the meaning of extinct.*

(Centerfold pictures on page 8 & 9)

*A note from the editor: In last month's Low-Down and at last month's membership meeting I requested volunteers for the 2007 "Centerfold" project. I still have a few spaces left. First come first serve, let me know...Manda@GormanMechanical.com*



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1980 front/rear

**ENGINE:** 355 cu in Chevrolet.  
Solid lifter. Holley HP C  
Mallory ignition.  
RWHP = 385 @ 7200 rpm  
RWTQ = 420 @ 6800 rpm

**TRANSMISSION:** Race prepared

**REAR END:** Stock with 4.33 gear

**CHASSIS/SUSPENSION:** 4 wheel  
Lowered

**OWNERS / DRIVERS**



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**BRAKES:** Stock 4 wheel disc. Non-ABS. Hydroboost assist  
**WHEELS/TIRES:** 17" Centerline w/Kumho V-710's  
15" Centerline w/MT ET Drags

**PERFORMANCE:**

0-60 mph: 3.9 sec.

Top speed: 140 mph (est)

1/4 mile: 11.8 sec @ 116 mph

Cornering: 1.2g

Acceleration: Oh My GOD!

Braking: Oh My GOD!

Passenger: Holy S\*\*\*. Can I have one?!

**S: Paul and Viola Meyers - Members since 2002**

**CO-DRIVER: Mr. Bones**





# COWTOWN CRUISER PROGRAM (CCP)

The **2006 Cruiser Competition** ended with some good participation and the points this year were considerably higher than last year, the inaugural year. In 2005, 1st place was won with 79 points, while this year it was won by Doc Lambert with 176 points. The increase was primarily due to the addition of an extra point for out-of-state cities and counties plus an additional point if you found a historical marker for use.

The **2006 top three winners** and stats are as follows:



**Doc Lambert – 1st place**  
with 176 points

**Doug McMahan – 2nd place**  
with 151 points

**Glenda McMahan – 3rd place**  
with 145 points

2005	2006	Description
<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>Participants - Total</b>
5	3	Gold Level
4	0	Silver Level
3	0	Bronze Level
<b>667</b>	<b>870</b>	<b>Total CCP Points</b>
<b>226</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>City Points - Total</b>
61	54	Cities - Different
0	25	Cities - Historical
59	18	Cities - Texas
2	36	Cities - non-Texas
<b>192</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>County Points - Total</b>
40	49	Counties - Different
0	16	Counties - Historical
39	14	Counties - Texas
1	35	Counties - non-Texas
<b>24</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>State Points - Total</b>
6	18	State - Different
0	7	State - Historical
5	17	State - non-Texas
<b>30</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>State/Nat'l Parks* - Total</b>
5	11	State/Nat'l Parks - Different
1	6	State/Nat'l Parks - non-Texas
<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>State/Nat'l Forest* - Total</b>
3	10	State/Nat'l Forest - Different
1	7	State/Nat'l Forest - non-Texas
<b>0</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>Rivers/Creeks** - Total</b>
0	11	Rivers/Creeks - Different
0	10	Rivers/Creeks - non-Texas
<b>116</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>Socials (100%er and non-100%er) - Total</b>
15	13	Socials - Different
<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>NCCC - Total</b>
	11	NCCC - Different
	4	NCCC - non-Texas
<b>9,850</b>	<b>8,842</b>	<b>Miles for Events (NCCC &amp; Socials) - Reported</b>
6,830	4,415	Miles - Out of State Events
3,020	4,427	Miles - Texas Events

<- points option did not exist for 2005

\* added 3 additional entries for 2006

\*\* new for 2006

The **2007 Cruiser Competition** starts again on January 1, 2007 – are you ready?. While this is yet another competition program, I would urge you to give it a try; the comments we've heard from participants the past two years are still exciting. The most referenced phrase is "without participating in this program, searching out that stop for a specific point, we have seen so many neat things and places; ones that we would miss while just driving to our destination." Another fairly common phrase is that "I find myself looking and enjoying my trips more, because I am looking for things to use as stops (points)" This was the original idea around the photo contest – to have you share the places / things that you "saw along the way" – so fire up the Vette and get cruisin, even if you aren't interested in competing for a patch or the top three slots on this program – enjoy your trips and your Vette!!!



A small committee met on December 12th to go over the 2006 participation and to decide if changes were needed for 2007, the 3rd year for this program. The decision was to leave the program unchanged for 2007 and to only clarify a couple of verbiage areas on the rules. The 2007 info. and sign will be available 1/1/2007 on our website and I will have printed copies at the January Membership Meeting.

We do have a few ideas queued up for CCP Cruises this year, a couple of which are overnight cruises to some neat destinations, so stay tuned to my articles and the CCP schedule on the website to participate in those.

<http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruiserpgm.html>

**2006 Cruiser Photo Contest** – The participation for 2006 was down from last year but there were several dozen great photos. The display and voting was done at the December Membership Meeting and the number of votes was very good in relation to the number of people in attendance at the meeting.

I would like to thank Barb Greenfeder and Alaine King for opening the voting box and counting the votes at the end of the December Membership Meeting.

Again this year, there was tight competition between the photos, with **First Place going to Doug McMahan** and very close behind was a 3-way tie for Second Place, with **Doc Lambert being awarded Second Place**. Due to three-way tie for second, we did not award a third place this year.

**Ongoing for the contest**, it was decided by the committee to keep and also leave this contest as is for 2007. There are 11 months to take photos while enjoying your Vette—lets see some pictures next December of what you enjoyed this year!!!

If you have any questions about the Cruiser Program or Photo Contest, please feel free to contact me.

...Doug McMahan  
2006 Cruiser Chairperson

# WEBMASTER

**Cowtown's World-Wide-Web** – like all websites on the Internet, Cowtown is visible around the world. Looking at the webstats from visitors and even some emails we receive additionally confirm this. When we post content, we keep this in mind along with our member's personal information which includes the posting of our Club Newsletter, which is also linked from our website to the NCCC National website. We do try to capture photos and event pages of events our members participate in – if you do not desire to be listed nor have your Vette's photo (or license plate) out there, please contact me.

Our website has grown over the past three years, even to a size (as you will see below) that needs some trimming. Digitex, Inc. has been a great company to work with and has hosted our website since its beginning – Thank you to the Adams (owners) of Digitex!!!!

Year	Volume		Growth		Period Ending
	Images	Pages	Images	Pages	
2006	29,537	1,136	8,587	343	End of Year (est.)
2005	20,950	734	10,716	343	End of Year
2004	10,234	391	10,208	157	End of Year
2003	26	234	9	122	End of Year (1 month)
2003	17	112			As taken over Dec 1, 2003

Our Website is again eligible for entering the 2007 National NCCC Club Website Contest this year.

In 2005 we won the contest and the contest rules prohibit the 1st place winner from competing the following year, which for us was 2006. Rules for 2007 can be found at: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/WebSite07.html>

So not only is our web due for some revamping with normal new year changes but we will be looking for some new thoughts for 2007 – if you have any please contact me.

**Cowtown's Email Lists** – The Cowtown List Server is provided by us for official club business needs. This equipment and software is provided and hosted in a secure network from our home. At this time of year, the 20+ email lists do undergo trimming and some consolidation as well.

We need to know if your email changes so that these lists can be modified to reflect that change. If you are on a list that you do not wish to be on, please let me know. If you are not receiving emails, please contact me and we can resolve that as well.

To reflect on two of the major email lists that you are and might want to be on, we have the *ctv-all* list which includes every club member – when you join the club, you are added to this email list. The other list that you might have an interest in is the *ctv-nccc* list which provides our Governor the ability to pass NCCC information to those that are interested in knowing and/or participating in NCCC.

One last comment on the lists is around companies and/or Internet Service Providers (ISPs) that do not permit list emails. One such ISP is AOL – if you have AOL, you receive forwarded emails from my personal email account, not directly from the list. This is not only for the *ctv-all* and *ctv-nccc* list but any committee list as well. If you need to reply to everyone, you would want to replace the names in the To: field of the email with the original list name, which will be visible in the original email thread. While we understand this is confusing and not optimal, it is the best solution we have at this time, at least until those ISP's agree to accept emails from the CTV Lists, which takes your involvement.

If you have any suggestions, questions or comments about our website, email lists, how we are capturing our Club's history, please don't hesitate to drop me an email or give me a shout.

Regards,  
Douglas McMahan - CTV Webmaster

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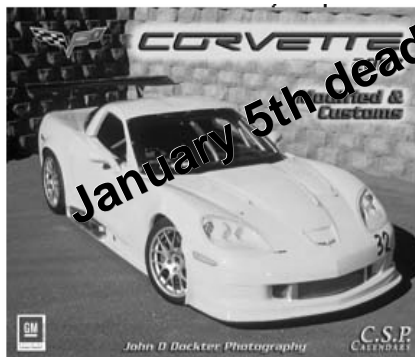
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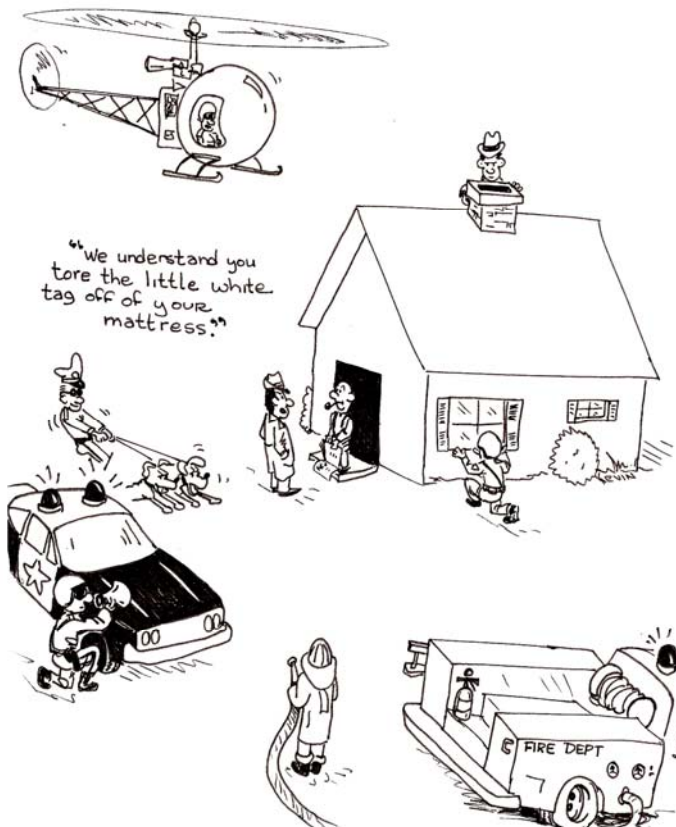
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December membership meeting had 67 members and 6 guests in attendance.

Voted into membership tonight:



Doug & Beth Batista  
04' Blue Convertible



Jim & Linda Benware  
93' Red Coupe

Lee & Lisa Savage  
(no picture available)  
78' Brown L82 Coupe



Welcome our guests, introduce yourself and tell them a bit about our great club, Cowtown Vettes. We all have something in common, the love for the Corvette.

Yvette Lewis

Membership, Cowtown Vettes

Membership will have a new look at the January 5th meeting. Be sure to stop by the 'Pit Row Welcome' area. Sign in, buy your 50/50 raffle tickets and meet and greet our visitors and guest.

After the meeting membership will be heading to Shady Oaks BBQ for more socializing. Be sure to join us.

Got a new address, phone number or email address? Sold your Corvette or bought a new one? If so, please contact Membership and help keep our records and our up to date.

The new membership directories will be published in the next few months. Ensure your info is up to date and that you have a current photo on file. See membership.



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