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As long as I can remember by bill buehler

it was a.....T-Bird. Not just a I hadn't repainted) and was astonrun of the mill 'Bird but a '55 that ished it was on the road again. In belonged to my uncle. We had just fact, he had the original hard top, replaced the fuel pump and he was I interested? tossed me the keys and said, "Let's school, I really couldn't afford to see if we fixed it". I loved that car and what it stood for in my mind, freedom. I was already partial to convertibles in general, as my dad owned '55 & '60 Chevy convertibles.

Fast forward to the early '70's, I had finally managed to complete college and was working at my first job; "management training" for 55-60 hours a week. But I was happy, making a little money, not suffering through the responsibilities of college anymore, and looking for something to do with my "spare" time. I had never lost my love for the freedom of convertibles and sports cars, so when a co-worker said he had stumbled on an old Corvette that he didn't really need, was I interested, the answer was sure. Well, it was a mess, but what did I know. It was a '64 roadster I owned my most recent "mid year" with a badly crunched front end, no roadster when Jane and I got mar-

have the soft top, a rear end, and even the factory air dash. I was hooked. I learned enough about fiberglass to patch it back together (very badly), built a 327 for it, found a 4 speed, and stuck some '66 Mustang seats in it (VERY similar). Soon I had it up and running as my first "daily driver". One day I got pulled over by this guy (wouldn't do that now!) who used to own the car. The first time I ever drove any car, He recognized it (green metal flake Just out of spend a lot for "luxuries", but, yes, I could afford the **\$30** he asked for it.

> That mid year is long gone, as are several others I've had the extreme pleasure of owning over the years. I have actually owned three mid year roadsters with factory air. You can tell I am an old geezer because I still think of '63-'67's as "mid years". I have owned a C-1, three C-2s, several C-3s, and two C-5 Corvettes (so far), all generally one at a time. I can't squeeze my butt into a C-4, so I will probably never own one, although I came close once. I was even lucky enough to sell used Vettes part time for a while, contributing to my collection of cars. Maybe someday I will own a C-6 (or higher), but now I am totally in love with my Anniversary Edition C-5.

engine, tranny, or seats. It did ried about 23 years ago. It needed

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AUGUST 2007

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Membership

June Membership Meeting — there were 56 members and 5 visitors.

Brian Paulter (2004 Silver / Mod Red Z06) was voted in as a new member at the June Membership Meeting.



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I was reading an article last week that Museum Ambassador. Jamie and Sherri was in a magazine call Source from are new members of the museum. Con-Sam's Club that James and I had re- gratulations. He is busy getting everyceived. Looking through it curiously be- thing organized with the museum. I know cause it was something we had never he will be a good representative. And received before. An article named "ICE secondly, thank you to Rick Garabedian Your Cell Phone" got me hooded in. I for filling in as a board member for want every member of our club to ICE Yvette Lewis. your cell phone!!! ICE stands for "In needed to resign the position. She will be Case of Emergency" What you do is add missed. We will be taking nominations at a new entry or two to your contact list the July membership meeting to fill the using ICE, a name, and their phone position. Please be thinking of a good number. The article stated that emer- nominee. gency response workers are now being trained to look for an ICE entry in cell phones. Many people do not carry information about their next of kin or emergency contact (s) with them. This makes it difficult to know a patient's medical history or allergies. A British paramedic came up with the idea. The campaign started in Britain in April 2005. I think it is a great thing.

Unfortunately **Yvette**

I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer. Keep on Vett'n, Kim West



Trivia Question: What year Corvette was the first American production car to have a 64° windshield angle?

Last month's answer to the trivia guestion was 1965. Since so many of you I have a couple of members to thank. know the answer last month I have had First I want to thank Jamie Hagwood for to search and search for more cars, but graciously taking the chairmanship of your in luck because I have found more.

By-Law Proposal

PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGE

The Board has directed the By-Laws Committee to present the following By-Laws change to the membership for consideration. It will be presented and voted on at the July 6th Club Meeting. It will be effective immediately if passed by a 2/3rds vote of those present. Article VII

Section 3.6 LOGO MERCHANDISE

Current by-law: This committee shall be responsible for obtaining and marketing Club merchandise for the members.

ject to conditions and restrictions made by request, the Logo Merchandise Chairperthe Elected Officers, shall maintain and son will provide records to the Elected market merchandise to the membership. Officers.

The Board will provide purchasing and pricing guidelines. A Board specified petty cash fund used to transact sales will be held by the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall maintain accurate records of all transactions, including but not limited to sales, the inventory, purchase order receipts, logo related communications and personalized orders. The Chairperson shall submit a report to the Treasurer of all expenses and income on a monthly basis and follow financial procedures as directed by the Board and these By-Laws. The Audit Committee shall conduct an Proposed change: This committee, sub- audit and prepare an annual report. Upon

On My Soapbox ~ Have you ever wondered what the officers and board members of Cowtown do? If you read your Bylaws, that would give you a clue. If you came to a board meeting, you would get an even bigger clue. I've heard quite a bit of complaining lately about why we do things the way we do. Why don't we do this instead of that. Why do we do some things for some and not for others. If you're one of the ones complaining, why not step up to the plate and run for an officer position? If you've been an officer, why not run for a board position. I'm of the opinion that if you are complain about something, you should do something to make it better. The officers and board members of Cowtown all do their best to make the club fun for everyone. Instead of wishing things were different, try to make a difference and get involved. He who serves his fellows is the greatest of all. ~Karyn Fowler

CHARITY

As most of you are aware, at the June membership meeting, we started taking donations for purchasing the brick at the National Corvette Museum in memory of Bob Vance. We will be taking donations again at the July membership meeting. If paying by check, please make it payable to the National Corvette Museum. We'll have the donation box that Barb and Red Greenfeder made on the bar at Coors. Just drop your donation in the box. Be sure you get a ticket for your donation and we'll draw for prizes at the end of the meeting. The other three clubs Bob was a member of are also collecting donations and at the end of July, we'll all pool our money, see how much we have and decide which brick to purchase for Bob. We will be auctioning off a Hooters golf bag at the July membership meeting and the proceeds from the auction will also go towards Bob's fund. If you were at the June meeting, you saw how nice the bag was. So, if you're into golf, bring your checkbook!!!

Robin Montgomery, from the Make-a-Wish Foundation, was unable to attend our June meeting but will be at the July meeting to make a presentation about how their organization works. I'm hoping we can participate in something with them this year.

Have a safe 4th of July!!! Karyn Fowler, CTV Charity Chairperson 2007

COWTOWN CRUISER



CRUISERS ...we've been seeing you take your CCP photo at various club and social events. As the points chasers in any venue will tell you, a point is a point, never pass one up.

Q: Do only the 100%er socials count for CCP or what event does?

A: No, all CTV socials listed on the website count, 100%er or not. Attendance at all NCCC Events count, even if you just cruise out to watch or be a worker; including the mileage one way. If you take a weekend get-away you can easily earn a Bronze Level; especially if you go out-of-state. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to get with me for clarification.

2007 CCP Photo Contest: Regardless if you are competing in the 2007 Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP) or not, if you cruise in your Vette to neat places, you can still enter this annual contest. The Contest Rules are on our website at: <u>http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/CCP PC 07.html</u>

...Doug McMahan – 2007 CCP Chairperson

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HISTORIAN & WEBMASTER



There is still half of the 2007 Calendar Year available for fun with your Corvette and friends. Even though the temperatures are rising, go out and

have fun and make some History with whatever passion you have with your Vette.

Do you know what June 30th is? It is Corvettes 54th Birthday and June 29th is the official Drive Your Vette to Work Day.

National Contests: The annual NCCC Club Newsletter Contest was announced at the June 22nd National Awards Banquet in Nashville, TN. Even though our newsletter didn't place this year, Manda has done a great job with the newsletter and we greatly appreciate her creativity and efforts.

The annual NCCC National Club Website Contest was held during the month of May. At the Awards Banquet, Cowtown Vettes was announced as the 1st Place Winner for the 2007 National Club Website Contest. During the contest, I did spend considerable time going thru all the other club websites (that were entered in the contest) and being a contest judge would have been a very tough job. In 2005, we also won 1st place this national contest; the contest's first year of existence. The contest rules do state that year after winning 1st place, that club cannot compete in the contest, thus we did not participate in 2006 and will not be participating in 2008 either

Our Website was also awarded the Art Space 200 ArtSpace 2000 Website Award of Excellence for 2007-2008. Just for my curiosity. I did submit an entry to this panel and a couple of others, to have our website professionally iudaed: no word from the others at this



time. This panel of judging is primarily focused on creativity, overall design and appearance

I would like to thank all of you that contributed photos and/or personal notes about Bob Vance for his Memorial page: http://www.cowtownvettes.org/History/TBV-2007.html

Thanks go out to Richard Cross & Karen Phillips, Jack & Karla Gandy, Kerry & Alaine King, Doug & Glenda McMahan, Paul & Viola Meyers, Bob & Cindy Morrison and Karl & Audrey Samuel, for sharing photos for the web event pages

Don't forget to visit or contribute to the Cowtown Veteran's webpage - click the yellow ribbon on any page to view it. If you don't have pictures, no big deal, we would still like to recognize you and your service to our Country and its Freedom.

CHECK OUT GREAT DEALS AT BRUCE LOWRIE CHEVROLET, ASK FOR NATHAN ELLIS!

Q: I'm not seeing new content on when I go to the club's website - is it not being updated much?

A: It typically receives an update DAILY... so if your not seeing any changes, it is most likely your browser settings. Check the tune-up article from a few years back that is linked on the Site Index page, under Computer Related: http://cowtownvettes.org/WebTech/TUT-IS01.html /

Cowtown Email List Server: I reported last month that the loaned hardware we have been using for our List Server failed. Since that time, considerable research has gone into how to provide a more automated list server option, and for FREE of course ©.

Your Elected Officers have been using the new CTV-EO yahoogroup list for some time now and it seems to be working for us. So, to take that initiative a step further, we have established a replacement for our CTV-ALL list out there and all of you should have an invite to join that email list. If you are a chairperson, on certain committees or someone that was interested in NCCC events, vou would have rec'd more than one invite, one for each email list - you will need to accept / join each.

Additionally, just to re-state, you do not have to signup for a Yahoo account to join the mailing list - be sure to click on the link at the bottom of the webpage that states "As an alternate option, you may join the mailing list instead" - the other option requires a Yahoo ID.

All Cowtown Mailing lists will be created under a common email ID/account which will belong to the club, this enables the management of the lists to be at a common level with the single ID / pwd which can change as duties for that task transfer

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

--Doug McMahan - CTV Historian & Webmaster

REMEMBER: whatever your Corvette interest is, pursue your passion, keep the spirit of fun and fellowship in mindand most of all... HAVE FUN DOING IT!!!



AS LONG AS I CAN REMEMBER (continued from page 1)



but there seemed to

enough time to work on it and "finish" it up, plus I didn't velopment of our cars. drive it enough (and Jane wouldn't). I decided that I really wanted to drive a Vette a whole lot more often, really every day, and I couldn't justify buying another, so I sold the '66 and bought a nice '98 coupe. I got to drive it a lot, but not every day because I had a company car. It's like a drug, I had to have more time in my car, so since I own half of the company, I worked things out so the company sold my company car and started giving me a car allowance. And just like that, DAILY DRIVER!

This went along fine until a friend decided to sell his Anniversary Edition. I resisted for about six weeks or so, but an aunt left me a small gift with her passing and it was like an omen. I sold the '98 and bought the '03.

paint when I got it, Owning the '98 was a true pleasure. I've driven LOTS of and it was still the Vettes and loved every one of them. They are each wonsame faded yellow derful in their own right and are composed of the best enwhen I finally sold it gineering of their respective days. While the C-4's about five years ago. started the true turnaround for Corvette, the C-5's were It was a neat car, '66, the culmination of 50 years of great automotive engineer-350 hp. 4 spd, ps, pb, ing. This is not to take anything away from the C-6's factory air, both tops, which are even more refined. For the very few of you never who haven't, I would highly recommend reading "All Corbe vettes Are Red" to gain a true insight on the state of de-

> Our Anniversary Edition is everything I have ever dreamed of in a Corvette. It's fun, fast, beautiful, (maroon is MY color), roomy, comfortable, exciting to drive, safe, dry (my old roadsters were a little lacking in this department), and did I mention beautiful? Jane comfortably drives the car when her Beemer is under the weather and she can pry me away from it. In my past, I have always sold my Vettes and bought the next one, but there is a very real possibility that I may own this one 'till the date of my demise.

Remember,

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by bill buehler



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COMPETITION



Our Cowtown Competitors are having fun with several competition venues; open road racing, car shows, NCCC events and even attending socials, just to name a few.

How are you CTV Rookies doing? ...the *Rookie-of-the-*Year competition isn't over by

a long shot. You still have time to participate in the event of interest to you and bring home that coveted annual award for 2007.

Be sure to check out John's Car Show article for the current point standings/

For *NCCC Events*, see the Governor's Report below for the Cowtown Member's SWR NCCC standings.

Members competing in their first 2007 NCCC event this past month included Heather Anthony, Joshua Dodson, Chris & Lori Gramm and myself. First timer to NCCC Events included Joshua and Lori

A few of our Members attended the 2007 NCCC National Convention this month, held in Nashville, TN. Event competitors at Convention included Doug & Glenda McMahan and Walt Zschirnt. Sharon Zschirnt attended and sold Logo Merchandise one day. Debbie Lindsey was in attendance as the Director of Sponsorship. Larry & Sylvia Hoaldridge flew in Wed evening for the remainder of the convention. Check out the awards Cowtown brought home; in the photos on the next page.

If you have any questions about any of the Cowtown Competition Programs, please feel free to contact the chairperson in the specific area or myself.

...Doug McMahan – 2007 Competition Chairperson

GOVERNOR'S REPORT

NCCC EVENTS

11th Annual Super Speedway Weekend

September 21-23, 2007

Attention all members!

Now is the time to volunteer to help Cowtown Vettes have a fun and successful event weekend. There will be worker sign up sheets at the July membership meeting, please sign up for one or more worker positions. There is a brief job descriptions on each sign up sheet, however if you haven't participated in this event in the past you will probably have additional questions. I will be available at the meeting to answer your questions or you can contact me at cinbob75@charter.net . You can also visit the Cowtown Web sight <u>www.cowtownvettes.org</u> to review the 2007 event flyer and to take a look at photos from past years.

There will be an event planning meeting on July 25th, at Coors in the board room. Meeting will begin at 7:00pm. Please come to this meeting and get in-

volved. It will take all members to make this a success. Thanks in advance for your support.

Bob Morrison, CTV NCCC Events '07

PARDON FROM THE GOVERNOR





The Southwest Region Championship Points Trail points have been posted. As of June 10, Cowtown Vettes is third in the club standings (behind OCCC and CEN-TEX). In the ladies standings, Cathy Anthony is third and Viola Meyers is fourth in the top 10. Bernyce Molenda (THT) is leading. Kevin Anthony is third and Paul Meyers is sixth among the men in the top 10. Neil Fox (TV) is in first place.

Here's a ruling from the Vice President of Competition that I find interesting from an administrative standpoint. All NCCC members must pay the same amount for entry fees at an NCCC event. This effectively outlaws the practice of giving discounts to members of the event-hosting club. I won't say that was a common practice, but I know that several clubs in the region did offer such discounts.

Speaking of events, our First Choice weekend of events will be here before you know it. We will be at Texas Motor Speedway September 21-23. Our sanctions have been approved. Bob Morrison is the weekend coordinator (although I suspect it's <u>really</u> Bob and Cindy). Bob will need help from a lot of the CTV members. I did an extemporaneous presentation of 'what goes on during the weekend' at our June membership meeting. If you have questions about the event do not hesitate to ask.



Don't forget to write or call... /Scott "I found out why my car was humming. It had forgotten the words."



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RECENT NCCC RACING EVENTS

The very next weekend it was on to Oklahoma. The 35th Annual Southern States Corvette Festival, Race Fever, was hosted by The Oklahoma City Corvette Club and The Corvette Club of Oklahoma City. Once again Kevin, Cathy & Heather Anthony and Paul & Viola Meyers were putting the pedal to the metal. However they had an additional CTV'er on their team, Joshua Dodson. This was Joshua's first NCCC event.





Check out more great photos on the CTV website: www.cowtownvettes.org

DETAILING TIP OF THE MONTH

Wheels and Tires - As a general rule, try to keep your wheels clean, because the longer you wait the harder the wheels are to clean.

- Wash wheels with gentle car wash soap. If needed use a toothbrush or small brush to clean hard to get places. Dry wheels with soft towels.
- About once a year, clean the wheel and tire thoroughly by removing the tire. Use a plastic freezer bag cut into a large square to protect wheels from scratches. Place the bag over the lug nut and then put the lug wrench over the lug and loosen.
- Jack up the car and be careful as you pull the wheel. Clean the inside of the wheel and clay bar the entire wheel. Wipe down.
- Select a good wax and wax the wheel. Wipe clean with a soft towel.
- Next put a tire protectant on the front and back of the tire.
- Don't forget to detail the fender wells before replacing the wheel.



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CAR SHOW



Thanks to everyone who came out on an extremely hot day, but at least there was no rain!



and 38 people at the

Bruce Lowrie Car Show.

25 Vettes

There were



For those of us who went to TMS for the pre-race parade laps, we did get some of that rain.

See ya' at the July 4th parade.

Remember to get your car show points to me. Any questions, call me. John Brefczynski, CTV Car Show '07

Be sure to read my Detailing Tip of the Month on page #10. Check out more great Car Show photos on the CTV website!

TECHNICAL INFO

Provided by Chip Jones at Bruce Lowrie

As a point of interest, effective February 1, 2007 on all Corvettes after VIN 75125378 the door sill trim on both the passenger and driver's side has been revised. The new sill plate has an aluminum appearance with black inserts, while the old style is all black. Since this is a mid year design change, trim on previously built vehicles should not be replaced unless actually defective. If a customer requests that their older style door sill trim be upgraded, they should be advised that the parts are available for purchase through your dealership's Parts Department.

In the event you are asked, after obtaining customer feedback that this item was not being used, we chose to delete the Interior Rear Hatch Handle. This change was introduced at 2007 SOP. However, some early vehicles were produced with that handle.

Monterey Red Tint coat (80U) is being discontinued as an available color selection for the 2007 Corvette. As a result, it will be necessary to constrain the number of 80U orders accepted for production. The final date for 80U order entry and selection will be APRIL 07, 2007. A replacement color will be introduced at the beginning of the 2008 model year.





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NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM



tively new and/or are unfamiliar with the many facets of our June 5. After completion, the Museum was opened to the public sport and passion for Corvettes. With this in mind I feel it appro- on Labor Day weekend 1994. At that time, the NCM Foundation priate to start at the beginning and how the Museum came to stated that the Museum belonged to all the Corvette enthusibe. If you are familiar with the National Corvette Museum and asts and therefore it was their Museum. its function, bear with the rest as we come up to speed.

On November 2, 1990 the NCM Annex opened in a shop- Drive Safely & Share The Passion...... ping center in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The National Corvette J Hagwood, CTV National Corvette Museum Ambassador 2007

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

July 4th Parade - 100%er - Wed July 4th

Location: 1st Congregational Church RSVP: none Parade: staging 9:15am/starts10:00am **Cost:** \$0 *Route:* Westcliff neighborhood (see CTV website for more info) What to do: decorate your car (or not) and come out for what has become a long standing CTV tradition. What to bring: Water, candy, dog biscuits, CTV flags.

Dinner & Drive-In Granbury - 100%er - Sat July 14th **RSVP:** by July 11th to Bobby@GormanMechanical.com Meeting Place: 6:30pm on Hwy 377 at the Antique Mall parking lot, 1/2 South of 820 on west side of the road. **Dinner:** 7:00 Groggy Dawg Grill (www.groggydawgmarina.com) Drive-In: Brazos Drive - In (www.thebrazos.com) *Movie:* Ratatouille by Pixar - Time Magazine calls it, "Amazing" Cost: \$18 per car load Movie Time: 9:15pm What to bring: Lawn chairs, ice chest (you can bring beer & wine), portable radios or car radio (movie is aired over radio station), bug spray, frisbee, food (no BBQ pits) or they have a concession stand.

Due to the unexpected and untimely loss of Bob Museum Foundation began acting as the steward for the Cor-Vance I have taken over as the Ambassador to the vette enthusiast by managing, directing and operating the Na-National Corvette Museum. As a member of Cow- tional Corvette Museum. The Foundation was formed in order town for several years, I am excited about the op- to construct a world class facility that would showcase the world portunity to serve in this capacity. It has been famous sports car called the Corvette. Ground breaking began pointed out in several arenas, many current members are rela- next to the Chevrolet plant in March 1992 and was completed



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