

# COWTOWN LOW-DOWN

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As an ice-breaker at a management seminar, we were instructed to introduce ourselves and tell one lie and one true story about ourselves and have the group decide the difference. What would I tell them? Would I tell them I graduated from high school at 16? How about a story like having a bachelor's, two masters', and a doctorate in biology, microbiology, and chemistry plus being a certified medical technologist? Maybe say I am a "tree-hugging dirt worshipper" as a Registered Sanitarian and Site Evaluator. Would I say that I was in Who's Who, or that I have been in a rodeo, parachuted, bicycled in France, bungee jumped, motorcycled in Japan, ridden in a rickshaw in China, roller-bladed on the streets of Paris, flown a jet, or driven at Texas Motor Speedway? What could I say?

I ended up telling them I played golf.

I have always had some sort of sporty powerful muscle car. Granted, you needed some muscles to drag my wagon or pedal my car. I have happy memories of racing my first car until my legs got too long for me to steer!

It seemed like a quantum leap to go from a Model A Ford (more leg muscles for push starts) and a Vega station wagon to the 1979 yellow Corvette. We went over to the Abilene Chevrolet dealer's house one winter's day. He had a bright yellow Corvette encased in ice. It was winter! I had never been in a Corvette before, so the dealer turned on the car and showed me all the features—T-tops, automatically retracting antenna, defrosters, AM/FM-CB radio. So hot! As the years went by, I discovered my cute 1979 Corvette was very safe, fun, and, being yellow, easy to find. I kept it as long as I could.

Along the line, my mom had gotten herself a 1981 Corvette. I was getting ready

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## CTV CALENDAR 2008

➤ DENOTES 100%ER EVENT (\*)

➤4/4 ~ MEMBERSHIP MTG \*

7:30-9:00 P.M.

COORS HOSPITALITY ROOM

135W @ JOHN McMILLAN PKWY.

*(BBQ AND WISHES WILL BE SERVED*

*BEFORE THE MTG.)*

*(1ST VOTE FOR OUTSTANDING*

*MALE/FEMALE MEMBERS)*

4/23 ~ BOARD MTG

7:00 P.M. ~ CONFERENCE ROOM

COORS DISTRIBUTOR

135W @ JOHN McMILLAN PKWY.

➤4/26 ~ SUSAN G KOMEN \*

RACE FOR THE CURE

SUNDANCE SQUARE, FORT WORTH

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*WEB SITE FOR DETAILS.)*

➤5/10 ~ CAR SHOW @ \*

BRUCE LOWRIE CHEVROLET

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➤9/20~NKF KIDNEY WALK \*

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## PRESIDENTIAL PULPIT

The year has really started to roll by. We started daylight savings time earlier than normal this year, and the days are getting longer, giving us more light when you get home to do things outside. And with the snow days behind us, it's time to dust off all of those cobwebs and get your Corvette out and let it run. We have all types of events planned in the coming months. The Practice Autocross at Mineral Wells is behind us now, and I'm sure it was a great time. Bruce Lewis lined up a day of great weather in between all the storms and snow we have had lately.

April has activities for just about everyone (and I'm not talking about tax day). Hot Springs Corvette Weekend is April 18-20. We went last year with a group from CTV, and we had a blast. The weather was wonderful, there were lots of events to participate in, and cheap drinks up the hill from the Saturday night banquet. Gary Morrison, from the host club, showed us this local bar down the street, and, MAN!!, what a bar that was! I wish we had pictures to show. Also, there are NCCC events in Tulsa that same weekend. Big Bend Open Road Race is the week after that, and the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is April 26. Now that's a lot to choose from. Pick one event, or several, and join in on the fun.

The May calendar is just as full, if not fuller. May has a Corvette Exhibition scheduled at Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet on May 10. DON WELLS should have more details about this event elsewhere in this newsletter.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Lone Star Classic is the weekend of May 16-18. This is held at TMS and they usually bring in around 600 Corvettes from all over. The Doral Tesoro is the host hotel, and it comes pretty close to filling up with Corvettes. It's really neat to see. They have an Autocross (at a big TMS lot) and Treasure Run on Friday, a huge car show on Saturday under the west side stands at TMS, and Sunday they run hot laps on the road course inside, and parade laps around the big 1.5 mile track. It's a great local weekend with lots of stuff to do and lots of fun. They are also giving away a brand new 2008 Corvette that weekend. Tickets are \$10, and I have some to sell, if you are interested.

Also on May 17-18, there are NCCC events in Waco. They will be having 10 autocrosses hosted by CTCC and MCCC. The last weekend in May has NCCC events in Tulsa, hosted by OCCC and COCC. They are having six autocrosses and four drag events.

If you haven't gotten my point yet, I'm telling you there is a lot to do, and the weather looks great, so make plans to join us at several of these events.

Also, don't forget that we will be serving a food item of some type before the April meeting. Come a little early and enjoy some food and socialize before we get the meeting started. Also, Coors is using the main room the night of our meeting, so we will be holding our meeting in the employee meeting room, which is right behind the receptionist's desk. DO NOT ENTER THROUGH THE HOSPITALITY ROOM DOOR. They'll still provide the same great refreshments for us. I hope to see you there early.

*Don Fowler*

*NOTE: The Trivia question of the month will be asked at the membership meeting, so start studying your little black books.*



# VICE PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

## Happy 34<sup>th</sup> Cowtown Vettes !!

In behalf of the Members of Cowtown Vettes, we want to congratulate BRUCE LEWIS for putting on a successful autocross practice. Also a heads-up to our members for their great work with timing, setting up the track, teching cars and setting up those down'd cones. Due to my work, I was not able to attend. I want to thank RICK GARABEBIAN for cooking.

The April Membership meeting will be held in the Coors workers' meeting room (inside the glass room). The room is located behind the receptionist's desk. Yes, we will still have beer. Also the Board has approved that the Club will provide BBQ to those members that attend.

**If you are planning to attend the April Membership Meeting and wish to eat,  
please email me by March 28.**

Per Cowtown's Vettes Bylaws, the membership will cast their vote at the April Membership Meeting for the male and female who they consider to have helped the Club and been very active during the year. It is not a popularity contest. You must be present to vote.

April 100% social will be April 26 -- "Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure." For those members who cannot make the walk, you can still meet for breakfast at 11:00 a.m. at Lambert's Restaurant. (Address is shown below.) See KARYN FOWLER's article for more details.

### **April Social**

~ April 26 ~

Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure  
Sundance Square  
(100% Event)

Meet in the YMCA Parking Lot  
(Corner of 4th & Lamar St.)  
Time - 7:15 a.m.

Brunch at 11:00 a.m.  
Lambert's Restaurant  
2731 White Settlement Road

### **May Social**

~ May 10 ~

Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet Exhibition Show  
(100% Event)  
8:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Lunch at Babe's Chicken (not a 100% event)  
1:30 p.m.

**Remember This Is Your Club!**

*Don F. Wells*

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**The Bluebonnet Cruise...** this year is not looking as good for the Bluebonnets being as awesome as they were last year. This is being attributed to the lack of rain (mid-March being an exception), stating that the bluebonnets *may not* be as full as they were last year. Regardless, a cruise will be held on Sunday, April 13th, based on information from the experts in the area and when they feel the bluebonnets will peak this year.

Even if the flowers aren't as great this year, we will have a fun day of cruisin' and fellowship with other members regardless. ☺

The month of April has a lot going on especially this weekend and the week afterwards. There will be a group of us cruising out for the **Hot Springs Corvette Weekend** again this year. Trip & departure details will be forthcoming, and updated on the Cowtown Cruiser Schedule; contact us if you have an interest in attending or if you have ideas for the trip. Check out the inset for this event (in this



issue) which describes the various functions available for you to enjoy & participate in.

If you are cruisin' out to the **2008 NCCC National Convention** in June, you will be amazed at the sites you will find along the way to Tulsa and once you arrive. For CCP Points, remember that out-of-state cities and counties, add an extra point to your CCP log entries; Convention adds 5 points by itself. If you are attending the NCCC Convention, don't forget it isn't just for autocross and drag racers; there is a rallye, a judged indoor Car Show along with people's choice Car Show, a Funkhana, two Route 66 Driving Tours and, of course, the parties.

Come on out for a few days or the whole week and have some fun; you can check out the schedule of events, which can be found by clicking on the Convention Promo image at the lower right of our "home" page.

The latest information on the sponsored cruises:

[http://www.cowtownvettes.or/CCP/cruierpgm.html#2008\\_CRUISE\\_SCHEDULE](http://www.cowtownvettes.or/CCP/cruierpgm.html#2008_CRUISE_SCHEDULE)

We are planning another weekend cruise for the Fall timeframe again this year. We have had suggestions to return to the *Fredericksburg area* along with a suggestion to return to the NE Oklahoma area; the *Beaver's Bend area* where we cruised in 2005. If you have a preference of one or the other, let me know so we can start planning.

**2008 Cowtown Cruiser T-Shirts** are available for \$8 each or \$30 for a custom shirt with your Vette included with the CCP 2008 logo; and of course the CCP Participant packets are FREE. This year, you can track your points in an Excel spreadsheet, making it easier for you and for points validation at the end of the year. ☺

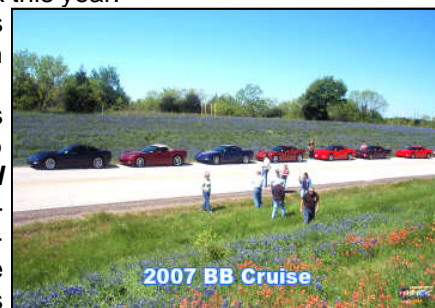
If you don't know how to get started in the "Cowtown Cruiser Program," give me a ring or catch me at a meeting and I'll gladly give you the scoop.

*Note: There are a couple of cruise routes on our cruiser webpage that helps to identify 25 and 50 easy points and some fun cruising', right here close to home. While these are an easy quick start, you will find yourself replacing some of them as the year and trips go by with neater places and ones that might have more value in points...And don't forget, you are welcome to join the cruises even if you aren't tracking the points.*

**Annual Vette Photo Contest:** The "What You Saw Along the Way" Photo Contest is underway for 2008 so don't hesitate, start taking the photos while you are out cruisin' with your Vette - it is never too early to start. You will find the rules for it on our website.

[http://www.cowtownvettes.or/CCP/2008?CCP\\_PC\\_08.html](http://www.cowtownvettes.or/CCP/2008?CCP_PC_08.html)

...keep on cruising' & "Save the Wave"  
Doug McMahan – 2008 CCP Chairperson



# PARDON FROM THE NCCC GOVERNOR

At the March CTV Membership Meeting I gave you a quick but mind-numbing summary of the competitive events that NCCC sanctions. Once again, the complete list events is: sandkhana, hill climb, matching time trial, matching times, autocross, drag races, icekhana, funkhana, rallye, economy run, and concours. The practical reality is that we compete in autocross and drag races with a few rallyes, concours, and funkhanas thrown in during the Southwest Region competition year.

By now you should have a good idea of what goes on in an autocross. Our practice autocross is a teaching tool and an event to develop driving and organizational skills. I'll discuss some of the other events, along with the Regional competition series, points accumulation, etc. at future meetings. Let me know if there's a topic you'd like to see addressed.

Unfortunately, I won't be at the April meeting; I'll be working at the TMS races that night.

## What's Coming Up

- 4-19/20 Competition Corvettes of Oklahoma (CCO) First Choice Weekend in Tulsa. There will be autocrosses at Hallet. This will serve as a warm-up for Convention.
- 5-2/3 NCCC National Governors' Meeting in St. Louis, MO
- 5-17/18 Cen-Tex Corvette Club (CTCC) and Mid-Coast Corvette Club (MCCC) – First Choice weekend in Waco (10 low speed auto-Xs)
- 6-7/8 Southwest Region Fund Raiser—First Choice weekend at the Sheriff's Track in Oklahoma City (10 low speed auto-Xs)
- 6-21/27 NCCC National Convention – Tulsa, OK

## Awards Banquet

We had a good time at the 2007 Southwest Region Awards Banquet in Austin. I personally was a bit dismayed about the low turnout from Cowtown Vettes. I was, however, pleased to see my fellow CTV members get some awards for the 2007 competition season. Those getting awards included DOUG MCMAHAN, GLENDA MCMAHAN, VIOLA MEYERS, PAUL MEYERS, BOB MORRISON, CINDY MORRISON, CATHY ANTHONY, KEVIN ANTHONY, and DOC LAMBERT.

By the way, what's happened to the cowbell? Are Mo and I the only ones who ring it anymore?

Special congratulations to DOUG MCMAHAN who received the Southwest Region Member of the Year award. Well deserved for all of his hard work.

We had a great time at the party. Mo and I visited with a bunch of folks who have become like a big extended family to us over the years. Our hosts, Longhorn Corvette Club, threw a fine party. They had slide shows and videos from the '70s and '80s. (They are celebrating their 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.) Did we really look like that back in the seventies? They also displayed some of their awards and honors.

## Scholarships

The deadlines are approaching for National (May 1<sup>st</sup>, in their hand) and Regional (June 15<sup>th</sup>) educational scholarships. Please see me if you need any help taking advantage of these offers.

## Convention

As of March 16, we have 21 CTV members registered for the NCCC Convention in Tulsa this June. That's a pretty good showing. I'm looking forward to it. It's not too late to sign up.

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# PARDON FROM THE NCCC GOVERNOR ~ CONT.

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## Governors' Meeting

I represented CTV at the Southwest Regional Governors' Meeting in Austin on March 16. We spent the majority of the time discussing Convention (since the Southwest Region will be hosting it this year).

There were some rule clarifications and insurance form changes discussed by our Regional Competition Director. The RCD also sought and got approval to move the SJCC events from 5-10/11 (Mother's Day) to 9-27/28. It will still be a First Choice Weekend.

We were reminded of the scholarship deadlines.

The Regional Membership Director discussed the 'perks' distribution and reminded us that National is looking for special perks for next years' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. A special patch is a possibility (and has the advantage of being easily mailed).

I will have a more detailed report on the Governors' Meeting soon.

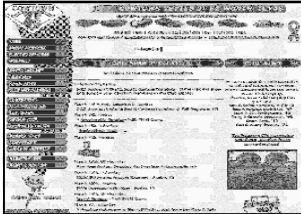
## Membership

See me if you haven't gotten your 2008 NCCC pin and calendar.

Don't forget to write or call... /Scott

My drinking team has a racing problem. -bumper sticker

# WEBMASTER



**More New Event Pages and Photos** have been added - hopefully that isn't a surprise to anyone. ☺

There is one area that will be changing for our website, now that I am webmaster for the SW Region website, are the event pages for the SW Region events. This would include events like the SWR Awards Banquet, the SWR Fundraiser and the NCCC Nat'l Convention (especially this year w/the SWR Hosting it); these will be published on the SWR Website and with a link from the Cowtown Website. Other NCCC events will continue to be posted on our website since they do focus around our members participation at the events just like car shows, open road racing and other functions.

If you encounter links that do not work, see outdated information, or if there are items and/or features that you wish to see on our website, please contact me - this is Cowtown's (your) website.

**WANTED:** We will be needing photos from the CCO Event in Tulsa, OK & OKC later this month, not to mention the Big Bend Open Road Race - keep the photos coming!!!!

We do welcome event pictures and information for use on the website and the Club Scrapbooks - thanks to Virginia Littlefield for the photos from the *Eagles Cruise* and Carl Williams for photos from the '07 IRL races.✍

**Email List Server:** If you change your email address, please let me know so we can update your address on the various email lists.✍

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 - '08 CTV Webmaster

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

to go to the Air Force. She generously let me have her car. After all, everyone knows that “all” the Air Force people have Corvettes! It was white with a red interior—how American it looked with my blue uniform! While it did not have AM/FM-CB radio, it had a horn that played over 200 tunes. How cool is that? I was proud to serve and proud of my little sporty car. I eventually joined a Miami, Florida Corvette Club, showed my car, and bagged a trophy! I packed my bags and moved to my next assignment—Lubbock!

I heard Chevrolet was making another bright yellow corvette. My sister told me about the glass tops and adjustable lumbar seats on the new cars. I visited the Abilene dealer. They were nice and I got the car I wanted. The new car was beautiful: yellow with a grey interior and sky glass top, AM/FM radio, CD and cassette. Away I went to my next assignment in San Antonio! When I deployed, I left the car with my parents. I returned and asked my dad to bring it over rather than riding the bus to pick it up myself. He had never been too impressed with Corvettes; he had no desire to curl up in a ball to drive one. I *did* need my car, so he agreed to help. On his way down the two-lane highway, he had to pass an 18-wheeler. He told me that in just a heartbeat, he was flying past the truck “Kabloohey!” He had to admit those Corvette-cars *are* special!

One afternoon, while waiting to get an oil change at the San Antonio Chevrolet dealer, I stopped in and inquired about purchasing a new Corvette. The San Antonio dealer was pretty curt; the salesman told me there were no Corvettes! In disbelief, I took leave and drove up to Abilene. That dealer was more than willing and able to find a good Corvette for me. They had one on the show room floor. I walked in and said I just *felt* like a red car. They had a totally -all-racing options black car on the floor. They let me try to get a feel for it. I thanked them and went home to think about getting this black car instead of the red one in my mind. I know “they” say red cars attract the police; that’s an added safety feature if you think about it. I had never owned a red car but I just felt like I needed red. Soon, the Abilenians called me in San Antonio. Was I still interested in a new red car? They had a Brownwood doctor who did not want the red one he could get in Brownwood – he wanted a black one. I felt spiritually compelled! We had a deal! My red car is just magical!

You know, “they” are right about the police paying more attention to red cars. Driving back to San Antonio, one day, I came up behind a pair of DPS troopers. They kept slowing down, slower and slower. I finally passed them at 50mph in a passing zone on a 65mph highway. Then, they lit up and pulled me over. How scary is that? They gave me a written warning to put me on notice that even though there were no holes in the front of the car, I was supposed to put a license plate up there. They were nice about the whole thing as I had no idea where the plate was supposed to go (that’s why it was in the trunk) and they showed me. How lucky is that? I think my American sports car, Baby-car, looks great and drives so well! While it does not have AM/FM-CB radio or a 200-tune horn, I know it really does hold two sets of golf clubs!

*Connie Dunn*

## MARCH IS KIDNEY MONTH

You know when you have a headache, sore throat, a cold or the flu. But do you know if you have chronic kidney disease (CKD), a potentially fatal condition that’s often called “the silent disease” because it frequently isn’t detected until it has reached the later stages? In honor of kidney month, know if you, family members, or friends are at risk for Kidney Disease.

Talk to your doctor if:

- You have diabetes.
- You have high blood pressure.
- You have a family history of chronic kidney disease.
- You are 60 years of age or older.
- Your ethnic background is African-American, Hispanic, Asian or Pacific Islander.

Early detection can help prevent chronic kidney disease from turning into kidney failure. Key tests to ask for include:

- A urinalysis to check for blood or protein in the urine.
- A separate urine test so sensitive it can pick up very small amount of protein in the urine.
- A check for your glomerular filtration rate (GFR), which can be determined through a blood test for creatinine. Your degree of kidney function and the stages of kidney disease you may have are largely determined by your GFR.

# 2008 SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE

The 2008 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 2008 in downtown Fort Worth. Details are listed below:

**DATE:** Saturday, April 26, 2008  
**TIME:** Meet at 7:15 a.m.  
**PLACE:** YWCA parking lot at the northwest corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Lamar Streets downtown Fort Worth (same place as in previous years)  
**COST:** \$25.00

The walk is a 5K (about 3-1/2 miles) and starts near the corner of Houston and 4<sup>th</sup> Streets about 3 blocks from the lot where we will meet.

Yes, I know the Race is later in April than usual. Reliable sources have told me the committee had to work around other events in downtown Fort Worth and they also made it later in case of snow again this year! Personally, I thought it was wonderful!

We'll register online again as we did last year, that worked out great. As soon as registration is up, all who registered online last year will receive an email letting them know that registration is open and they can register online for this year's event. If you didn't participate last year and want to this year, call me at (817) 379-6182 or email me at [kfowler@theblumfirm.com](mailto:kfowler@theblumfirm.com) and I'll give you the details for registering online.

WE WILL BE GOING FOR BRUNCH AGAIN AFTER THE WALK AT LAMBERT'S RESTAURANT AT 2731 WHITE SETTLEMENT ROAD. THIS IS THE SAME LOCATION WE WENT TO LAST YEAR, BUT IT WAS JACK'S OFF THE WALL THEN. THEY CLOSED AND LAMBERT'S IS REOPENING THIS MONTH. YOU CAN JOIN US AT THE RESTAURANT EVEN IF YOU DON'T WALK. PLEASE THINK ABOUT JOINING US AT THIS EVENT!

I believe we had 39 CTV members participate last year. How many more can we get this year???

Be there or be square!

*Karyn Fowler*

## 4TH OF JULY PARADE

Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.

Featuring the Fort Worth Fire Department truck and vintage fire truck, the Corvette Club, the Volkswagen Club, the Westcliff West Marching Band and all of those great volunteer neighborhood floats (Anyone seen the Elvises???)

Do you have a classic or unusual vehicle? Decorate it and join us! (*We need volunteers to help with the parade route. If you can help, please call Caroline Carson at 817-923-0259.*)

A few reminders:

- Bring small, wrapped candies to toss to the kids along the route. (And don't forget goodies for our canine friends.)
- Bring WATER, sunscreen and hats.

All non-motorized participants are invited to join the parade at the corner of Bellaire Circle and Encanto. Rest in the shade and wait for the vintage fire truck to appear.

KIDS: Stay behind the vintage fire truck as we go down Encanto!



## CHARITY

The temperature was in the mid 20's on Saturday, March the 8th, but we had 6 great ladies representing our club in the Easter Seals Walk. A big thank you goes to Linda Lummus for organizing our team and to Karyn Fowler, Sharon Zschirnt, Carol Savage, Debbi Lambert and Jane Buehler for joining her on the walk. We are still waiting for the total of our contributions and hope to report them at the April meeting.

Our next event will be the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday, April 26th. Karyn Fowler is leading our team and will provide more details at the April meeting. We already have many members who have signed up to participate.

Thanks for your continued support!

*Jane Buehler*

CTV Charity Chairperson

## NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

### 2008 Indy Pace Car Coupe Raffle



The National Corvette Museum has opened an exciting opportunity to win a new 2008 Indy Pace Car Coupe replica with a limited production of only 500. **Tickets are available at \$100 each and only 2,008 tickets will be sold.** The drawing will take place on June 11, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. CT at the Museum.

The Indy Pace Car replica is a black & silver commemorative edition that marks the 30th anniversary of the celebrated 1978 pace car – the first to pace the field at the Indianapolis 500. Chevrolet will produce a total of 500 pace car replicas in both coupe and convertible form, each personally signed by two-time Indy 500 Champion, Emerson Fittipaldi.

The Pace Car Coupe features a black exterior with silver graphics that honors the 1978 model, which became an instant collectible & stands as an iconic symbol of Corvette's heritage at the front of the Indy field. It comes equipped with Corvette's 3LT option package, Z51 performance package & dual mode exhaust.

These type raffles are but one of the ways to support the National Corvette Museum. We encourage all club members to support by becoming members of the museum. Please let me know if you would like to join so we can get credit as a club.

Be Safe & Share The Passion!

*Jamie Haquood*

## LOGO MERCHANDISE

Look for new merchandise at the April meeting. I will have new display garments for special orders and inside decals of the club logo. I will be selling the current display garments. Let me know if you have any ideas for logo merchandise.

*Kim West*

*NOTE: The price of Club name tags has gone up. The new price is \$7.00.*

## MEMBERSHIP

### MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

#### First time Visitors

Les & Victoria Wilson -- 2001 coupe  
Larry & Mary Hendricks -- 2008 convertible

#### CONGRATULATIONS to our newest members:

John McCowan -- 1993 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Gary Belcher -- 1992 coupe

*Nancy Wells*

## BIRTHDAYS

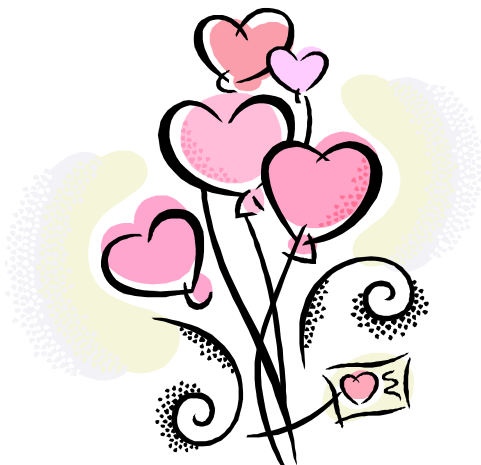
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4-5 ~ Jake Lewis  
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4-10 ~ Jan Brefczynski  
4-16 ~ Allen Shanholtz  
4-17 ~ Anne Rumzek  
4-18 ~ Paul Meyers  
4-19 ~ Cindy Morrison  
4-20 ~ Lynn Stearman  
4-22 ~ Audrey Samuel  
4-26 ~ Sharon Zschirnt

### Happy Belated Birthday to:

3-26 ~ Karen Phillips

## ANNIVERSARIES

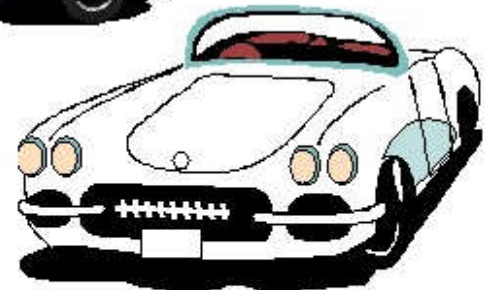
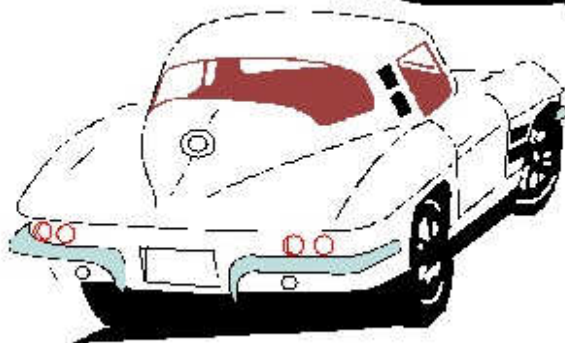
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# BRUCE LOWRIE CHEVROLET EXHIBITION SHOW

MAY 10th 2008

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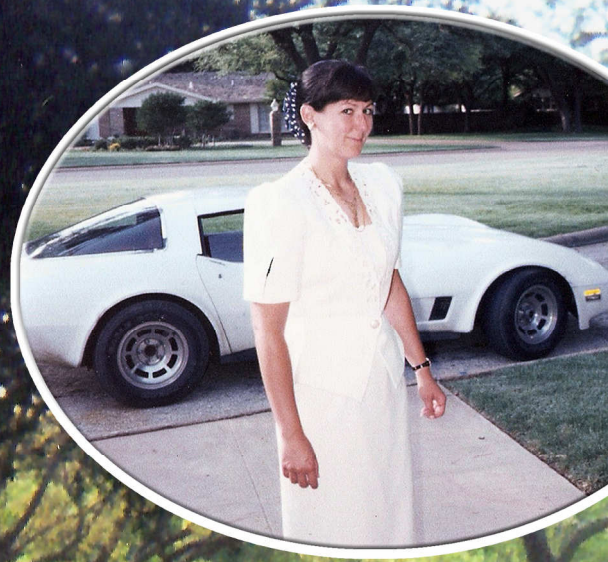


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# TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

## COWTOWN TMS VOLUNTEERS

Gary Belcher— Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
Cliff Griffith – ALL  
Harry Rumzek—ALL  
Hector Sandoval—Friday afternoon, Saturday and Sunday  
Scott Wheeler—ALL  
Carl Williams—Friday, Saturday and Sunday  
Sharon Zschirnt—Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Thursday, April 3 [10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.] \*  
NASCAR Nationwide Series Practice and Qualification  
Friday, April 4 [10:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.] \*  
NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Practice and Qualification  
Saturday, April 5 [9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.] \*  
NASCAR Sprint Cup Series “Happy Hour” + NASCAR Nationwide Series O’Reilly 300 Race  
Sunday, April 6 [8:00 a.m.—6:0 p.m.] \*  
NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Samsung 500 Race

\* approximate hours; work schedules may vary.



*Harry Rumzek*  
TMS Coordinator



CTV participants in the recent **EASTER SEAL WALK** at LaGrave Field in Fort Worth: (l. to r.) KARYN FOWLER, DEBBI LAMBERT, JANE BUEHLER, SHARON ZSCHIRNT, LINDA LUMMUS, CAROL SAVAGE

APRIL 26, 2008

## THE SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE



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### APRIL 100%er

Susan G. Komen Race  
PLACE - YMCA Parking Lot ( 4th & Lamar St.  
Time - 7:15 AM

LUNCH AFTER RACE  
@ 11:00 AM  
TO BE ANNOUNCED

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### OUTSTANDING MALE / OUTSTANDING FEMALE AWARD

An Outstanding Male and Outstanding Female Member Award is given each year to the male and female that are considered to have helped the Club and been very active during that year. It is not a popularity contest. Balloting for this award is done three times a year: at the April, August, and November monthly membership meetings. Votes are taken by secret ballot. The awards are presented at the Annual Awards Banquet. These members will be refunded their Primary Club membership dues for the following year.

### TECH NOTE

Recently noticed that my "head up display" (03 coupe) had stopped holding the gas gauge reading and slipped to the oil pressure display. Couldn't get it to stay put by resetting or even resetting the memory. About two weeks later, I got into the 'Vette, turned the key, and VOILA, nothing. The battery was dead as a stone. After the new battery, my "head up" has shown the gas gauge without fail. I suspect that when the battery gets low, some things in the various multiple memories begin to reset. If that begins to happen to you, might I suggest checking the battery.

**Trailers are for horses, DRIVE your Corvette.**

### TECH NOTE

Looks like winter is slipping away; time to check the air pressure in every tire on every car...and the spares...that you own.

**Trailers are for horses, DRIVE your Corvette.**

*TECH NOTES submitted by BILL BUEHLER.*

### CHEVY UNVEILS TWO UNIQUE CORVETTE PACE CARS

History will be made at the 2008 Indianapolis 500 when a pair of distinctive yet highly differentiated Corvette models will serve as the official pace cars - one highlighting Chevrolet's commitment to fuel solutions and the other marking 30 years of Corvette's pace car heritage. Chevrolet and Indianapolis Motor Speedway officials gathered at the Indianapolis Auto Show to make the historic announcement.

One of the pace cars is a customized Corvette Z06 E85 concept that runs on E85 ethanol fuel, a domestically produced alternative fuel similar to the E100 fuel that powers all of the racecars in the IndyCar Series. It will be driven during the race's pace lap by two-time Indianapolis 500 champion Emerson Fittipaldi. The other official pace car is a black-and-silver commemorative edition that marks the 30th anniversary of the celebrated 1978 pace car - the first Corvette to pace the field at the Indianapolis 500.

Chevrolet will produce a total of 500 pace car replicas in both coupe and convertible form, each signed personally by Fittipaldi at Corvette's Bowling Green, Ky., assembly plant. The 92nd Indianapolis 500 takes place on Sunday, May 25, 2008. It will be Corvette's 10th appearance as the official pace car - a record unmatched by any other vehicle.

*This item submitted by DOUG McMAHAN.*

# NATIONAL DAY OF RECOGNITION FOR CORVETTE

In honor of GM's 100th anniversary, Mid America Motorworks has petitioned Congress to declare June 30th a National Day of Recognition for Corvette. This petition is being presented by United States Congressman John Shimkus (R-IL) to honor the day the very first Corvette rolled off the assembly line in 1953. Please ask your club members to support this initiative by contacting their U.S. Congressional Representatives to pass this resolution.

Please see the release below for more information and to publish in your club newsletters and websites. High-resolution images of each Corvette generation are available for upload by clicking this link:

<http://image.mamotorworks.com/releases/CNDOR08/CNDOR08.html>

For more information contact:

Mark Merkel

217-540-4252

[mark.merkel@mamotorworks.com](mailto:mark.merkel@mamotorworks.com)

For immediate release:

## Push for June 30 To Be Declared National Day of Recognition for Corvette

### *Mid America Motorworks Behind Grassroots Movement To Celebrate The Birthday of America's Sports Car*

**EFFINGHAM, IL** – Long a supporter of the Corvette hobby and creator of “Drive Your Corvette To Work Day”, Mid America Motorworks has petitioned the United States Congress to declare June 30th a National Day of Recognition for Corvette - America's First Sports Car. The Corvette first rolled off a Flint, Michigan assembly line on June 30, 1953.

The petition is being presented by United States Congressman John Shimkus (R-Illinois). All Corvette enthusiasts are urged to contact their U.S. Congressional Representatives to pass this resolution.

“As the longest running, most widely respected production sports car in United States history, the Chevrolet Corvette is more than a material possession. It is truly a symbol of American pride. For this reason Mid America Motorworks is launching a grassroots movement to honor America's True Sports Car with a National Day of Recognition.” said Mike Yager, Chief Cheerleader and founder of Mid America Motorworks, the world's leading supplier of Corvette parts and accessories.

Mid America Motorworks has a history of creating national movements to honor the Corvette. In June of 2001, Mid America Motorworks created *Drive Your Corvette To Work Day* as an annual event to celebrate Corvette's Birthday on the Friday closest to June 30. On Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> 2008, thousands of Corvette lovers will drive their Corvette to work to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> annual event.

In September of 2001, Mid America Motorworks orchestrated a massive grassroots movement, called the Corvette Stampede, to petition the United States Post Office to create a Corvette Stamp. The stamp was to honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Corvette. Finally released in 2005, the USPS debuted the stamp at Mid America Motorworks Corvette Funfest.

This year, as GM celebrates its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008, a National Day of Recognition is a fitting tribute to Corvette – GM's greatest contribution to the automotive industry.

Every Corvette owner is encouraged to petition his or her congressional representative to pass the resolution declaring June 30<sup>th</sup> as a National Day of Recognition for Corvette. For more information go to [www.mamotorworks.com/corvette](http://www.mamotorworks.com/corvette) or call 800-500-1500.



**SWR CLUBS**
**2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ NCCC SW REGION**

|   |          |  |                    |
|---|----------|--|--------------------|
| BRCC—BRAZOS RIVER CC<br>GRANBURY, TX SW-540                   | 4/19-20  | CCO ( <i>First Choice Weekend</i> )<br>~ LS / 2 HS + TBA                 | Hallett, Tulsa, OK |
| CCO—COMP. CORVETTES OF OKLAHOMA<br>TULSA, OK SW-423           | 5/2-3    | National Governors' Meeting  | St. Louis, MO      |
| CCOC—CC OF OKLAHOMA CITY<br>OKLAHOMA CITY, OK SW-468          | 5/10-11  | SJCC/COAST ( <i>First Choice Weekend</i> )<br>~ 11 LS                    | Houston, TX        |
| CCT—CC OF TEXAS<br>DALLAS, TX SW-074                          | 5/17-18  | CTCC / MCCC ( <i>First Choice Weekend</i> )<br>~ 10 LS                   |                    |
| COAST—CORVETTE OWNERS ASSN. OF S.TX<br>SAN ANTONIO, TX SW-143 | 5/24-25  | OCCC / CCOC ( <i>First Choice Weekend</i> )<br>~ 6 LS / MTD / 2 ETD / RD | Oklahoma City, OK  |
| CTCC—CEN-TEX CC<br>WACO, TX SW-200                            |          |  |                    |
| CTV—COWTOWN VETTES<br>FORT WORTH, TX SW-055                   | 6/7      | THT (Regional Fundraiser) ( <i>First Choice Weekend</i> ) ~ 10 LS        | Oklahoma City, OK  |
| LCC—LONGHORN CC<br>AUSTIN, TX SW-200                          | 6/21-27  | ~~ NATIONAL CONVENTION ~~  | Tulsa, OK          |
| MCCC—MID-COAST CC<br>LAKE JACKSON, TX SW-170                  | 7/26-27  | SCCC / CCOC ( <i>First Choice Weekend</i> )<br>~ 11 LS                   | Oklahoma City, OK  |
| MTCC—MID-TEXAS CORVETTE ASSN<br>KILLEEN, TX SW-185            |          |  |                    |
| NTV—NORTH TEXAS VETTES<br>FORT WORTH, TX SW-555               | 9/6-7    | CCT / NTV ( <i>First Choice Weekend</i> )                                |                    |
| OCCC—OKLAHOMA CITY CC<br>OKLAHOMA CITY, OK SW-131             | 9/12-13  | National Governors' Meeting  | St. Louis, MO      |
| SCCC—SUN CITIES CC<br>ALBUQUERQUE, NM SW-085                  | 9/20-21  | CTV / BRCC ( <i>First Choice Weekend</i> )                               | Fort Worth, TX     |
| SJCC—SAN JACINTO CC<br>HOUSTON, TX SW-063                     | 10/4-5   | LCC / CTCC ( <i>First Choice Weekend</i> )<br>~ 11 LS                    |                    |
| THT—TIN HALL TOYS CC<br>SANTA FE, TX SW-392                   | 10/11-12 | TV ( <i>First Choice Weekend</i> )                                       |                    |
| TOCC—TEXAS OUTLAWS CC<br>GRAHAM, TX SW-198                    | 10/18    | BRCC ( <i>First Choice Weekend</i> ) /<br>CTV Non-Sanctioned Car Show    | Fort Worth, TX     |
| TV—TEJAS VETTES<br>PLANO, TX SW-163                           | 10/25-26 | TOCC ( <i>First Choice Weekend</i> )                                     |                    |
| TVS—TULSA VETTE SET<br>TULSA, OK SW-248                       | 11/7-8   | National Governors' Meeting  | St. Louis, MO      |

**NCCC Event Codes:** C = concours; CD = class drags; ETD = e. t. drags; RD = record drags; MTD = Matching time drags; F = funkhana; R = rallye; LS = low speed autocross; HS = high speed autocross; MTT = matching time autocross; TBA = to be announced; TBD = to be determined; PCC = people's choice concours

# NCCC SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

## NCCC Scholarship Information

The NCCC Scholarship program is funded through donations from Clubs, individuals and corporate friends, such as Mid America Motorworks. The NCCC Scholarship Committee awards \$1,000 scholarships to worthy young people, who have some connection with NCCC through a father, mother, grandparent, etc., who has been a member of NCCC for at least three years. "Some connection" implies that the applicant's relatives should have knowledge of the various requirements of the Scholarship Program.

Remember...If the relative is not the Applicant's parent, the relative must write a letter to be included with the completed application indicating the following:

His/Her relationship with the Applicant

His/Her NCCC Member Number

If He/She will be the Applicant Sponsor

If He/She has been closely involved with NCCC for a period of three or more years.

Application forms for the Scholarship Program may be obtained from **PATRICK DOLAN** or **RHONDA HIGGINS** at any National Governors' Meeting, from [www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org) or by mail from Rhonda at:

**Rhonda Higgins**  
**National Distribution Center**  
**907 Oakcrest Drive**  
**Champaign, IL 61821-4167**

All scholarship applications must be completed correctly, returned and residing in the post office box shown below **no later than MAY 1, 2008:**

**John Osborn**  
**Scholarship Committee Chairman**  
P. O. Box 5032  
**Lafayette, IN 47903**

Please note that the deadline is not a mailing date but a date in which the completed application appears in P. O. Box 5032. Applicants submitting forms after MAY 1, 2008 will be asked to have their application considered in 2009. This delay for late applications has been in effect for a number of years. The deadline may change from year to year depending upon the date of the annual NCCC Convention.

# 2008 NCCC NEWSLETTER CONTEST

## 2008 Newsletter Contest Rules

Each NCCC Club entering the contest will submit three (3) issues covering the period from January thru May. For monthly newsletters, this would be January, March and May. For bi-monthly newsletters, this would be the first three (3) issues of the year.

Each newsletter should be clearly marked "Contest Entry." We highly recommend that you place your newsletter in an envelope as several past entries have been damaged in mailing.

All entries must be sent by standard mail. No registered, return receipt or postage due type mailings will be accepted. Addresses of the Judges are listed below:

Calvin Camp  
Midwest Region RE  
3109 West State Route 90  
Edelstein, IL 61526-9709

Charles Heretta  
East Ohio Region RE  
346 Barrister Avenue SE  
North Canton, OH 44720-3985

Jerry Limpach  
West Ohio Region RE  
829 Brookmere Avenue  
Tipp City, OH 45371-2765

The entries should be sent out, one issue at a time, as they are published. If you would like to verify that your entry was received, please enclose a self-addressed stamped postcard or envelope with each submission.

The first issue must be postmarked no later than March 15, 2008. The final issue must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2008.

Awards will be presented to the Top 5 winners at the 2008 NCCC Convention in Tulsa, OK. A list of the winners and all entrants will appear on the NCCC Web Site and in *Blue Bars*.

### What the Judges will be looking for

Entries will be judged on content and completeness in the following categories:

- Local News: News of your club
- Technical News: Repair – Replacement – Restoration – Tech. Information
- Charity News: Any and all contributions to Charity
- NCCC National News: Contains items concerning NCCC
- Regional News: Your Region news or other Regional news
- Composition: Structure and content of your magazine

Scoring will be on a 10-point scale with 10 being the highest.

Be sure to check out the past winners since 1972 on the NCCC Web Site.

# CTV CAR SHOW

Greetings, everyone!

The Fort Worth Rod and Custom car show was the first weekend of March. Cowtown had 10 Vettes, with at least 1 of every generation and an improved club display. Thanks to all who entered and attended. Results: LARRY HOALDRIDGE, '56 Aztec Copper Convertible, 1st; DON FOWLER, '58 Red and White Convertible, 1st; FRED ROSETT, '65 Red Convertible, 3rd; HECTOR SANDOVAL, '64 Black Coupe, 2nd; DONN BECK, '71 Yellow Coupe, 1st; BOB GREENE, '76 Red Coupe; DOUG MCMAHAN, '93 Red Convertible, 1st; JOHN BREFCZYNSKI, '98 Radar Blue Pace Car, 3rd; DOC LAMBERT, '62/03 Almond Beige Convertible, 1st; DON LITTLEFIELD, '07 Black Z06, 2nd.

A lot of great shows are coming up. Christian Classic Cruisers always has a good show on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, for April, the 19<sup>th</sup> from 5-9 p.m. For July and August, the time shifts to 8-11 p.m. The location is the Birdville ISD Athletic/Fine Arts Complex, Mid Cities Blvd & Precinct Line Rd, N Richland Hills. Entry fee is \$10 with proceeds going to deserving Children at Christmas. For more info, check their website: [www.christianclassiccruisers.com](http://www.christianclassiccruisers.com). You can also check the CTV website for shows and links to car show sites and I will be spotlighting a few at the meeting. Call me if you find a good one; I'm always ready to go.

Our annual Bruce Lowrie Exhibition Show is Saturday, May 10. It's the 100%er for May, so I hope to see everyone there to promote our sponsor. (See the Vice President's report and the event flyer elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.)

*John*

Committee members: John and Jan Brefczynski, Fred and Donna Rosett, Kim West, Karyn Fowler, Hector Sandoval, Don Wells

## Bobby Gorman

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##### *Supplementary Inspection Guide by Item*

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
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| Swimming Pool    | \$50  |
| Spa              | \$25  |
| Septic System    | \$50  |
| HVAC Analysis    | \$50  |

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## HOT SPRINGS CORVETTE WEEKEND

April 17-20

If you are interested in attending the *Hot Springs Corvette Weekend*, let me know. We will have at least one caravan heading out to the event, usually a couple leaving at different times.

They have something for everyone, including a parade, car show, rallye, poker run, autocross, scavenger hunt, road tours, parties, etc.

You can find more information by clicking on the event off our April calendar or directly by going to: <http://www.centralarkcc.com/>

If you have questions about the event, you can get in touch with me (or any of the participants from previous years) - last year's event pages are located off the Photo button, under 2007 events or directly at: <http://cowtownvettes.org/Events/2007/042007HSCW-P01.html>

...Doug McMahan - 2008 CCP Chairperson

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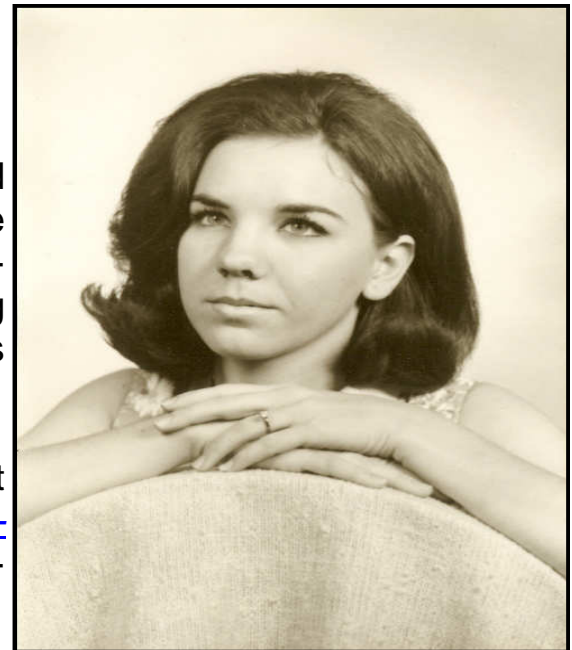
Got a new address, phone number or email address?  
Sold your Corvette or bought a new one?  
If so, please contact Membership and help keep our records up to date.

# COWTOWN VETTES' MYSTERY MEMBER

## Who am I ???

Pick up your ballot at the membership table, fill it out and drop it in the Mystery Member box. A prize will be awarded to the person correctly guessing who the mystery member is, if two or more guess correctly, a drawing will be held to determine the winner. If no one guesses correctly the Mystery Member wins.

If you would like to be the next Mystery Member submit your photo to CINDY MORRISON at [cin-bob75@charter.net](mailto:cin-bob75@charter.net) or put your photo in a sealed envelope and drop it in the Mystery Member box.



March Mystery Member was **SCOTT WHEELER**.  
**Sylvia Hoaldrige & Hector Sandoval** guessed correctly.  
Sylvia was the winner by random drawing.  
Must be present to win.  
Thanks to all who participated.