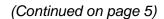
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#### **PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION**

So here we are in the middle of August, when we usually have the hottest days of the year. Well, that's not what happened for our No Frills Weekend at Mineral Wells on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Track set up was scheduled for Friday afternoon, and the day began with rain. But, as the day went on, the sun came out and everything started to dry out. Instead of spending several hours on the 100+ degree track, it was relatively cool - well, at least bearable, considering it was August in Texas. And to top that off, you couldn't have asked for better weather for the Saturday morning Autocrosses. BOB MORRISON and RED GREENFEDER, our notorious weekend coordinators, must be living right! They both have been working hard the last few months getting everything set up, begging for volunteers to help, scrambling to get entrants to sign up and working on all the loose ends and details that need to be 'tracked' down. And it all paid off by having a GREAT Saturday morning event. Our tech crew worked through all the vehicles, CANDY LOWREY was there to set up timing and, after a small issue with the wireless printers, all began to work like clockwork (that wasn't from Scott). After Bob lead us through the drivers 'meeting, the corner workers manned their spots, and SCOTT WHEELER started launching cars. Again, all of this was happening with very cool temperatures, with several people wearing jackets around. Cowtown Vettes really came together to put on a great event. Big thanks go out to Bob and Red for organizing and making sure everything was covered. And a big thanks to all of our members who came out to help us put on a successful and fun event. We had so many volunteers for all areas - registration, timing, tech, corner



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## **CTV CALENDAR 2008** DENOTES 100%'ER EVENT (\*) > 9/5 ~ MEMBERSHIP MTG\* 7:30-9:00 рм **COORS HOSPITALITY ROOM** 135W @ JOHN MCMILLAN PKWY.

#### 9/17 ~ BOARD MTG

7:00 p.m. ~ Conference Room **COORS DISTRIBUTOR I35W @ JOHN MCMILLAN PKWY.** 

> 9/20-21 ~ CTV's 1st Choice\* WEEKEND @ TMS

(SEE FLYER ON THE CLUB'S WEBSITI OR CONTACT BOB MORRISON OF RED GREENFEDER FOR DETAILS.

#### ▶ 10/18 ~ 7th Annual **CORVETTE SHOW**\*

(SEE FLYER ON THE CLUB'S WEBSITE OR IN THIS NEWSLETTER.)

> 11/7 ~ DEADLINE TO PAY 2009 CLUB DUES

11/15 ~ PROGRESSIVE DINNER \* (MORE DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING.)

### 12/13 ~ CHRISTMAS PARTY & Awards Banquet \* (MORE DETAILS WILL BE

Forthcoming.)



#### **CTV OFFICERS 2008**

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# VICE PRESIDENT'S ARTICLE

Once again, BOB MORRISON and RED GREENFEDER put on another successful "No Frills Race Day" event with the help of the event committee and club members who worked staging, timing, starting and corners. A very special thanks goes to ALAINE KING for helping me with lunch. I could not have cooked lunch without you, Alaine. We had some of our Southwest Region members attend and race the event, and we thank you for coming. For those who missed the fun, the September event is just around the corner.

The September social will be the Club's big event for the year ~ "Cowtown's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Speedway Weekend" at Texas Motor Speedway, September 19-21. In order to get credit for the September 100%er, you must participate one of the three event dates at TMS. If you work Saturday or Sunday, lunch will be provided. The event committee has planned dinner Saturday evening at the host hotel. The cost is \$12 per person. <u>NOTE: Attending the dinner Saturday night does NOT qualify for</u> the September 100%er. See the event flyer on CTV's website for registration information. For our new members, this NCCC event is one of the top events in the Region. In past years, we have had NCCC members come from many parts of the country to participate at TMS. Cowtown Vettes need help from all of us to make this another big success.

The October social will be the "7<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Show" on October 18. The car show committee has been working many hours planning this event and finding some great door prizes. You've still got time to order parts from JAMES WEST (Cowtown's Mid-America Motorworks rep) to make your Corvette a 1<sup>st</sup> place winner. For more information, check out CTV's website.

#### September Social

CTV's 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Speedway Weekend (100%er Event ~ must participate 9/19, 20 or 21) Texas Motor Speedway

### **October Social**

CTV's 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Show (100%er Event) October 18 4921 Overton Ridge, Fort Worth

### **November Social**

CTV's Progressive Dinner (100%er Event) November 15 Hosted by the Lindseys, Rosetts and Hoaldridges

### **December Social**

CTV's Christmas Party & Awards Banquet December 13 Clubhouse @ Texas Motor Speedway

<u>Remember ~ This is your Club.</u>

**Don Wells** DFW73VETTE@tx.rr.com

# PARDON FROM THE NCCC GOVERNOR

As we approach the final quarter of the year things pick up in the NCCC Governor business. September starts the renewal process. I will be collecting the renewals which includes your dues for both Cowtown Vettes and NCCC. For most members, the renewal fee will be \$62 (couple) or \$42 (single). [There are exceptions for families with dependent members and for NCCC Lifetime Members.] The deadline for renewal is the November CTV Membership Meeting, November 7, 2008. After that a \$10 late fee is added.

Another end of year job for your Governor is to tally the competition points standings for the CTV members. The awards will be presented at our Christmas Party and Awards Banquet.

I have finished my overview of NCCC that I present at the membership meetings. I realize it's been a brief, "500 foot" view. If you have any questions, please ask me at the next meeting. I think an open discussion would be a GoodThing.

### What's Coming Up

9-6	Southwest Region Governors' Meeting; Sherman TX	<u>C</u>
9-6/7	14 low speed Auto-Xs hosted by Corvette Club of Texas and North Texas	
	Vettes; Sherman TX	
	(Grayson County airport) First Choice.	
9-20/21	10 low speed Auto-Xs hosted by Cowtown Vettes at Texas Motor Speed-	
	way. First Choice events (including event sanctions from Brazos River	
	Corvette Club).	
9-26	Playday at Grand Sport Speedway (Hitchcock TX near Texas City).	
9-27/28	7 low speed and 4 high speed Auto-Xs hosted by San Jacinto Corvette	
	Club and COAST at Grand Sport Speedway, Hitchcock TX. First Choice.	
10-4	Southwest Region Governors' Meeting; Waco TX	
10-4/5	14 low speed Auto-Xs hosted by Longhorn Corvette Club and Cen-Tex	
	Corvette Club. First Choice.	<u> </u>
10-11	People's Choice Concours and 6 low speed Auto-Xs hosted by Tejas	
	Vettes at Mineral Wells. First Choice.	

10-25/26 Texas Outlaws Corvette Club. First Choice.

### August NCCC Event

Good job, Cowtown, on presenting a smooth set of Auto-Xs at Mineral Wells on August 16. Thanks, again, to our friends at Brazos River Corvette Club for letting us host their NCCC event sanctions.

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

"Its better to go in slow and come out fast than to go in fast and come out dead." - [attributed] Stirling Moss

### CTV COMMITTEES 2008

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CATHY CASTORANI JOHN GRACE

CAR SHOW

> John Brefczynski

CHARITIES Jane Buehler

COMPETITION → Bruce Lewis

<u>CTV CRUISER PROGRAM</u>

➢ DOUG MCMAHAN

<u>Equipment</u>

Rick Garabedian

<u>HISTORIAN</u>

### LOGO MERCHANDISE

≻ KIM WEST

### Membership/Welcome

> NANCY WELLS

MID-AMERICA ➤ JAMES WEST

### NCCC EVENTS

BOB MORRISON RED GREENFEDER

#### **CTV COMMITTEES 2008**

➢ DENOTES CHAIRPERSON

NCM AMBASSADOR KIM WEST

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#### <u>Timing</u>

CANDY LOWREY

#### <u>35th Anniversary</u>

≻ KIM WEST

# MEMBERSHIP

# WELCOME, VISITORS!

### FIRST-TIME VISITORS

Chris & Jennifer Kirchem ~ 1979 T-Top L48

Keith & Jan Fitzgerald ~ 2008 Z06 and 1996 LT4

Larry Reeves ~ 200 Coupe

### SECOND-TIME VISITOR

Polly Guedry ~ 1994 Red Coupe

Nancy Wells

# BIRTHDAYS

9/2 ~ Cliff Griffith 9/4 ~ Doris Johnson 9/4 ~ Audrey Samuel 9/4 ~ Karl Samuel 9/12 ~ Mary Allen 9/21 ~ Frank Testa 9/21 ~ Lei Testa 9/26 ~ Ron Stearman

# ANNIVERSARIES

9/1 ~ Priscilla & Stan Briney
9/3 ~ Mo & Scott Wheeler
9/10 ~ Jan & John Brefczynski
9/19 ~ Darlene & Chris Sullivan
9/26 ~ Nancy & Bob Greene
9/28 ~ Karyn & Don Fowler



# WEBMASTER



**Our Website...** We did experience an outage on our web this past month. Our web hosting provider doesn't know what caused our home page to become corrupt; and we have exhausted efforts to understand why. I rebuilt the home page as quickly as possible and it has been back up and maintained since. This outage and corruption did not impact any of our other web pages fortunately.

This past month, we added event pages for the Muenster Cruise, the BRCC Autocross Events

and the Fiesta Wine Cruise.

We do welcome event pictures and information for use on the website and in the *Club Scrapbooks*. Additional event photos were provided by Doc Lambert and Sylvia Hoaldridge. Please remember, it is never too late to provide additional photos for either our website nor the Cowtown Scrapbooks - you can even upload them to the web instead of taking time to burn a CD or email them.

Even if you didn't make the 2008 NCCC National Convention, be sure to check out the 49 event pages and thousands of photos which are now posted on the SW Region Website.

CTV Membership Directory: If you did not download the Directory and you need a copy, contact either Membership or myself and we will get you an electronic copy.

Cowtown Email Lists: If you change your email address, please let me know so we can update your address on the various email lists. If you have a question about email lists for various venues you might like might like to participating in (i.e. Open Road Racing, NCCC Competition, etc.), contact me to learn more.

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

# **PRESIDENTIAL CONVENTION ~ CONT.**

workers, cooks and servers for lunch, track tear down, and everything else. Everybody pitched in and did a tremendous job.

September brings our 12<sup>Th</sup> Annual Super Speedway Weekend at Texas Motor Speedway. And now that we have all practiced what we need to do, we should be ready to put on another great weekend. If the weather cooperates, I'm sure this weekend will be just as good as those held in previous years. Bob and Red are the coordinators for this event, so they'll be asking for your help in pulling this weekend off, too. Please put your name on the worker list at the meeting, and come out and help support your club. We'll have more details at the September 5 membership meeting.

On our agenda for the September meeting: we will be taking nominations for the 2009 NCCC Governor position. This is the only office for which we take nominations early, since we have to provide the name of our new NCCC Governor to NCCC before our normal elections take place. If you are interested in running for NCCC Governor, let someone know so they can nominate you. We will have to have confirmation that you want to run, since no nominations can be made after the September membership meeting. If you have any questions about what the NCCC Governor does, I'm sure SCOTT WHEELER will be happy to give you a good synopsis of what is involved.

Nominations for other elected positions will be taken at the October and November membership meetings. Be thinking about which position(s) you would like to run for in 2009.

Our next meeting is September 5th. I hope to see you there!

Don Fowler

# **COWTOWN CRUISER**



**The Muenster Cruise** was fun and it was a nice to have the 16 Vettes, 23 Members and 5 Visitors / Guests join us.

We headed out from McMillan Parkway, across from Coors, at 9 am, heading west then twisting and winding thru the back roads up towards Eagle Mountain Lake. This is where we saw the "uh -oh", a very short stretch of road that was torn out - something we always try to avoid on cruises. We SLOWLY drove thru that section (no way around it) and continued on with our route to the Wise County Courthouse in Decatur, where we took a break.

We headed on up thru St. Jo and some fun roads, 'til we hit 373 which took us into Muenster from the North. Before we reached Muenster, we passed the 75 brand new wind turbines which were not even in service yet. These turbines were huge, 13,000# and the blades are 128' long. We circled the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, a historic landmark; then headed on down the street to Doc's.

Here we enjoyed a great German lunch in the upstairs loft which was reserved for Cowtown; where our waitress Jan took great care of us. At this point, we had a few that wanted to drive back up to the church, some that wanted to check out a local shop or two while a few of us headed down to Fischer's Meat Market. This market / grocery store has been in business since 1927; they have their own feedlot and do provide food to most of the local restaurants. We took back some great looking steaks and of course some of the same great sausage and hot links like we enjoyed at lunch.

It was time to circle up and head out, traveling east on 922 where we again ran upon road construction; we had to altered our plans heading back down 51 into Decatur  $\circledast$ . There at the courthouse, we stopped and walked around looking at the early entries for the Car Show which was starting a little bit later that evening. From this stop everyone was on their own, since we all basically needed to head on different routes home.

This is a fun local cruise we will look to do again next year sometime.

**Sunday Wine Cruise...** Seventeen adults and six kids joined in the 1st Annual Harvest Fiesta at Lone Oak Winery in Burleson. It was a great evening with entertainment provided by 3 Fools on 3 Stools; not to mention that the rain stayed away for a great evening. Keep your eyes out if you enjoy this type of relaxed evening; we do attend several of their special events; we would enjoy some of you joining us again.

More information and pictures from this event and the Muenster cruise can be found on our website.

**Hill Country Back Roads and Winery Cruise...** we will depart at 1pm Friday the 24th and return on Sunday the 26th. This cruise will be an overnight, weekend cruise similar, but a little different than the cruise we enjoyed last November. We will take in a few wineries, *Stonehenge II*, the *Twisted Sisters Highways*, good German food, etc.

This weekend is also the 17th Annual Wine & Food Festival in Fredericksburg so don't delay - hotel rooms are going very fast - so book yours now! ...more information is located on our website; check here for the latest info on all sponsored cruises:

#### http://www.cowtownvettes.or/CCP/cruierpgm.html#2008\_CRUISE\_SCHEDULE

**2008** Cowtown Cruiser T-Shirts are available - contact me for details. You can grab CCP Participant packets for FREE - and this year you can also track your points in an Excel spreadsheet which tallies the points for you, making it easier for all of us; especially for points validation at year end ©

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 fill you in.

Annual Vette Photo Contest: The "What You Saw Along the Way" Photo Contest only has a few more months remaining however is not too late to start taking the photos while you are out cruisin' with your Vette.

There are still a couple of months to get out and take pictures cruising' in your Vette. These will be displayed and voted on by Members at the November Membership Meeting. You will find the rules for the contest on our website.

#### http://www.cowtownvettes.or/CCP/2008?CCP\_PC\_08.html

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

# **CHARITY REPORT**

Many of you have signed up to be walkers and LOTS of you have purchased \$1 tickets in the hope of being the lucky recipient of CTV's first annual NKF drawing that will be held after dinner on September 20 at the host hotel for our 12th Annual TMS Super Speedway Weekend. You still have an opportunity to purchase tickets at the September membership meeting, as well as Friday and Saturday of our TMS event. (NOTE: For those of you who are unable to attend the September membership meeting or the TMS event, please feel free to send me your money and I will be happy to return like amount of tickets to you by mail.) REMEMBER: You do NOT need to be present to win. Good Luck to everyone!

As you are aware, the Fort Worth Kidney Walk falls on the Saturday of CTV's 12th Annual Super Speedway Weekend at TMS. As I've said before, I know that none of us can be in two places at once, but I'm hoping that some of you will join me on that Saturday morning to participate in this walk and to help promote NKF with our presence. The Fort Worth Kidney Walk is one of many ways the NKF provides public awareness of kidney and urinary tract diseases for children and adults of all ages.

Most of you know that Larry and I always enjoy participating in Cowtown Vettes' events. However, because of this conflict with the Fort Worth Kidney Walk, I had to make a difficult decision. Just a couple of hours is all it takes...to make a difference. For more information about the Kidney Walk, go to www.kidneywalk.org. If interested in making a donation to CTV's team, search for COWTOWN VETTES WALKS FOR NKF. I hope to see you at either Trinity Park for the Walk or at the host hotel Saturday night for dinner and CTV's first annual NKF drawing

# Sylvia Hoaldridge

NOTE: CORVETTES ARE NEEDED FOR NKF!! The Kidney Walk committee, along with the North Texas Division of the NKF, are looking forward to seeing LOTS of Corvettes at the NKF Bank Night on Wednesday, 9/17, at Liberty National Bank on Camp Bowie Blvd. (A flyer will be distributed at the 9/5 membership meeting and emailed to all club members.)



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SWR CLUBS	2008	CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ N	CCC SW REGION
BRCC-BRAZOS RIVER CC	9/6-7	CCT / NTV (First Choice Weekend)	Sherman, TX
GRANBURY, TX SW-540	9/0-7	CCT / INT V (First Choice Weekend)	
CCO-COMP. CORVETTES OF OKLAHOMA		~ 14 LS	
Tulsa, OK SW-423			
CCOC-CC OF OKLAHOMA CITY	9/6	Regional Governors' Meeting	Sherman, TX
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK SW-468			
CCT-CC OF TEXAS	9/12-13	National Governors' Meeting	St. Louis, MO
Dallas, TX SW-074	9/20-21	CTV / BRCC (First Choice Weekend)	Fort Worth, TX
COAST-CORVETTE OWNERS ASSN. of S.TX	0,20 21		
San Antonio, TX SW-143		~ 10 LS @ Texas Motor Speedway	
CTCC-CEN-TEX CC			
WACO, TX SW-200	9/27-28	SJCC / COAST (First Choice Weekend)	Hitchcock, TX
CTV-COWTOWN VETTES			
Fort Worth, TX SW-055		~ 7 LS / 4 HS @ GrandSport Speedway	
LCC-LONGHORN CC			
AUSTIN, TX SW-200			
MCCC-MID-COAST CC	10/4-5	LCC/CTCC/MTCC (First Choice Weekend)	Waco, TX
Lake Jackson, TX SW-170			
MTCC-MID-TEXAS CORVETTE ASSN		~ 14 LS	
KILLEEN, TX SW-185			
NTV-NORTH TEXAS VETTES	10/4	Regional Governors' Meeting	Waco, TX
Fort Worth, TX SW-555	10/11-12	TV (First Choice Weekend)	Mineral Wells, TX
OCCC-OKLAHOMA CITY CC	10/11-12		
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK SW-131		~ 7 LS	
SCCC-SUN CITIES CC			
Albuquerque, NM SW-085	10/18	BRCC (First Choice Weekend) /	Fort Worth, TX
SJCC-SAN JACINTO CC			
HOUSTON, TX SW-063		CTV Non-Sanctioned Car Show	
THT-TIN HALL TOYS CC	10/25-26	TOCC (First Choice Weekend)	Mineral Wells, TX
SANTA FE, TX-SW-392	10/20-20		
TOCC-TEXAS OUTLAWS CC		~ 7 LS	
GRAHAM, TX SW-198			
TVTEJAS VETTES			
Plano, TX SW-163			
TVS-TULSA VETTE SET	11/7-8	National Governors' Meeting	St. Louis, MO
Tulsa, OK SW-248	RD = record LS = low sp	ent Codes: C = concours; CD = class drags; ET d drags; MTD = Matching time drags; F = funkhana eed autocross; HS = high speed autocross; MTT = e announced; TBD = to be determined; PCC = peo	a; R = rallye; = matching time autocross;





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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 or put your photo in a sealed envelope and drop it in the Mystery Member box.

HECTOR SANDOVAL was August Mystery Member.

SHEILA PLOWMAN won by random drawing. Thanks to all who participated.

### You must be present to win.

