

# COWTOWN LOW-DOWN

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We all make decisions everyday. Most of them are unimportant, such as what to wear or what to eat. There are some decisions, however, that changed our lives, the lives of our families, and the lives of friends and acquaintances. Deciding to buy a Corvette, then joining a Cowtown Vettes, were two of those decisions that changed the lives of a large number of people, some of whom are still in CTV and some who left CTV to raise families or for other personal

reasons and have now returned to resume their joy of Corvetting with old friends and new ones.

The following is a brief synopsis of what has transpired since close to CTV's inception:

Nov '74 – CTV makes SYLVIA HOALDRIDGE the first Honorary Member for her continued service to the Club since its beginning.

Jul '75 – CTV sends about 40 members to the Southern States Corvette Festival in Oklahoma City. There were about 80 cars in the Concours alone and over 800 people in attendance. (Does anyone remember the body-painting contest?)

Sep '75 – Joe and Wileen Crow win 1<sup>st</sup> place in Concours in Class D with the '63 coupe after a two-week marathon by every member of the club to get the car together. Joe later took up two pages of the newsletter thanking everyone who helped.

Jan '76 – LARRY HOALDRIDGE is chosen Key Member of the Month for, among other things, the many hours of work involved in keeping Cowtown Vettes on the active NCCC list. CTV makes DEBBIE LINDSEY its second Honorary Member

Mar '76 – A page of what our club members are doing...

- LARRY [Hoaldrige] is doing the glasswork on for a club member's '66 coupe and his '56.
- JIM FORSYTHE is re-assembling his '57.
- PETE SCHNEIDER is building the engine for Jim LeGrotte's '61.
- Phil Anderson is rebuilding the drive train for LeGrotte's '61 and is restoring his '66 coupe and roadster.
- Tom Arenson is re-assembling his '66 coupe.
- Richard Sukup is rebuilding his '72 LT-1.
- Bob Bonilla is rebuilding the engine in his '66 coupe.
- Kendall Carmichael is restoring his '62
- Lew Venable is rebuilding the engine in his '68.
- Russ Warren is repainting his '73 coupe.

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### 35th ANNIVERSARY PHOTO

**Rescheduled for MAY 30!!!!**

We do have our photo rescheduled to be taken at Texas Motor Speedway on Saturday, **May 30**. We will start staging Vettes at 10:30 am with a photo shoot around high-noon in Cowtown. **PLEASE RSVP!**

By this time, Kerry & Nancy's ZR-1 should have been built and delivered. We will be placing a 2009 (hopefully) in the foreground of the Vette grouping opposing the Zschirnt's 1974 (founding year).

**Don't forget to validate your Membership / Vette record in the Directory & keep the Photo Shoot dates open - we want everyone there!**

...**THANKS!** Doug McMahan



### CTV CALENDAR 2009

➤ DENOTES 100%ER EVENT (\*)

➤ 4/3 ~ MEMBERSHIP MTG \*

7:30-9:00 PM

COORS HOSPITALITY ROOM

135W @ JOHN MCMILLAN PKWY.

*(JOIN US FOR ANNIVERSARY CAKE  
TO CELEBRATE CTV'S 35TH.)*

**4/6 ~ HAPPY ANNIVERSARY,  
COWTOWN VETTES !!**

➤ 4/11 ~ RACE FOR THE CURE \*

MEET @ 7:15 A.M.

*(SEE DETAILS ON THE CTV WEBSITE  
& ELSEWHERE IN THIS LOW-DOWN)*

**4/12 ~ EASTER**

**4/15 ~ BOARD MTG**

7:00 P.M. ~ CONFERENCE ROOM

COORS DISTRIBUTOR

135W @ JOHN MCMILLAN PKWY.

**4/17-19 ~ CCP CRUISE**

BLUEBONNET RUN TO THE

TEXAS HILL COUNTRY

*(SEE DETAILS ON THE CTV  
WEBSITE & ELSEWHERE IN THIS  
LOW-DOWN.)*

➤ 5/1 ~ MEMBERSHIP MTG \*

7:30-9:00 PM

COORS HOSPITALITY ROOM

135W @ JOHN MCMILLAN PKWY.

**5/30 ~ PHOTO SHOOT**

FOR 35TH ANNIVERSARY ~ TMS

*(SEE DETAILS ON THE CTV WEBSITE  
& ELSEWHERE IN THIS LOW-DOWN)*

➤ 9/19-20 ~ 13TH ANNUAL SUPER  
SPEEDWAY WEEKEND @ TMS \*

**9/19 ~ FW KIDNEY WALK**

FW STOCK YARDS

*(DETAILS ARE FORTHCOMING.)*



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<OPEN>

## PRESIDENT

What were you doing in April, 1974? Unless you had a birthday, anniversary, had a child born, experienced the loss of a friend or loved one or had another major occur, it would be hard to remember. As for me, Nancy and I had been married 26 months, had a new home and were expecting our first child. If someone had said then, "35 years from now, you will own two Corvettes and be President of the best Corvette Club in NCCC," I would have said they were nuts. No way would I ever leave Tampa, but I would love to own a Vette.

On April 6, 1974, the club now known as COWTOWN VETTES was chartered as "Fort Worth Corvette Club." Due to circumstances beyond the control of the majority of the then club membership and because the majority wished to keep our organization going, the name was changed to COWTOWN VETTES on September 7, 1974. If it wasn't for the charter members' love for the Corvette and their dreams we would not have the Club that we have today. Out of the original member roster, LARRY HOALDRIDGE is the only member who has 35 years of active, unbroken membership. The Club has seen members leave and return due to family activities or moved on for other reasons. We have also had a few members taken away from us; their friendship and fun times will always be remembered. During the past 35 years, the Club has been involved in car shows, racing, rallyes, funkhanas, open road racing, cruising and with hosting an NCCC Convention. I know with the enthusiasm of our membership, Cowtown Vettes will see another 35 years and more exciting memories.

Can you remember what the cost of living was in 1974?

Corvette – Approx \$6,000.00  
Average cost of new homes - \$34,900.00  
Average cost new car - \$3,750.00  
Average monthly rent - \$185.00  
Cost of a gallon of gas – 55 cents

What major events occurred in 1974?

Nixon became the first U. S. President to resign.  
The 55 MPH Speed Limit was imposed to save gas.  
Sears Tower becomes the world's tallest building.  
Hank Aaron hits his 715 home run and breaks Babe Ruth's 47-year record.

### **Remember This Is Your Club**

*Don F. Wells*

# Come celebrate CTV's

# 35th!

# April 3 at Coors Hospitality

## VICE PRESIDENT

The **Practice Autocross** is now behind us... and DAVID GILL did an awesome job of coordinating the event! The weather was great, the lunch was great, and based on the number of cars I saw making 15-20 runs each on the course (Some even went back to back!), I think everyone had a fun time.

Unfortunately, due to the rainy weather, we had to postpone the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary club photo shoot, so be on the lookout for a new date soon.

Our next 100% event is the **Susan G. Komen Walk for the Cure** on 4/11. If you haven't registered yet, I'm sure there is still time, but you need to do it soon! It's very easy to get registered online. See KARYN FOWLER's article elsewhere in this newsletter for more details.

On May 2, we're going to **Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet** for an All Corvette Display. They open at 8:00, so we need to try and get all the cars in place by then, if possible. We'll be finished around noon, and we'll head over to the Railhead on Montgomery Street (between Vickery and I-30) for some BBQ!! NOTE: you MUST be present at Bruce Lowrie in order to get credit for the 100%er. Even if you don't bring your car (which I'm not sure why you wouldn't!), the purpose is to support our Sponsor; so that's why you have to be present at Bruce Lowrie in order to get credit for the May 100%er.

In June, the 100% event will be the **Autocross Events** on 6/13 out at Mineral Wells... more details will be forthcoming on that.

I also have a second "social" event planned for June on 6/27 to support our newest Sponsor, **Corvettes of Dallas**. We'll cruise as a group to their location in Carrollton and they will even be providing us with lunch! Here are some of the things Corvettes of Dallas has to offer the Corvette Enthusiast...service for 1954 -2009 Corvettes, performance (from exhausts to twin turbos), dyno testing, parts, clothing and accessories. In addition to having full access to all areas of the dealership, they are offering us a **discount on dyno pulls**. Normally, it costs \$59.95 for 3 pulls and you can get yours for **\$49.95** on 6/27!!

**April is Cowtown Vettes official 35<sup>th</sup> Birthday month,  
so we are serving birthday cake at the April  
membership meeting to celebrate!! Please join us!!**

See ya soon!

*Candy Lowrey*

### Kidney Walk Talk

*This is hot off the presses...There will indeed be a Fort Worth Kidney Walk this year...on Saturday, September 19 (the opening day of CTV's TMS weekend). There will be many things happening before Walk Day in which you can participate. More details are forthcoming. Don't forget about the upcoming Plano Kidney Walk on May 2 at LakeSide Market. The Kidney Walk presents an occasion for dialysis patients, organ transplant recipients, organ donor families, the medical community and the general public to celebrate life and create lasting community advocacy and long-term support for the National Kidney Foundation Serving North Texas. (Unfortunately, I will be attending the NCCC Governors' Meeting in St. Louis and will be unable to participate in this walk.)*

Register online at [www.kidneywalk.org](http://www.kidneywalk.org)! Let me know if you have problems or questions.

*Sylvia Hoaldrige*

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### 35TH ANNIVERSARY

➤ HOW ABOUT YOU???

# PARDON FROM THE GOVERNOR

## ... a report 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 event list 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 that you would 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

4-17/19 CCO & COAST – Events at Hallett and Tulsa Fair Grounds.

4-25/26 Cen-Tex & Mid-Coast – 14 LS A-Xs; Waco (TSTC Airport)

5-2/3 National Governors' Meeting; St. Louis

5-23/25 OCCC & CCOC – Drags (Thunder Valley) & LS A-Xs (Ok City Sheriff's Track)

6-13 BRCC (by CTV) – LS A-Xs – Mineral Wells Ring

As always, see me or the Southwest Region Web site for more details.

### NCCC Competition Rule Clarification

The NCCC Competition Committee has clarified the rule regarding fire extinguishers. Effective May 1, 2009, any fire extinguishers must continue to be rated 5BC or better and now must have a gauge showing full charge. Additionally, it is now required that the mounting bracket and strap be metal. Note that fire extinguishers are required in all events for Groups II & III cars and are required in Group I & IS cars in a high speed event.

### Scholarships

The deadlines are approaching for National (May 9th, in their hand) and Regional (TBD) educational scholarships. Please see me if you need any help taking advantage of these offers.

### Convention

NCCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at our annual National Convention will be in cool, cool Colorado Springs on August 8-14. Get out to the NCCC Web site and get registered. A week of competition and parties out of the Texas Dog Days; how can you go wrong? Don't forget to enter the raffle for a new Corvette. Discount tickets are available in your NCCC Membership Renewal Packet. You need not be present to win, but c'mon out to Colorado with us anyway.

### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pins

If you pre-ordered an NCCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pin and haven't picked it up yet, please see me. There will be a few of the pins available for sale (\$3.00) from our Logo Merchandise.

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

"Racing is cheap. Winning costs a lot of money."

- Richard Newton

# MEMBERSHIP

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS & VISITORS!

### WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

- JASON GREEN ~ 2008 C6 Coupe
- JESSIE GREEN ~ 2002 Coupe
- MARK & LOU KIRBY ~ 2007 Z06 Atomic Orange



### 2nd TIME VISITORS:

- DONALD & CYNTHIA RANKIN - 2006 Blue Convertible & 1975 Dark Red Convertible
- JOHN & NANCY DICK - 2003 Metallic Gray Coupe

### 1st TIME VISITORS:

- JOHN & BARBARA ABLE - 1965 Black/Red & 1980 Tan/Brown
- JASON BONSER & TINA SLAGLE - 2009 Cyber Gray ZR-1

*Nancy Wells*

## BIRTHDAYS



4/1 ~ Donna Forsythe  
4/2 ~ Walt Zschirnt  
4/3 ~ Bob Morrison  
4/4 ~ Kerry King  
4/7 ~ Karla Gandy  
4/10 ~ Jan Brefczynski  
4/2 ~ Priscilla Briney  
4/15 ~ Mitch Keating  
4/16 ~ Allen Shanholtz  
4/17 ~ Anne Steele  
4/18 ~ Paul Meyers  
4/19 ~ Cindy Morrison  
4/26 ~ Sharon Zschirnt



## ANNIVERSARIES

4/21 ~ Chris & Jennifer Kirchem  
4/22 ~ Scott & Cheri Pierce  
4/28 ~ Wally & Kathy Carpeaux  
4/29 ~ Frank & Lei Testa



# NCCC SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

The NCCC Scholarship program is funded through donations from Clubs, individuals and corporate friends such as MID AMERICA MOTORWORKS. The NCCC Scholarship Committee awards \$1,000.00 scholarships to worthy young people who have some connection with NCCC through a Father, Mother, Grandfather, Grandmother, 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.

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 to the applicant
- His/Her NCCC Member Number
- That He/She will be the Applicant's Sponsor
- That He/She has been closely involved with NCCC for a period of three or more years.

All scholarship applications MUST be completed correctly and mailed to:

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

All applications must be residing in P. O. Box 5032 no later than the deadline date for the year. The deadline changes from year to year depending upon the date of the Annual NCCC Convention. **The 2009 Received Deadline Date is May 9, 2009.**

## **ATTENTION ALL CTV MEMBERS:**

In an effort to reduce expenditures along with going to a greener solution, the Board is providing all club members with the option to either continue receiving a hardcopy of the Cowtown Low-Down or receive an on-line version (.pdf version) with notification via email. (NOTE: You must have Adobe Reader [free] installed in order to view a .pdf file.)

If you prefer to receive electronic notification that the .pdf version of the Cowtown Low-Down is available prior to each monthly meeting, please print and sign your name below and return to CTV-NL-Dist@yahooogroups.com or mail to Cowtown Vettes, P. O. Box 1974, FW, 76101. (This change will be effective with the distribution of the July 2009 Cowtown Low-Down.)

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Member's Name (printed)

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Member's Signature

NOTE: If, at any time, you wish to change your selection on how you receive the Cowtown Low-Down, written notification should be emailed to the address above or sent to the P. O. Box above.

*Sylvia Hoaldrige & the Newsletter Committee*



# COWTOWN CRUISER



**For our club cruise on Sunday, March 15th**, we were a little worried after having to cancel the 35th Anniversary Photo Shoot due to rain. Honestly we REALLY needed the rain more than taking a photo.

For the cruise, it was overcast as we met at *Fat Daddy's Sports & Spirits Café* in Mansfield; where Jennifer (Manager) took great care of us. The cafe is a new large upscale sports bar geared with a definite slant towards autos & motorcycles. The *House of Hot Rods* is owned by the same owner as *Fat Daddy's*. For lunch, we ended up with thirty-one members, guests and visitors, some of which had other commitments for the afternoon so the crowd dwindled to twenty-four for the afternoon cruise.



We departed at 1pm, heading out south to enjoy some of the windy back roads down thru Venus (*you went where?*); then over to Cleburne. There, we stretched our legs for a bit at the newly refurbished *Johnson County Courthouse*; which also sports historical markers and war memorials.

Departing a short time later we cruised on up to *Lone Oak Winery* where Roxanne (Events Coordinator) had arranged group parking for us, end-to-end along one of their vineyards along with a discounted cover charge. Today was only one of their Spring concert series events with live entertainment provided by the *Steve Helms Band* and *Tommy Alverson*.

The weather couldn't have been better for the afternoon as we enjoyed kicking back, enjoying a glass of wine, listened to country music in their nice outdoor environment. The band threw in various comments about *Corvettes* during the three hour event and even played *Little Red Corvette*. The group seemed to have a great time and two of our members even won door prizes.✍



**2009 Cruises Sponsors...**We are still campaigning for three-four *Cruise Sponsors*; each to plan at least one cruise this year - even if just for lunch or dinner somewhere. So, step up, sign-up and commit on putting together a Cowtown cruise; I'll even assist in getting you started.

**The April Bluebonnet Cruise will be our second club cruise for 2009.** We have a group of forty-four heading down to the *Texas Hill Country* on Friday the 17th and we will head back home on Sunday the 19th. The *Tapatio Resort* is sold out for the weekend however, they are watching for any cancellations to enable us to snatch them up for others. There will be more on this event in the June issue since the cruise is being held after the next Low-Down deadline.✍

**Other Local Cruises:** We do have a couple of members that are in the talking stages for a local lunch type cruise. We are also still working on the October weekend cruise to the *Beaver's Bend* area.

While it isn't required to participate, we do have a new **2009 Cruiser T-Shirt** available for \$12 each; available in white or gray. Cruiser packets, electronic points logs, are available at no cost - contact me.✍

I have been asked if I would consider holding a cruiser orientation session with topics such as how to plan a cruise, enjoy the windy roads, the cruiser program, etc. so if you are interested let me know. More information on cruises and the CCP program is located on our website; check the following URL for the latest info on all sponsored cruises:

[http://cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruiserpgm.html#CRUISE\\_SCHEDULE](http://cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruiserpgm.html#CRUISE_SCHEDULE)

The **5th Annual "What I Saw Along the Way" Photo Contest** continues. This annual photo contest is open to anyone that enjoys their Corvette; you don't even have to compete in the Cruiser Program to enter. From now until November 6th, you can take photos of the neat places you cruise enjoying your Corvette.

At the November Membership Meeting, you can display (enter) them, allowing the members at the meeting to vote and select their favorite photo. So don't delay, start snapping photos of neat places your Corvette takes YOU! The Contest rules can be found at:

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

If you need clarifications, have a question or comment about the Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP), please feel free to give me a call or drop me an email.

...keep on cruising' & "Save the Wave"  
Doug McMahan – 2009 CCP Chairperson

# WEBMASTER



The NCCC Nat'l Club Website Contest judging starts on June 27th,...and runs thru July 26th. I need your assistance to make everything is as good as it can be during those dates (on-going as well). Thanks to Doc, Walt and Sylvia this past month for assistance in pointing out a couple of areas that needed attention. With your assistance, we can be a strong contender for this contest. If you are interested to view the rules and what the judges are looking for, go to:

<http://www.corvettesnccc.org/WebSite09.html>

We always welcome event pictures and information for use on the website and in the *Club Historian Scrapbooks*. This past month, I thank Jane Buehler, David Gill & Bill Farley (guest) for photos at events...and, no, it is never too late to provide additional photos to be added to either our website or the *Cowtown Scrapbooks*. You can even upload them to the web instead of taking time to burn a CD or email them; contact me for details.

**Cowtown's 35th Year:** I have provided a DVD which hopefully gets played on the big screen during the April Membership Meeting. This DVD is one that I assembled for our 30th Anniversary Celebration by scanning in photos from the Club's Historian Albums. Watch it, have a few laughs and see if you can identify some of the faces from the past 20-30 years.

Have you looked out on our website, where I have also posted some photos and information from way back, including the founding year, 1974? If not, check out the Website Index, under History and on the Photo Gallery Page (bottom) under 1974.

**CTV Membership Directory:** By now, you should have rec'd a notice from Membership about the latest update of the Membership Directory being available online. Be sure to check your information and let us know if there are any adjustments that need to be made. Get with Membership at a club function or drop an email to:

[ctv-membership@yahoogroups.org](mailto:ctv-membership@yahoogroups.org)

**Cowtown Email Lists:** If you change your email address, please let membership know so that we can update your address on the various email lists; you can send any updates to the email list above.

If you have questions about an email list for various venues which you might like to participating in (i.e. *Open Road Racing, Car Shows, Cruising, NCCC Competition*, etc.) please contact me.

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 - 2009 CTV Webmaster

...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!!!*



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WEBSITE  
[www.NCCCSWREGION.ORG](http://www.NCCCSWREGION.ORG)



JOIN US AT  
CONVENTION  
AUGUST  
8-14, 2009



## 35th ANNIVERSARY PHOTO TAKING PLACE MAY 30!!!

We do have our photo scheduled to be taken at *Texas Motor Speedway* on either Saturday, May 30. We will start staging Vettes at 10:30 a.m. with a photo shoot around high-noon in Cowtown.

In the 30th Photo, there were 72 Vettes and 101 Members and *I'm sure we can top that this year, correct?*

**Currently we are short one 2009 Corvette** to place in the foreground opposing a 1974 (founding year) - *unless KERRY & NANCY McGOVERN's ZR-1 comes in before then?*

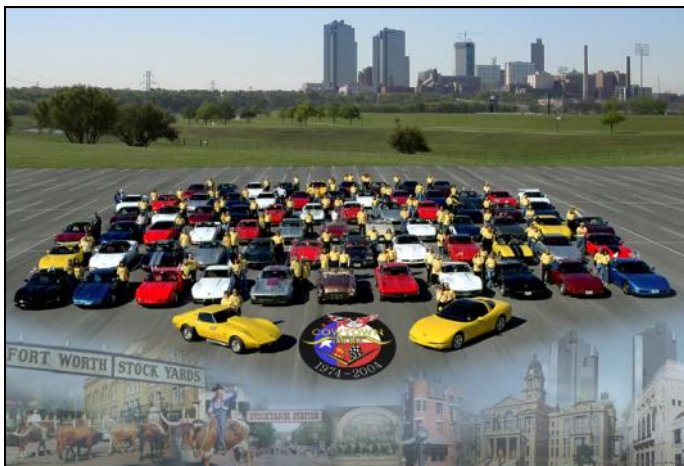
The 30th Anniversary photo (below) was taken in a parking lot with the *Cat's Baseball field* in the background. After several days of digital re-work, we had the Ft Worth Skyline and a few hologram images of scenes around FW at the bottom. While we won't be cloning that same look this year, it will be "tweaked" as necessary to come up with an awesome final product.

The final photo shoot event details will be found on our website as soon as they are available.

Don't forget that all of the latest information around Cowtown's 35th Anniversary activities can be found by clicking the 35th logo off our Home page.

***Don't forget to validate your Membership / Vette record in the Directory & keep the Photo Shoot dates open - we want everyone there!***

...**THANKS!** Doug McMahan



## WANTED YOUR CORVETTE INFORMATION???

**As we prepare for the 35th Anniversary Photo, we will be arranging Vettes by Generation and Color - keeps like colors separated ☺.**

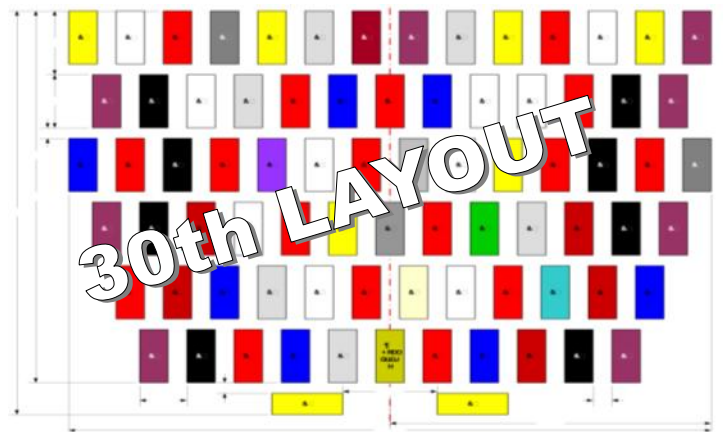
At the April Membership Meeting, there will be a printout listing each Member and their Vettes, which are currently entered in the Membership Directory.

We would ask that you the following:

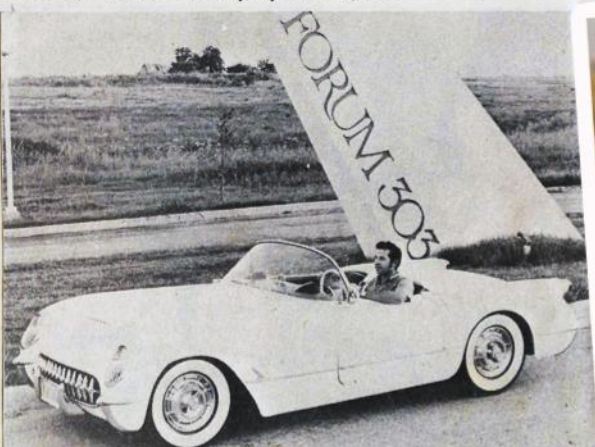
1. **If you will be Participating in the 35th Photo...**
  - **Validate the Vette entry** - making any necessary corrections on the printout
  - **Place a check mark** beside EACH Vette that you plan to bring to the photo shoot

If you will not be at the April Membership Meeting, please let me know via email (macsvettes@charter.net)

...**THANKS!** Doug McMahan







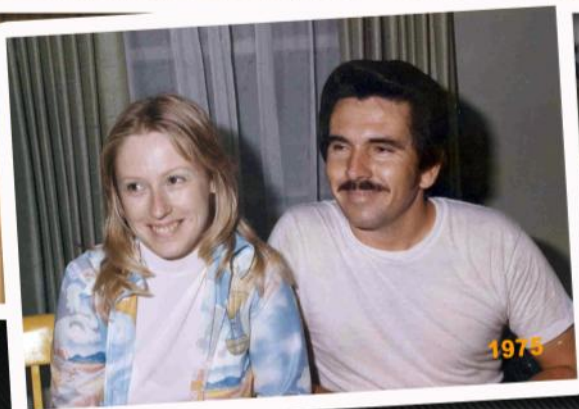
**CORVETTE CORNER** — Corvette's of all descriptions will descend on Forum 303 Mall Sept. 20-21, representing membership of the Cowtown Vettes of Fort Worth, the Greater Southwest Corvette Club and Corvette Club

of Texas. The winner of the Dallas International Car Association best of paint winner will be present, as will a vintage 1954 Corvette — plus numerous other custom and classic Corvettes.



*Welcome*  
**THE**

1979



1975

### Cowtown Vettes Go All Out For Spina Bifida

Next week, from Thursday, February 18 through Saturday, February 20, the Cowtown Vettes will display their showroom Corvettes to mall shoppers. They invite shoppers to vote (for ten cents as many times as you like) for your favorite car in the show. All proceeds will be donated to help defray the huge costs of Spina Bifida research. So come to North Hills and vote for a car... and a cure for this crippling birth defect.



1979



1993



on 9/7/74 the club was renamed Cowtown Vettes



1982



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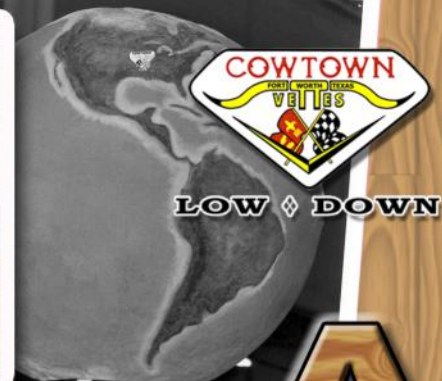
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# HISTORY OF COWTOWN Vettes



Cowtown's 1st Event



## MEMBER STATS:

- 3 > 34 Years
- 5 > 30 Years
- 10 > 25 Years
- 15 > 20 Years
- 16 > 15 Years
- 21 > 10 Years
- 46 > 5 Years

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## CORVETTE SHOW

Thursday May 28 through Sunday May 31  
Cruise on over to North Hills Mall and see some of the hottest wheels in town! The Cowtown Vettes are sponsoring the 10th Annual Corvette Show benefiting the Spina Bifida Association. Enter to win a 1992 Corvette being raffled in a nationwide drawing. Vote for your favorite for only 1¢ per vote to benefit the Women's Haven.



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Club was  
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April 6  
1974



1980

**35 YEARS STRONG  
IN 2009**

1974



1980



Jun '76 – Marlin Lyons wins CLM in the Drags at the Southern States Corvette Festival and lowers the record by 1.99 seconds. He also wins TE in his very first NCCC event.

Sep '76 – Bobby Jandrucko wins TE at CCT's Roundup and Sarah Jandrucko wins her class. (I consider this the beginning of our ladies as serious competitors.)

Mar '77 – Cowtown Vettes enters the Street Freaks Rod and Custom Show. In addition to winning Best Club Display, all ten entrants win trophies.

Apr '77 – Cowtown Vettes loses a vibrant new member who is tragically killed in a headon collision going home from the club meeting. We never really got to know Craig Baldwin.

Jul '77 – Bobby Jandrucko tows his car to Amarillo. We make Harvey Williams enter his '65 roadster in the Concours, help him clean it, and he wins Class, Best of Show, and \$50; he buys dinner.

Jul '78 – DON FOWLER and KARYN [Pilgrim] are voted in as new members. Both become very important members of our club.

Aug '78 – DEBBIE LINDSEY comments about some suspension modifications to their car, "If I can tell the difference, you know something has changed." Our ladies are getting

VERY serious and VERY competitive.

### **Apr '79- Cowtown Vettes is five years old! YEAH!!**

Jul '79 – Convention in Colorado Springs – CTV only does fair. Some political problems between the Denver and Colorado Springs clubs cause the weeklong event to be less than it should have been.

Mar '80 – JERRY LINDSEY places 1<sup>st</sup> in Men's '79 Regional points.

Mar '81 – CTV places 12<sup>th</sup> in '80 National points and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Regional points.

May '81 – CTV hosts its first Record Drags. What a job!

Jan '82 – CTV places 1<sup>st</sup> in '81 National points and 1<sup>st</sup> in Regional points. Way to go, Cowtown!

Jul '82 – CTV hosts the Concours at Convention in Houston.

Jan '83 – CTV places 3<sup>rd</sup> in National points and 1<sup>st</sup> in '82 Regional points; Tom Jamison places 1<sup>st</sup> in Men's Regional points.

Mar '83 – LARRY [Hoaldrige] is chosen Southwest Region's '82 Outstanding Member.

April '83 – CTV makes the cover of *Green Bars*, aka *Blue Bars*.

Jun '83 – In last five Drags, CTV walks away with Men's TE, Ladies' TE, and/or Overall TE. Not a bad record!

Jul '83 – JERRY [Lindsey] receives '83 President's Award at Convention in Indianapolis.

Nov '83 – JERRY [Lindsey] is elected NCCC's VP-Competition for '84/'85.

Jan '84 – LARRY [Hoaldrige] is elected RCD along with SYLVIA [Hoaldrige] as RMD. CTV places 5<sup>th</sup> in '83 National points and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Regional points.

### **Apr '84 – CTV is 10 years old! YEAH!!**

Jan '85 – CTV places 1<sup>st</sup> in '84 Regional points.

Apr '85 – DEBBIE [Lindsey] is chosen Southwest Region's '84 Outstanding Member.

Jul '85 – CTV wins Club Participation Award at Convention in Tulsa.

Aug '85 – DEBBIE [Lindsey] and SYLVIA [Hoaldrige] are elected RE and RMD, respectively.



Apr '86 – Tips from the driving school:

You don't outrun money.

Believe you can win.

- Good attitude.
- Good helmet and tire gauge.
- You have to be able to see.
- Launch, brake, steer.
- Don't jerk the wheel.
- Left foot brake.
- Shift at the apex.
- Tire pressure is critical.
- Drive to the grocery store like it is an autocross.
- Most of all, don't ride with Ed Hamrick.



Feb '87 – DEBBIE [Lindsey] is RE, LARRY [Hoaldrige] is RCD, KARYN [Fowler] is RMD, and SYLVIA [Hoaldrige] is VP-Membership. CTV does Tupperware as fundraiser for event at Texas Motorplex.

Mar '87 – SYLVIA [Hoaldrige] is chosen Southwest Region's '86 Outstanding Member.

Apr '87 – Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet becomes CTV's sponsor. Doug Shilen makes a profound statement regarding drags – you cannot drag race if you are colorblind!!

Jul '87 – JERRY [Lindsey] hits the retaining wall at Texas Motorplex, which results in the sale of his Corvette (in rough condition)!

Nov '87 – DEBBIE [Lindsey] is elected NCCC Secretary for '88/'89.

Apr '88 – CTV places 1<sup>st</sup> in '87 Regional points and receives the Southwest Region's Club Participation Award.

May '88 – Art Gates receives his "Luv wish" from KLUV Radio...money to repaint his Corvette. CTV works Super Chevy Sunday at Texas Motorplex.

Jan '89 – Nelda Mitchell wins Overall Top Competitor for '88 beating Roger by 4 points!

Feb '89 – CTV places 1<sup>st</sup> in '88 Regional points and 4<sup>th</sup> in National points. WALT ZSCHIRNT presents Corvette Help-Net.

Mar '89 – CTV collects \$2,641.80 for Spina Bifida from North Hills Mall car show.

Apr '89 – JERRY [Lindsey] is chosen Southwest Region's '88 Outstanding Member.

Oct '89 – Rumors are flying about CTV hosting '92 National Convention. ARE WE CRAZY?!?!?!?

Jan '90 – Rumors are true...CTV will host '92 NCCC Convention in Arlington, Texas.

Feb '90 – CTV starts contributing toward Women's Haven as a charity event.

Apr '90 – CTV hosts Easter egg hunt at Cook Children's Hospital. At CTV's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Mall Show, \$611.17 is collected for Women's Haven and \$670 for Spina Bifida.

May '90 – CTV participates at the Regional Fundraiser and accumulates 747 points for the weekend. Way to go!

Oct '90 – DEBBIE [Lindsey] is asked and agrees to serve as '91 Convention Treasurer.

Mar '91 – CTV places 5<sup>th</sup> in '90 National points and 1<sup>st</sup> in Regional points. Roger and Nelda Mitchell place 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, in Regional points.

Apr '91 – CTV receives the Southwest Region's '90 Club Participation Award.

Jul '91 – CTV hosts '92 Pre-Convention Warm-Up.

Aug '92 – Convention is over. We work hard and try not to make the mistakes that have occurred at other conventions. Tom Walter (Crescent City Corvette Club in New Orleans) writes an article for his club's newsletter. His last sentence says it all, "Of all the nice people I met in Texas, the people of Cowtown Vettes were the nicest of all."

Jan '93 – CTV has 102 members!

Feb '93 – CTV places 7<sup>th</sup> in '92 National points and 1<sup>st</sup> in Regional points. Cheri & Bobby Joines place 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively, in Regional points. Bernyce Molenda is elected RMD.

Jun '93 – CTV sponsors a Charity Mall Show for “A Wish With Wings” and works the Corvette “Dream & Drive.”

Nov '93 – DEBBIE [Lindsey] is asked and agrees to be '94 Convention Treasurer.

Dec '93 – CTV renews with over 100 members!

These are but a few of the things that happened during the first twenty years. We did not try to pick on anyone or anything in particular, just wanted to point out a few examples of what we've been about.

Next month...a few of the things that happened 1994 thru 2008.

*Sylvia Hoaldrige*

## CHARITY REPORT

### Easter Seals Walk

The following participants came out to Grapevine Mills Mall on Saturday, March 7 to support the Easter Seals “Walk With Me.” A big THANKS goes to LINDA LUMMUS for being the Team Captain.

Plan now to participate in these upcoming events. Details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter, as well as on the CTV website.

4/11 ~ Susan G. Komen “Race for the Cure”

6/11 ~ Tarrant Area Food Bank

*Jane Buehler*

Charity Committee Chairman

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### 2009 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure

The 2009 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is scheduled for Saturday, April 11 in downtown Fort Worth. Details are listed below:

**Date:** Saturday, April 11

**Time:** Meet at 7:15 am

**Place:** YWCA parking lot at the northwest corner of 4th and Lamar Streets downtown Fort Worth (same place as in previous years)

It's not too late to register. So far, we have 14 registered, which is not good. Please register online at [http://www.komentarrant.org/race\\_for\\_the\\_cure.aspx](http://www.komentarrant.org/race_for_the_cure.aspx). Click on registration and look for the team Cowtown Vettes. Email me at [kfowler@theblumfirm.com](mailto:kfowler@theblumfirm.com) if you have any problems registering.

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

I have found the perfect place to go for brunch afterwards – Fuzzy's Taco Shop on Race Street, which is off Sylvania just east of downtown. It's a Baja-style Mexican food place, large enough to accommodate all of us. They open at 9:15 am and we'll probably get there between 10:00 and 10:30 am. They have everything from breakfast burritos & tacos to Huevos Rancheros and Migas. I've had their Migas and they are great. Their Latin fried potatoes are also wonderful. So, if you haven't signed up yet, this is your incentive to do it!!! Even if you don't walk, you can meet us for brunch. Check out Fuzzy's website – [www.fuzzystacoshop.com](http://www.fuzzystacoshop.com). You can see their menu online.

As in years past, I will be drawing for cancer merchandise when we get to Fuzzy's. If you walk, your name will be eligible for the drawings!

*Karyn Fowler*



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# CTV PHOTO ALBUM

## Fort Worth Rod & Custom Car Show



## Back Road & Country Music Cruise

3/15/09





## CTV COMPETITION REPORT



### ***These aren't the 'droids' you're looking for!***

I want to thank all of those who contributed to (what I understand) was a successful practice autocross. It was unfortunate that I had to leave early. (I have photographic proof that I really did attend a wedding.) I trust that DON WELLS & Co. served another terrific track meal and that there was plenty to satisfy the most voracious of appetites (not counting mine).

I did get a chance to ride the course with DOUG McMAHAN and KEVIN ANTHONY. Since Doug was leading the parade lap, he did not push too hard; Kevin did. All I need is an Advil© to keep the neck pain down. (No, really!)

I plan to contact the various specialty chairpersons to seek some lessons learned. This was my first event to lead and I want to know both what went well and what needs improvement. I am looking for cause, not fault.

Planning for the June event will be starting soon. If the June event receives the same level of support as this event, it should be even better.

Stay tuned!

*David Gill*





**SWR CLUBS**
**2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ NCCC SW REGION**

<b>BRCC—BRAZOS RIVER CC</b> GRANBURY, TX SW-540	4/3-5	LCC/SJCC Friday—play day @ Grand Sport Speedway Saturday—7 LS; Sunday—7 HS	Hitchcock, TX
<b>CCO—COMP. CORVETTES of OKLAHOMA</b> TULSA, OK SW-423	4/17-19	CCO/COAST Friday—play day @ Hallett Saturday—2 LS, 4 HS, 1 F @ Hallett Sunday—7 LS @ Tulsa Fair Grounds	Tulsa, OK
<b>CCOC—CC of OKLAHOMA CITY</b> OKLAHOMA CITY, OK SW-468	4/25-26	CTCC/MCCC 14 LS	Waco, TX
<b>CCT—CC of TEXAS</b> DALLAS, TX SW-074	5/2-3	National Governors Meeting	St. Louis, MO
<b>COAST—CORVETTE OWNERS ASSN. of S.TX</b> SAN ANTONIO, TX SW-143	5/23-25	OCCC/COCC Saturday—6 LS Sunday—2 ETD, 1 MTD, RD (Noble, OK)	Oklahoma City, OK
<b>CTCC—CEN-TEX CC</b> WACO, TX SW-200	6/6-7	THT/TVS—Regional Fundraiser Events TBD	Oklahoma City, OK
<b>CTV—COWTOWN VETTES</b> FORT WORTH, TX SW-055	6/13-14	BRCC (CTV) Events TBD	Mineral Wells, TX
<b>LCC—LONGHORN CC</b> AUSTIN, TX SW-200	7/25-26	CCOC/SCCC 11 LS	Oklahoma City, OK
<b>MCCC—MID-COAST CC</b> LAKE JACKSON, TX SW-170	8/8-14	NCCC's 50th Convention	Colorado Springs, CO
<b>MTCC—MID-TEXAS CORVETTE ASSN</b> KILLEEN, TX SW-185	9/12-13	National Governors Meeting	St. Louis, MO
<b>NTV—NORTH TEXAS VETTES</b> FORT WORTH, TX SW-555	9/19-20	CTV/BRCC ~ Texas Motor Speedway 10 LS	Fort Worth, TX
<b>OCCC—OKLAHOMA CITY CC</b> OKLAHOMA CITY, OK SW-131	9/19	SWR Governors' Meeting	
<b>SCCC—SUN CITIES CC</b> ALBUQUERQUE, NM SW-085	9/26-27	CCT/NTV 14 Events TBD	TBD
<b>SJCC—SAN JACINTO CC</b> HOUSTON, TX SW-063	10/24	MTCC 5 LS (not a 1st Choice weekend)	Oklahoma City, OK
<b>THT—TIN HALL TOYS CC</b> SANTA FE, TX SW-392	10/31	TV 7 LS	Mineral Wells, TX
<b>TOCC—TEXAS OUTLAWS CC</b> GRAHAM, TX SW-198	10/31	SWR Governors' Meeting	
<b>TV—TEJAS VETTES</b> PLANO, TX SW-163	11/1	TOCC 7 LS	Mineral Wells, TX
<b>TVS—TULSA VETTE SET</b> TULSA, OK SW-248	11/14-15	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

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Have you sold your Corvette or bought a new one?  
If so, please contact Membership and help keep our records up to date.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our **THREE COMPETITORS** who finished in the Top 10 in the SW Region  
~ Viola Meyers, Paul Meyers and Cindy Morrison ~

# Southwest Region NCCC

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
**JOHNNY GANN**  
(OCCC)

**1<sup>st</sup>**  
**TRACY GADU**  
(LCC)

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**TED MOLEND**  
(THT)

**3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**KEN BAKENHUS**  
(SJCC)

**3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**BONNIE GOODSON**  
(OCCC)

**2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**BERYNCE MOLEND**  
(THT)

## 2008 TOP COMPETITORS

**TOP 10 CLUBS:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB (OCCC)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> COWTOWN VETTES (CTV)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> CENTEX CORVETTE CLUB (CTCC)
- 4<sup>th</sup> THE HALL TOYS (THT)
- 5<sup>th</sup> SAN JACINTO CORVETTE CLUB (SJCC)
- 6<sup>th</sup> TEXAS VETTES (TV)
- 7<sup>th</sup> LONGHORN CORVETTE CLUB (LCC)
- 8<sup>th</sup> NORTH TEXAS VETTES (NTV)
- 9<sup>th</sup> TEXAS OUTLAW CORVETTE CLUB (TOCC)
- 10<sup>th</sup> CORVETTE CLUB OF OKLAHOMA CITY (CCOC)

**4<sup>th</sup>**  
**TOM GOODSON**  
(OCCC)

**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**ALAN BROWN**  
(OCCC)

**5<sup>th</sup>**  
**GLENDA BROWN**  
(OCCC)

**4<sup>th</sup>**  
**VIOLA MEYERS**  
(CTV)

**6<sup>th</sup>**  
**LARRY CUTSOURTH**  
(SJCC)

**7<sup>th</sup>**  
**DEAN ADLER**  
(CTCC)

**7<sup>th</sup>**  
**MARY ANN KOLS**  
(THT)

**6<sup>th</sup>**  
**CHERYL SURDICK**  
(TV)

**8<sup>th</sup>**  
**DEAN LACKEY**  
(TV)

**9<sup>th</sup>**  
**JOE REESE**  
(OCCC)

**10<sup>th</sup>**  
**PAUL MEYERS**  
(CTV)

**10<sup>th</sup>**  
**VICKI BURGESS**  
(OCCC)

**9<sup>th</sup>**  
**CINDY MORRISON**  
(CTV)

**8<sup>th</sup>**  
**JEANNE RUSTON**  
(OCCC)

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