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As promised in the April *Cowtown Low-Down*, here are a few of the things that happened 1994 thru 2008.

Jan '96 – The National Kidney Foundation replaced Spina Bifida as NCCC's official charity. "Sweetie" Bob Stage proposed to Barb LeGasse; she accepted. Voted in six (6) new members: Robert & Maria McKlveen, Richard & Ellen Chapman and Kelly & Vicky Waters. Proposed By-Law change was voted on and passed: "Jr. Board member cannot have been a previous Officer or Board Member."

Feb '96 – Personal Portrait: DONN BECK. SHAUN LOWREY begins an article of interest to the younger set in the *Cowtown Low-Down* entitled "Kowtown Kids." Pat Mason, CTV Charity Coordinator, recognized CTV charity activities with the Tarrant County Food Bank, our Christmas Adopt-a-Family and Women's Haven.

Mar '96 – We have over 130 members. Personal Portrait: James & Rene Contos. CTV will have 8 men and 6 ladies receiving overall NCCC points awards at the upcoming Awards Weekend banquet in recognition of earning more than 200 points in competition last year. CTV made a good showing at the Corvette Expo in Houston and at the Texas Show Car Show at Will Rogers in Fort Worth.

Apr '96 – CTV charity activity: visiting at Bishop-Davies Retirement Center with Anne 'the Bunny' Heath, her pet llama and 140+ sacks of Easter goodies distributed to the wonderful residents. CTV is #1 in the SW Region and 6th in the Nation with 6385 points for 1995. Nelda Mitchell is 11th in the Nation; Roger and Nelda both finished 1st in the SW Region in all events except drags. MO WHEELER finished 7th in the SW Region; Bernyce Molenda finished 8th in the SW Region. MO WHEELER was recognized for her work as the SW Region Secretary. Zora Arkus-Duntov, the Corvette Engineering Genius, did at the age of 86. Personal Portrait: Marvin & Donna Snyder.

May '96 – CTV now has 129 members. 1995 SW Region Outstanding Member – WALT ZSCHIRNT. Personal Portrait: LARRY & SYLVIA HOALDRIDGE. Voted in one (1) new member Larry Rea (by transfer). CTV volunteered in Mayfest this year; 21 club members worked. Lifetime NCCC membership is available for \$300 until 6/30.

Jun '96 – We voted in nine (9) new members: Bill & Shaleen Wunrow, Michael Buchanan, Robert & Shelly Majors, John & Theresa Hamilton, George Ware and Lucas Rea. CTV now has 145 members. Jerry Britner, the current NCCC President, was the 1st recipient of the Bill Bradley Award, a former CTV club member and staunch competitor. The free watermelon (contributed by Barb Stage) was declared the biggest hit at CTV's first-choice weekend. Personal Portrait: Pete McGrath.

Jul '96 – The Annual July 4th Parade, coordinated by CAROL SAVAGE, was "hot as a firecracker." NCCC Convention is held in Florida. CTV won 1st Place in the National Newsletter Contest sponsored by NCCC. CTV receive Best Club Display at the 2nd Annual DFW Wheels Classic Car Show. Personal Portrait: Kelly & Vicky Waters. "A conclusion is the place where you stopped thinking."

Aug '96 – Stage's Hawaiian Luau (authentic as you can get in Texas). Personal Portrait: Greg and JUDY BERNDT. Rick Heath traveled 1400 miles to Carlisle, PA to show his '77 at the York County NCCC event and took a 3rd in his class.

Sep '96 – Voted in four (4) new members: Steve Farr, Mark Hillman, Rolf Krueger and DOC LAMBERT with a '62 Red. CTV got the Club Participation award at the Lone Star car show. Personal Portrait: Russ & Linda Fowler. SYLVIA HOALDRIDGE set the Ladies RPB record at 10.71 and was told to reward that mechanic!! Per NCCC, "If a Lifetime Member sells his car, he is still a member of NCCC forever." CTV now has 146 members. Nelda Mitchell was elected 1977 SWR Regional Executive and MO [Wheeler] was elected 1977 SWR Regional Membership Director.

Oct '96 – Progressive Dinner was a tremendous success with 49 members & guests eating. Wichita Falls Annual Roundup car show: eight (8) CTV members participated and trophied...with over 200 other entrants. Rolf Krueger also took Best Engine and Jim Rachel also took Best of Class. Personal Portrait: WALT & SHARON ZSCHIRNT.

Nov '96 – Voted in three (3) new members: Gary & Suzette LaGray and Carl Droste, bringing CTV to a total of 150 members. The Scavenger Hunt put on by Pat Mason, Linda Fowler & Donna Snyder was



CTV CALENDAR 2009

➤ DENOTES 100%ER EVENT (*)

➤ 6/5 ~ MEMBERSHIP MTG *

7:30-9:00 PM

COORS HOSPITALITY ROOM

135W @ JOHN MCMILLAN PKWY.

➤ 6/13-14 *

BRCC'S NO FRILLS EVENT

MINERAL WELLS, TX

(SEE DETAILS ON THE CTV WEBSITE.)

6/21 ~ FATHER'S DAY

6/17 ~ BOARD MTG

7:00 P.M. ~ CONFERENCE ROOM

COORS DISTRIBUTOR

135W @ JOHN MCMILLAN PKWY.

➤ 7/18 ~ JACK GANDY'S RALLYE*

(DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING
IN THE LOW-DOWN & ON THE CTV
WEBSITE.)

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

(DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING
IN THE LOW-DOWN & ON THE CTV
WEBSITE.)

9/19 ~ FW KIDNEY WALK

FW STOCK YARDS

(DETAILS ARE FORTHCOMING.)

➤ 10/17 ~ 8TH ANNUAL VETTE SHOW*

(DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING
IN THE LOW-DOWN & ON THE CTV
WEBSITE.)



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PRESIDENT

It's hard to believe June is here. This is a very exciting month with some great activities for Cowtown. June 13th will be BRCC "No-Frills Race Day," a SW Region 1st Choice Event hosted by Cowtown Vettes. If you haven't sign up as an entrant or as a worker, it's not too late. The Club needs your support to make the event a success. Our new Bronze Sponsor, Corvettes of Dallas, will host a fun day for Cowtown Vettes on June 27th. Check CANDY LOWREY's report for details.

At the June 5th Membership Meeting, you will be voting in a Jr. Board Member to replace HECTOR SANDOVAL for 2009. Please check your mail for your ballot. If you can't make the meeting, you may mail your ballot to the Club at P. O. Box 1974, Fort Worth, TX. 76101. Mailed ballots will be picked up June 5th, 2009.

Remember This Is Your Club

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VICE PRESIDENT

To my amazement, the weather actually cooperated for our All Corvette Display at **Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet** on May 2nd. However, it didn't quite hold off long enough to get finished up at The Railhead, though! Thanks to all who showed up "Rain or Shine"!!

In June, the 100% event will be the **Autocross Events** on **6/13** out at Mineral Wells. This will be a great opportunity for us to get our "event skills" all polished up and pristine just in time for our **BIG** event in September. Make sure you are signed up to help work the event. (I think we are still short on corner workers.) Watch for more details elsewhere in the newsletter and at the June membership meeting.

Our second social event for June is on **6/27**. We'll be supporting our newest Sponsor, **Corvettes of Dallas**, with a caravan to their location in Carrollton where they will be providing us with lunch. We will arrive at Corvettes of Dallas right around noon and lunch is supposed to be ready around 12:30. (They are providing us with hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and soft drinks.) Since the cars need to cool down for about an hour or so, the dyno pulls will start at 1:00. DOUG McMAHAN is putting together the caravan, so be sure to check out his article for all the particulars regarding the caravan.

As I told you last month, JACK GANDY will be hosting a Rallye on **7/18**. However, I don't have any more details yet, other than the date. We'll try to have more information for you at the June membership meeting. Don't forget to mark your calendar though, because Jack's Rallyes are always great fun!

See ya soon!

Candy Lowrey

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

The election of a Junior Board Member to serve an interim term will be held at our June 5, 2009, Membership Meeting. Ballots were mailed May 21st to all registered members. Please make your vote count by following the instructions on the top of the ballot. Contact Club Secretary, BARB GREENFEDER, if you have any questions. Thanks to all the nominees for their willingness to serve!

Special appreciation is extended to Hartness Printing in Weatherford for donating the printing of our election ballots. Thank you, Hartness Printing, for your support!

PARDON FROM THE GOVERNOR

... a report from the NCCC Governor

Last month I told you what we compete for in several types of events and NCCC-sponsored series. I hope everyone got the point. Seriously, battling with a bunch of folks - that turn into a big group of friends - over who can accrue the most number of points is a great way to get a lot out of the Corvette hobby. So now that you've decided to try competing, how on earth can you ever match up against that big block mid-year; or that brand new killer Z06 or ZR1; or that C4 with all of the trick bolt-on speed equipment straight out of the Mid-America catalog? Well, parity for the competition is provided by something you never thought you'd hear about from me --- class.

NCCC has a group and class structure to provide equitable competition based on your car's performance potential. I'll describe this at the June meeting.

A couple of related notes: "mid-year" is what long-time Corvetters call the 1963 through 1967 models. Sounds a lot more romantic than "C2;" however, it has lost its meaning now that there are so many generations of Corvettes.

And...if you are going to buy the previously mentioned go-fast goodies, don't forget to see JAMES WEST to get a discount and free shipping on your Mid-America Designs order. [Shameless plug for James.]

What's Coming Up

- 6-6/7 Southwest Region Fundraiser – 14 low speed auto-Xs at the Sheriff's Track in Oklahoma City, OK (7 events by TVS [not part of the Fundraiser] and 7 events by THT.)
- 6-13/14 **BRCC (hosted by CTV) and CCT- 11 autocrosses at Mineral Wells, TX**
- 7-25/26 Sun Cities Corvette Club & Corvette Club of Oklahoma City – 11 low speed auto-Xs at the OKC Sheriff's Track (SW Region 1st Choice Events)
- 8-8/14 NCCC 50th National Convention – Colorado Springs, CO
- 9-12/13 National Governors' Meeting – St. Louis, MO
- 9-19/20 **CTV's Super Speedway Weekend – 11 LS auto-Xs on the infield road race track at Texas Motor Speedway. Be there!!! 1st Choice Events.**
- 9-19 Southwest Regional Governors' Meeting – Fort Worth, TX
- 10-24/25 NTV & MTCC – 12 LS auto-Xs at the OKC Sheriff's Track - 1st Choice Events.

Additional information available on the official flyers which are posted on the Southwest Region Web site. You may also contact me.

Scholarships

Time is running out! The Southwest Region Larry Kolb Memorial Scholarship Program submission deadline is June 15. Surely you or your family have a student who could use help with tuition or books. See me!

Convention

Last year at this time we were packing our bags for the trip to Tulsa. This year Convention doesn't come until August. So, you still have time to register. Beat the heat in cool, cool Colorado Springs. A good time will be had by all. How often do you get to celebrate a 50th anniversary of anything besides my jokes?

Personal Note

Thanks for the thoughts, prayers, calls, and cards following Mo's recent heart attack. I know we're behind on responding to folks. We've been busy with doctor appointments and trying to make sure we still have a pay check to keep the hospital happy.

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

Some folks will just never know the satisfaction of taking \$3000 in tools, and \$2 in scrap and making a \$7 part that can be bought for \$1.50.

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35TH ANNIVERSARY

➤ HOW ABOUT YOU???

CTV HISTORY: 1995 ~ 1999

fun, fun, fun! A group toured the Delaney Winery in Grapevine. Jim Rachel won the Top Ten award, which is awarded each October, for his participation in Village Grill car shows hosted by Classic Christian Cruisers Hudiburg's 3rd Annual Car Show was great; CTV entrants were Dick Herrman, John Hughling, Gary LaGray, Steve Far, Stephen Farr, DONN BECK, JUDY SHANHOLTZ, Rolf Krueger and Lois Beck. Personal Portrait: Duster Jackson.

Dec '96 – Christmas Charity – Christmas Family through Cook Children's Medical Center. CTV voted in three (3) new members: Vernon & Mary Dede and Jerry Chalfant, bringing CTV's membership to 153. Governor's Award: Jim Rachel, Charity Award: Kelly & Vicki Waters, Outstanding Male: Bob Stage, Outstanding Female: KARYN FOWLER and Rookie of the Year: Donna Snyder. 100%er awards were presented to 28 CTV members. Top Competitor Award: Roger Mitchell; Concours: Rick & Anne Heath, Rallye & Speed Events – Roger & Nelda Mitchell; Drags – Russ Fowler and Bernyce Molenda. Travel Patches were given to the Roger & Nelda Mitchell, Russ & Linda Fowler and Ted & Bernyce Molenda.

Jan '97 – CTV now has 131 members. Annual NCCC competition awards will go 15 deep instead of the previous 12.

Feb '97 – Charity event: Food Bank of Greater Tarrant County; we boxed 4000 pounds of food! Let's do it again! Personal Portrait: The Lowreys. CTV voted in four (4) new members: Mel & Lois Thomason and Johnny 'Decon' & Gretchen Hazel, bringing CTV's membership to 135. Congrats to Steve Farr for 1st at Dallas Autorama and Rolf Krueger for 1st at Houston Expo. Personal Portrait: Dennis & Cheryl McPeak. An organization called MotorSports Ranch is putting together plans for a track in Cresson, TX. CTV members who finished in the top 10 for 1996: Roger Mitchell – 4th, Ted Molenda – 10th, Bernyce Molenda & Nelda Mitchell – 3rd (tie).

Mar '97 – CTV voted in four (4) new members: Cheryl & Layne Hunt and Lee & Alfreda Randall, bringing CTV's membership to 141. In 1996, Nelda Mitchell finished 13th in NCCC and Bernyce Molenda finished 16th, respectively. CTV finished 6th in NCCC. CTV had five (5) members in the Fort Worth Rod & Custom Car Show, all of which received a trophy. CTV is the largest club in the SW Region. Personal Portrait: Walt & Holly Busch.

Apr '97 – CTV has security detail at TMS for the Inaugural Race Weekend; 83 CTV members and five (5) regional NCCC members worked. Personal Portrait: Jim & Karen Rachel. TIMMY LOWREY began 'Timmy's Trivia.'

May '97 – CTV voted in four (4) new members: Doug & Doris Jezewski and Gary & Chelsi Potter, bringing CTV's membership to 145. Charity event: 20 CTV members worked Mayfest. The Vandergriff Car Show was a great success with 28 cars were on display. Personal Portrait: Roger & Nelda Mitchell.

Jun '97 – CTV voted in two (2) new members: Randy & Cindy Randolph, bringing CTV's membership to 147. Five (5) CTV members participated in Super Chevy in Ennis, TX. Personal Portrait: Bob & Maria McKlveen. What's Cooking: KARYN [Fowler's] Party Time Cookies.

Jul '97 – CTV is the 7th largest club in NCCC. Ten (10) CTV members: Steve Farr, Glenn Miller, John Hughling, Rolf Krueger, Mel & Lois Thomason, David Arthur, DONN BECK, Jim Rachel, Kelly Waters and Gary LaGray participated in the DFW Classic Wheels Show. CTV won the Club Participation Award at DFW Classic Wheels Show. What's Cooking: KARYN FOWLER's Maple Pecan Butter Balls.

Aug '97 – Ten (10) CTV members participated in the Legends "Super Saturday" at the Marriott, 8/2. NCCC Convention – Cleveland, OH. Personal Portrait: Joe & Donna Bogaski. Stephanie Zschirnt, Dawn (McGrath) Gray, Dennis McPeak and Christie Renfro received SW Region scholarships in the amount of \$470 each.

Sep '97 – CTV voted in four (4) new members: David & Cynthia Slaboda and Marty & Patty Weiland, bringing the CTV membership to 151.

Oct '97 – Three (3) CTV members: Rolf Krueger, James Hazel and Jim Rachel, brought home trophies from the Wichita Falls Car Show; James Hazel also took Best Interior. A Famous Braswell Rallye and Classic Christian Cruisers "Cruise and Show."

Nov '97 – CTV voted in four (4) new members: Gary & Valerie Hanna and Bob & Terry Carpenter, bringing the CTV membership to 155. Charity event: CTV supplied school supplies for Cheryl McPeak's 2nd graders (17 students). Hudiburg Chevrolet Car Show; Progressive Dinner

Dec '97 – Charity events: CTV helped with Christmas party for the Christ Haven Children's Shelter; CTV helped with Santa Cop program by adopting 10 families. Annual CTV 100%er Award was presented to 33 members. CTV Rookie of the Year: DOC LAMBERT; CTV Top Competitor: Bernyce Molenda; CTV travel patches were given to Russ & Linda Fowler, Gary & Kathryn Pennington, Roger & Nelda Mitchell

and Ted & Bernyce Molenda; CTV Governor's Award: Russ & Linda Fowler; CTV charity award: Cheryl Hunt.

Jan '98 – SW Regional Executive – Nelda Mitchell; SW Regional Competition Director – Roger Mitchell; SW Regional Membership Director – Kathy Kochanowsky. CTV now has 129 members. In 1997, Bernyce Molenda finished 4th; Kathryn Pennington, 7th; and Nelda Mitchell, 10th, respectively. Gary Pennington finished 9th.

Feb '98 – CTV's "Caravan Cruise": Randy & Cindy Randolph won People's Choice Award; SCOTT & MO WHEELER won runner-up People's Choice Award.

Mar '98 – CTV voted in one (1) new member: John Vance, bringing the CTV membership to 130. Twelve (12) members participated in the Texas Show Car event and four (4) members participated in Houston Expo.

Apr '98 – "Picnic in the Park"; CTV voted in three (3) new members: Chip Littlewood and Ed & Coleen Thomas, bringing the CTV membership to 133. Personal Portrait: DOC LAMBERT.

May '98 – Charity event: working Mayfest; Christ's Haven for Children Car Show & Picnic (had 16 Corvettes & 30 members attending, plus members' kids); ten (10) specially-designed rag dolls, called "Get Well Friends," will be distributed to seriously-ill, hospitalized children. "A hundred years from now, it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I live in or the kind of car I drove, but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child." Personal Portrait: Mel & Lois Thomason.

Jun '98 – CTV voted in three (3) new members: CHERI JOINES PIERCE and Russ & Linda Bowen, bringing the CTV membership to 135. Hi/Lo "People's Choice" Car Show, Mo & Scott Wheeler's Fun Rallye, Caravan Dinner Cruise, Westchester Home Owners Assn Picnic & Car Show; Kiwi Kar Show in Arlington: Jack Bub won People's Choice.

Jul '98 – July 4th Parade coordinated by Carol Savage. CTV voted in one (1) member: Mike [& Erin) Noskin, bringing the CTV membership to 136. Winners at Christian Classic Car Show were Jack Bub, Gary LaGray and Gretchen & John Hazel.

Aug '98 – 9th Annual Lone Star Corvette Classic: nine (9) CTV members participated. LARRY & SYLVIA HOALDRIDGE, Steve Farr (and his brother) and ROY & MARY ALLEN travel Route 66 from Tucumcari, NM to Amarillo, TX to participate in the HDTV production of "The Birth of a Legend."

Sep '98 – CTV voted in two (2) new members: ROY & MARY [Allen], bringing the CTV membership to 137.

Oct '98 – CTV voted in eight (8) new members: Michael & Lisa Buick, Jack & Audrie Magmer, FRED & DONNA ROSETT and Paul & Kerri Hamilton, bringing the CTV membership to 146. Hudiburg Car Show; Drive In Movie Theater, 8th annual Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend: the Arthurs, the Carpenters, KIM & JAMES WEST, DON & KARYN FOWLER, the Segels, the Thomasons, John Hughling and DONN & Lois BECK. Seven (7) members participated in the Wichita Falls Corvette Show.

Nov '98 – Rally & Dinner Cruise. Charity event: Santa Helpers needed...for Wish with Wings and Cook Children's Hospital; Food Bank.

Dec '98 – CTV travel patches were presented to Roger & Nelda Mitchell, Ted & Bernyce Molenda, Russ & Linda Fowler, Marvin & Donna Snyder and WALT ZSCHIRNT. CTV Top Competitor: Nelda Mitchell; Governor's Award: Marvin Snyder; President's Award: CANDY LOWREY, Outstanding Members: Bob Lowrey and KARYN FOWLER, Charity Award: WALT & SHARON ZSCHIRNT, Rookie of the Year: Mel Thomason, Most Sociable – SCOTT WHEELER, 100%er Awards were presented to 26 CTV members.

Jan '99 – Super Bowl Party @ the Red Robin in Grapevine.

MORE TIDBITS FOR FEB '99—PRESENT WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE JULY LOW-DOWN.

COME OUT AND PARTICIPATE!!!

If you enjoyed the **March Practice Autocross** in Mineral Wells then *come out and participate* in the **NCCC event that we are hosting on June 13th**. The event consists of four low-speed autocrosses very similar to March's practice autocross. These events are just you against the timing clock - no wheel-to-wheel competition. And if you sign up before June 1st, there is a discounted rate for the event which gets even better if you help work the events.

To make the NCCC weekend even more fun, the Corvette Club of Texas (CCT) has joined us to make this an eleven event weekend. Their low-speed autocross events start immediately after the four events we are hosting for BRCC. Again, you will find special package pricing if your entry is postmarked by June 1st.

Even if you don't desire to autocross, come out to watch, work the event to help Cowtown put on another good event.

*Don't forget that this is not only the **CTV 100%er** event for June but you can capture Cruiser points for driving your Vette to the event; not to mention that there are several CCP points to be captured between the Metroplex and Mineral Wells.*

...Doug McMahan

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS & VISITORS!

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS:

John & Barbara Abel

- 1994 Black/Red Stingray
- 1998 Tan/Brown

Jason Bonser & Tina Sagle

- 2009 ZR1 Cyber Grey

2nd TIME VISITORS:

Ricky & Diane Young

- 2006 Convertible Red/Black

1st TIME VISITORS:

Ralph Tucker & Kathleen Allara

- 1998 Silver Coupe

Phil & Barbara Higbee

- 1991 White Coupe

Nancy Wells



BIRTHDAYS

6/2 ~ John Brefczynski

6/12 ~ Richard Cross

6/14 ~ Heather Anthony

6/17 ~ Jim Benware

6/18 ~ Carol Savage

6/19 ~ Karyn Fowler

6/20 ~ Clark Kirby

6/20 ~ Mark Kirby

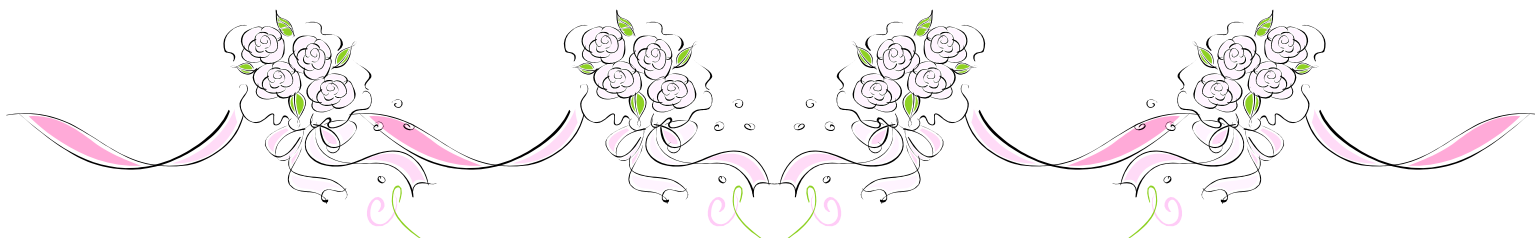
6/23 ~ Ali Garabedian

6/26 ~ Cathy Castorani



ANNIVERSARIES

6/6 ~ Mike & Jane Braswell



COWTOWN CRUISER



Our **BLUEBONNET RUN** down to the Texas Hill Country was loads of fun however the wildflowers were almost non-existent. Regardless, from the feedback of the 35 members and 6 guests, "we didn't need any wildflowers to have a great weekend"

Friday morning at 8:45am, the 17th of April, we pulled out of the *Cracker Barrel* in south Ft Worth with it raining on the 19 Vettes, an M3 and an SUV - none of them melted.

A few pit stops along the way, some for coffee, some for historical entertainment and of course we needed to stop for lunch; which was one of our favorites, *Cooper's Old Time BBQ* in Llano, TX. We did still enjoy a few back roads even with the rain; which only caused us to bypass one really fun segment on the way down.



After passing thru the Ghost Town of Eckert, TX, we traversed the *Willow City Loop* which is typically covered in wildflowers - this year, that was the route with the least wildflowers of the entire trip. The WCL drive was very scenic regardless and the rain caused some low-water crossings to contain water over the road however nothing deep or rushing, even for the Corvettes.

We enjoyed more scenic back roads on down to our home base just outside of Boerne, TX, the *Tapatio Springs Golf Resort & Conference Center*. Nathan and Peter had reserved a parking lot for Vettes only. The rain had quit by the time we arrived so other than dirty vehicles, everything was good. Once everyone had an opportunity to check into their rooms we enjoyed hospitality hour, compliments of *Tapatio Springs*. Afterwards, it was on your own for dinner or relaxation.



Saturday morning, no more rain as we met and headed out at 8am for breakfast at the *Old Spanish Trail (OST)* restaurant in Bandera, TX. Our tables were ready when we arrived, the waitress was wonderful and the food was great, as always. The regroup point after paying your bill was a mile or so up the road, at the Bandera Courthouse. Bandera is the official "Cowboy Capital of the World".



After arriving, we enjoyed some history along with stretching a bit to let breakfast settle; before we headed on out west to enjoy the scenic back roads. We passed thru Kerrville to stretch our legs at the Kerr county courthouse before hitting the road again.

After enjoying a few scenic back roads (one being the old No 9) we ended up at *Alamo Springs Café*, where Mike and his crew took great care of us for lunch. *Alamo Springs* had been highly recommended and the recommendations were correct - what

an **AWESOME hamburger!!!** Combined with the cool sunny weather we enjoyed the open outdoor atmosphere to kick back and visit with friends however; it did make it difficult to get back in the cars to leave.



We were running behind on our timeline so we hooked 'em on up until we came upon the local Sherriff driving just ahead of us. We soon turned east, heading on over to Sisterdale, were some of us stopped at *Sister Creek Vineyards* for a tour and tasting. Another group of cruisers headed into Boerne to catch the remainder of the *Texas Corvette Association's Open Car Show*.

The schedule is usually flexible however at 5:00 pm today, we had a chartered "Party Bus" taking us down to San Antonio for dinner on the *River Walk*. This being the opening weekend of *Fiesta*, we opted for the bus ride rather than driving and finding parking spots for 22 vehicles. The bus driver dropped off less than a block from the *Lone Star Café* where April (Group Sales) had us setup for the street level dining area overlooking the river walk. Live Music during dinner was provided by singer Tony Wilson as while we enjoyed visiting and dining; on a nice cool evening. After dinner everyone had time to enjoy the river walk or other festive activities of their choice before time to load back up and head to the resort.





The bus was waiting for us in the same spot we had been dropped off at; forty-five minutes later we were back at the resort.

Sunday morning was a sleep in day, with breakfast on your own and a 9:00 am departure. We enjoyed a few back roads along with a stop at the Grapetown (a ghost town) however, this year the old school house was open; which was filled with historical documents and information about the town.



We cruised on down some small back roads to Luckenbach, where we enjoyed visiting the general store and walking around a little.

It was now time to make a few more miles and to enjoy the back roads before hitting our second winery of the trip, *Grape Creek Vineyards*, just east of Fredericksburg. Sandi had everything arranged for us to enjoy the visit even though today she wasn't working.



We headed on down the road to where we lunch reservations had been made; at the *Silver-K*. Upon calling to confirm our quantity the young lady on the phone was rude stating that they didn't have a reservation for us and that we should find somewhere else for lunch. Long story short, a few phone calls later, we had reservations waiting for us in Marble Falls at the *River City Grille*, overlooking *Lake Marble Falls*. After lunch, we headed on down the road where some opted to head on home while the rest of us enjoyed a last run down one of our favorite little back road; our *Cranfill's Gap Run*, which lands you at the Courthouse in Glen Rose, TX. This was the formal end of the *Bluebonnet Run* as everyone loaded up and headed their own way home after stretching and looking around the courthouse and memorials.



Check out the event pages on our website, loaded with lots more pictures from this cruise. We would like to thank all those that joined us for a great weekend in the Texas Hill Country and we look forward to your participation on future cruises.✍

Other Cruises: A couple of members are still talking about leading a local lunch type cruise. One such cruise might take in a custom automotive business south of the Metroplex who contacted and invited us to come take a tour of their facility.

The Fall Foliage weekend cruise to the *Beaver's Bend*, area is scheduled over the weekend of October 23-25. Besides enjoying the fall foliage time of year, we will be staying in some rustic but nice accommodations, enjoying some back roads and a tour or two (not wineries). Current thoughts are that this cruise will be limited to either fifteen or twenty Vettes (various reasons).

Cruiser Orientation is something I've been asked to consider hosting; with topics such as how to plan a cruise, how to find & enjoy the windy roads, cruiser program points, etc. so if you are interested let me know.

You can find more information on cruises and the CCP program on our website; check the following URL for the latest info on all sponsored cruises:

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 cruisin' in 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, these will be displayed (entered), 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

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

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WEBMASTER



It is your Cowtown Website... so as webmaster, I ask, does our website provide the information that you feel it needs? Does it provide too much information, too hard to navigate, does it contain too many photos, etc...? ...your feedback is welcome.

I would like to thank to Doc and David Gill this past month for assistance in finding a couple of areas needing attention. We only have one more month to get our web in tip-top shape for the **2009 NCCC Club Website Contest**. With your assistance we can be a strong contender for this contest, which starts June 27, 2009. If you are interested in viewing the rules and what the judges are looking for, visit:

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

We always welcome event pictures and information for use on the website and in the *Cowtown Scrapbooks*. This past month, we thank Doc Lambert, David Gill, Debbi Lambert, Don & Virginia Littlefield, Karl & Audrey Samuel and Bill & Ruth Farley (guests) for photos from events. Remember, 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 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 ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com.

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 Convention, 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!!!

CORVETTES OF DALLAS - DYNO DAY

6/27/09 - Caravan Departure Time & Location is posted on the Cowtown Vettes Website

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Dyno Pulls start at 1:00 PM

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CTV CHARITY REPORT

Thursday, June 11th, is just around the corner, so make plans now to join us for our Volunteer Night at the Tarrant Area Food Bank. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. at the Food Bank to present a \$200 donation from our Charity Fund that the Board has approved, and we will take a group picture before going to work. When we finish, let's plan to go around the corner to the Mexican Inn Restaurant for some food and more fun!

Jane Buehler
Charity Coordinator

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Thanks so much to all who participated in this event! Once again, it was a great day and we had lots of fun.

Thanks to the following for walking and/or joining us for brunch at Fuzzy's Taco Shop. I like Fuzzy's, although I heard a few complaints. (Can't please all of the people all of the time...)

Jerry & Debbie Lindsey
Walt & Sharon Zschirnt
Don & Karyn Fowler
Red Greenfeder
Donn Beck
Jane Buehler
Candy Lowrey
James & Kim West
Carol Savage
Polly Guedry
David Gill
Debbi Lambert
Doc Lambert
Don & Virginia Littlefield
Scott Wheeler
Doug & Glenda McMahan
Tom McHenry
Kerry & Nancy McGovern
Nancy Wells

I would like to give a special THANK YOU to Andrew (Doug & Glenda's grandson) for being my helper when we drew names for the door prizes. He did a great job!

We'll do it again next year! Thanks a million!! I appreciate all of you more than you know!!!

Karyn Fowler

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ATTENTION CTV MEMBERS!!

We will begin our special summer raffles to benefit NKF at the June 5 membership meeting. You must Buy a ticket(s) in order to be eligible for the drawings.



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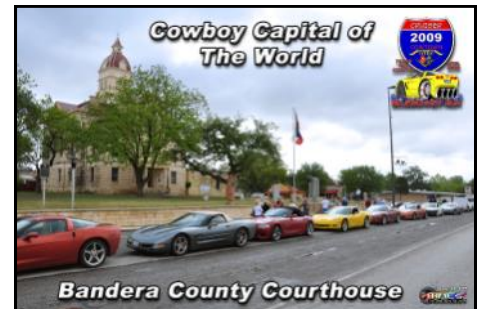
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When Tomorrow Starts Without Me

*When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see;
If the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me;
I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today;
While thinking of the many things we didn't get to say;
I know how much you love me, as much as I love you,
And each time you think of me, I know you'll miss me, too;
But when tomorrow starts without me, please try to understand,
That an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand;
And said my place was ready in Heaven far above,
And that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love,
But as I turned and walked away, a tear fell from my eye,
For all my life, I'd always thought I didn't want to die
I had so much to live for and so much yet to do,
It seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.
I thought of all the yesterdays, the good ones and the bad,
I thought of all the love we shared and all the fun we had.
If I could relive yesterday, I thought, for just a while,
I'd say goodbye and kiss you, and maybe see you smile.*

*But then I fully realized that this could never be.
For emptiness and memories would take the place of me.
And when I thought of worldly things that I'd miss come tomorrow,
I thought of you, and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow.
But when I walked through Heaven's gates, I felt so much at home.
When God looked down and smiled at me, from His great golden throne,
He said, "This is eternity and all I've promised you.
Today for life on earth is past, but here it starts anew.
I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last,
And since each day's the same day, there's no longing for the past.
But you have been so faithful, so trusting, so true;
Though there were times you did some things you knew you
Shouldn't do.
But you have been forgiven and now at last you're free,
So won't you take My and and share My life with me?"
So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we are far apart,
For every time you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.*

A Tribute to BILL BERRYHILL

Westcliff Neighborhood West Association

Independence Day Parade

Saturday, July 4 @ 10:00 a.m.

Featuring the *Fort Worth Fire Department truck and the
Vintage red fire truck, the Corvette Club, the Volkswagon Club, and all those great volunteer neighborhood floats.*

*Do **you** have a classic or unusual vehicle? Decorate it and join us! We also welcome jugglers, bicycles, unicycles
and any type of car or truck that has been decorated with patriotic colors!!*

A few reminders:

- Bring small, wrapped candies to toss to the kids along the route. (And don't forget your canine neighbors!)
- Be sure to 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 red fire truck.
- KIDS: Stay behind the vintage red fire truck as we go down Encanto!!

Directions from I-20-Trail Lake exit North –

Staging will take place at the Congregational Church at 9:30 a.m. in the parking lot, located on the east side of Trail Lake Drive at the corner of TRAIL LAKE and Manderly. Parade starts promptly at 10:00 a.m. **DON'T BE LATE!!**

QUESTIONS: Call Caroline Carson at 817-923-0259 (home) or ccarson99@hotmail.com or CAROL SAVAGE at 817-366-6727 or savage.carol@sbcglobal.net.

YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL HAVE A GREAT TIME.

SWR CLUBS

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS ~ NCCC SW REGION

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

NCCC Event Codes: C = concours; CD = class drags; ETD = e. t. drags;
RD = record drags; MTD = Matching time drags; F = funkhana; R = rallye;
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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 identifying who the mystery member is, if two or more guess correctly, the winner will be determined by random drawing, prior to the 50/50 drawing. 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 cinbob75@charter.net or put your photo along with your name in a sealed envelope and drop it in the Mystery Member box.

