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LOW-DOWN

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CAR SHOW SEASON HAS STARTED!



COWTOWN VETTES CAR SHOW COMPETITION
<http://www.cowtownvettes.org/cs/Index.html>



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ★ **2/5 – MEMBERSHIP MEETING** ★
7:30-9:00 p.m. – Hospitality Room
Coors Distribution Center
I-35W @ John McMillan Parkway
- ★ **2/7 – SUPER BOWL PARTY** ★
Pappas Burgers • Fort Worth, TX
- 2/10 – PRACTICE AUTOCROSS
COMMITTEE MEETING**
7:00 p.m. – Coors Board Room
- ★ **2/13 – VALENTINE'S DINNER** ★
Spaghetti Warehouse • Arlington, TX
- 2/17 – BOARD MEETING**
7:00 p.m. – Coors Board Room
- 2/17 – Low-Down Article Deadline**
- 2/24 – MAY NCCC EVENT
COMMITTEE MEETING**
7:00 p.m. – Coors Board Room
- ★ **3/5 – MEMBERSHIP MEETING** ★
7:30-9:00 p.m. – Coors Hospitality Room
- ★ **3/14 – PRACTICE AUTOCROSS** ★
Mineral Wells Autopark, TX
- 3/17 – BOARD MEETING**
7:00 p.m. – Coors Board Room
- 3/17 – Low-Down Article Deadline**
- 3/24 – MAY NCCC EVENT
COMMITTEE MEETING**
7:00 p.m. – Coors Board Room
- ★ **4/24 – RACE FOR THE CURE** ★
Susan G. Komen • Fort Worth, Texas



★ Denotes 100%er Award Eligibility Event ★



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



It's time for the fun times to begin. What do I mean? Candy Beck has started planning this year socials and David Gill has had his first meeting about our March Practice Autocross. For our new members, **socials, March Auto Practice, October Car Show** and **TMS Super Speedway Event** are ways to earn the Clubs 100% and Rookie Of The Year award.

At the January Board meeting, I advised the Board that **Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet** will not be our *Platinum* sponsor. The dealership will continue discounts in Sales, Service and Parts to our members. They will also sponsor the annual October Car Show. **Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet** supported our Club for many years when times were good. It's time for the Club to support them during their time of recovery. I am pleased to announce that **Corvette's of Dallas** will be a second time *Bronze* sponsor.

I am really excited about my committee chairs. They have taken some of our new members, and old, under their wings and are teaching them about their chair duties. I feel this is a great opportunity for more of our membership to be involved and learn the business functions of our Club.

"See you at the Super Bowl and Valentine Dinner social"

"Remember this is your club"

Don F. Wells

President
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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Our first 100%er of the year is the **Super Bowl party on 2/7/2010 at Pappa's Burgers** on I-30 and Forest Park Blvd. Kickoff is scheduled for 5:30, with a "pre-game show" at 5:00, so I'll probably get to Pappa's around 4:30. That'll give us an hour to get the quarterly football pot completed in time for kickoff! I hope to see you all there, with your team spirit and hungry for a good burger!

Our second February 100% social will be the **Valentine's Dinner on 2/13/2010** at the **Spaghetti Warehouse** in south Arlington (on I-20 near the Parks Mall). We have a private banquet room reserved from 6:00 to 8:30. The cost is \$18 per person (\$36 per couple) which includes a house salad, bread, tea or soft drink, tax, gratuity, and your choice of:

Spaghetti Feast*
Chicken Alfredo
Chicken Parmigiana
Lasagna Feast*

**the Feasts include sausage, meatballs & garlic toast*

If you'd like a vegetarian meal, just let the server know when you place your order. The bar is also available...you just need to pay for your adult beverages on your own. If you did not already give your money to me at the January membership meeting, be sure to pay me at the February meeting...cash or check (*checks made payable to me, PLEASE!*)

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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For March, our 100%er will be the **Practice Autocross** on 3/14/2010 in **Mineral Wells**. David Gill (*our Competition Chairperson*) will have more details elsewhere in the *Low-Down* and at the February membership meeting.

In April, we will be supporting the **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure** on 4/24/2010 as our 100% social. The walk takes place in (& around) downtown Fort Worth in the morning. Then Karyn Fowler will make arrangements for a place we can meet afterwards for breakfast / brunch / lunch (*whatever you want to make it!*). Please see Karyn's article elsewhere in the *Low-Down* for more details.

That's all for now folks!

Candy Beck

CTV, Vice-President

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THE NCCC CORNER



The year is off with several additions and changes within the Southwest Region, with the addition of another new club; Texas Competition Corvette Club (TCCC) out of McGregor, TX; with Ken Sutton serving as governor.

Another change is the Hallett (Tulsa, OK) weekend being put on by CCO & COAST, which is currently shown on 4/17-18.

We have word that it will not be held that weekend due to track availability however a firm new date has not been set at this time. They are currently looking at the weekend of 5/8-9, with the playday on 5/7; yes, Mother's Day weekend. I will keep you posted as this is rescheduled – it will also be reflected on the Southwest Region website.

Those of you that are familiar with the “tech” lines at events may be interested in this change. The Southwest Region Governors have given the approval for the RCD to purchase helmet stickers. The tamper proof stickers would be placed on the outside of your helmet at the first event that you are “teched” at. If you have ever worked the “tech” line, you know how hard some of those Snell stickers are to find inside the helmets – this should help to speed up the “tech” process.

Reminder: The Southwest Region Awards Banquet registration deadline is 2/15, so get your registration in and come help us support our club members who finished well in the region. You can see photos from the past banquets on our website – click on the Photo Gallery button.

If you have any questions around NCCC, participation, what it is all about, etc., please feel free to contact me.

Glenda McMahan

Cowtown's 2010 NCCC Governor

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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Who'da thunk, **JANE BUEHLER SWIMS WITH SHARKS!** Not just when she is wandering around the club meeting selling 50-50 tickets, but she dives in the water with large woman eating sharks. That's just one of the things you might not know about her, and her husband Bill.

They've been married for over twenty-five years (*Bill says it seems like forever*). They were both divorced, for a while, when a friend set them up on a blind date for Halloween. It took Jane three years to convince Bill she was the best thing he was ever going to find (*slow learner*). During that time she introduced Bill to snow skiing, and he introduced her to scuba diving and Corvettes. Bill had owned Vettes since the early 70's, and had a '58 when they started dating. If you're interested in Bill's Vette history see:

<http://www.cowtownvettes.org/images/NL/2007/CTV-V34N07-WEB.pdf>

They also shared a common interest in water skiing, which grew with their relationship. They spent MANY weekends on the Brazos River with their “river rat” friends skiing and boating all year, even in the winter. Could you imagine Jane in a wet/dry suit skiing in February? Trust me, there are pictures. She also became a skilled boat driver, a very important job.

As they “matured”, they began to drift away from water skiing, but continued to snow ski in the winter and scuba dive in the summer. They have been fortunate to have done both in many parts of the world. A couple of years ago, Bill even was able to spend a week snorkeling with humpback whales in the Southern Caribbean. They have missed the joy of children, but have substituted travel and time with their four-legged children, Max and Mickey.

Cowtown Vettes has offered them a new venue to pursue their existing passion for great people and their cars. One of the big things they like about the club is the great variety of opportunities there are to do – so many different things with those people and their cars. They look forward to many more years of pursuing all of the great passions in their lives, including each other.

Bill & Jane Buehler

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COWTOWN VETTES CHARITY REPORT

**DONATIONS TO THE TARRANT AREA
FOOD BANK AND THE WOMEN'S CENTER
FROM THE 8TH ANNUAL CTV VETTE SHOW**



▲ Jan Brefczynski and Barbara Higbee presented the check to Bo Soderbergh, Executive Director of the TAFB.



THE WOMEN'S CENTER



▲ Barbara Higbee presented the check to The Women's Center – Susan Fine, Director of Public Relations, Madelaine Tack, Homeless case manager/Project Coordinator and Chrisee Huffman, Director of Volunteers and Events.



The 2010 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is scheduled for Saturday, April 24, 2010 in downtown Fort Worth. Details are listed below:

Date: Saturday, April 24, 2010

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)

Please register online at <http://www.komentarrant.org>. Click on “**Register Now**”, then click the gray box on the right that says “**Join a Team**” and then search for the team “**Cowtown Vettes**” in the box towards the bottom of the screen. If you have any problems registering, email me at: kfowler@theblumfirm.com. If you would like to print out a team poster to put up at your office or elsewhere to get others to join us, here's a link:

<http://www.komentarrant.org/assets/race-documents/2010-team-poster.pdf>

The big posters aren't available yet, but will be by the end of the month, so I'll have some of those at the February membership meeting. The walk is a 5k (about 3½ miles) and starts near the corner of Houston and 4th Streets. About 3 blocks from the lot where we will meet.

As in the past, we will go for brunch afterwards. I liked Fuzzy's Taco Shop on Race Street, where we went last year. For those who didn't participate last year, Fuzzy's is a Baja-style Mexican food place, large enough to accommodate all of us. They open at 9:15 a.m. and we'll probably get there between 10:00 and 10:30 a.m. 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. If anyone has any other suggestions for an eating place, please let me know.

This event is a 100%er, even if you don't walk but meet us to eat afterwards.

Check out Fuzzy's website: www.fuzzystacoshop.com. You can see their menu online.

Be there or be Square!!!

Karyn Fowler

Board Member

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COWTOWN VETTES CHARITY REPORT

CookChildren's™

It's a new year, and another opportunity for the club to support our local charities with our time and donations. Thanks to Corey Armes for agreeing to be my co-chair. I'm sure Bill and John will jump in to help, as well!

Let me officially close out 2009 by thanking those club members who supported our final event held on December 22 at the Cook Children's Hospital Christmas party.

Doug McMahan • Sharon Zschirnt • Fred & Margaret Proctor
James West • Doc Lambert • Rick Garabedian • Donna Forsythe
Karen Fowler and grandchildren Kathy & Ashley
Barb Greenfeder and grandchildren Steven and Haley • Don Wells
Jane and Bill Buehler • Dianne VanderWeel, guest/Jane's neighbor
Sandi and Thomas Burleson, guests/daughter and
son-in-law of Don and Virginia Littlefield

We set up and cleaned up the party area, served refreshments, gave out teddy bears and helped the children with crafts and a visit with Santa. It was a fun event for all! Don't forget that the club donated the \$250 needed to provide the party!

Thanks to all of you who took time at the January meeting to provide your feedback on where you'd like to see us contribute our charity participation and donations. It will be very helpful as we plan for 2010!

Your feedback and suggestions are welcome throughout the year!

Jane Buehler
Charities Chairperson • bbuehler@charter.net

See pages 10 & 11 for
pictures of the
Cook Children's Hospital
Christmas party!

★ ATTENTION ALL CTV MEMBERS! ★

Be sure to check out the inserts in your newsletter for important information regarding receiving future printed versions of your *Cowtown Low-Down*!

100%er

Annual CTV Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 7, 2010

Pappa's Burgers

I-30 and Forest Park Drive
Fort Worth, TX

The game usually starts
around 5:00 p.m.

Reservation starts at 4:00 p.m.

100%er

Valentine's Dinner

Saturday, February 13, 2010

Spaghetti Warehouse

Arlington, TX (near The Park's Mall)

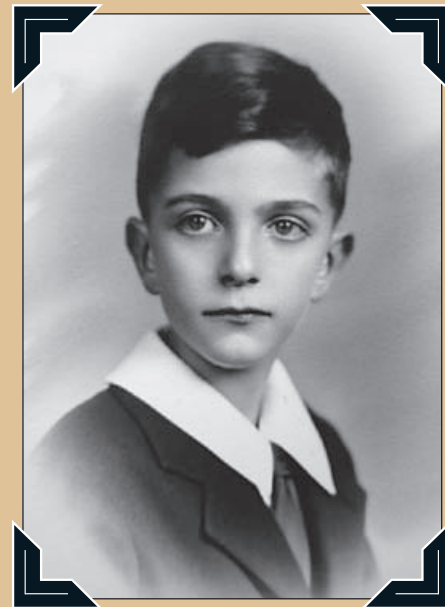
We will have the private banquet
room beginning at 6:00 p.m.

The cost is \$18 per person.

For more information, see
"Vice President's Report" on page 2.

? Mystery Member ?

WHO AM I ???



Pick up your ballot at the Membership Table, fill it out and drop it in the **Mystery Member** ballot jug. 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 HiRes photo to: **Dollie Hunley** at shunleytx@sbcglobal.net

Or put your photo, along with your name, in a sealed envelope and drop it in the **Mystery Member** ballot jug.

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Dollie Hunley was January's **Mystery Member**. 14 members correctly guessed Dollie's identity. **Phil Higbee** won by random drawing.



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COWTOWN CRUISER

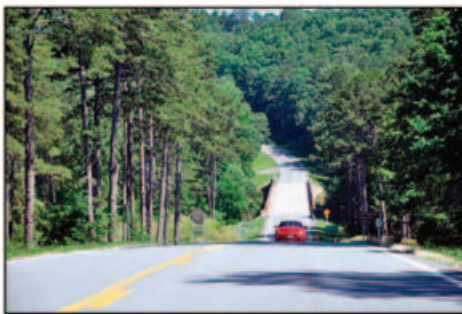


2010 CRUISER COMPETITION started January 1st! Remember, the cruise program is about getting out and enjoying your Vette(s); going and seeing places you'd typically never see, while representing Cowtown.

2010 Cruiser packets are available electronically or in paper form – contact me. I also still have a few of the 2010 Cruiser T-Shirts which feature the '62 *VetteToon*; available for \$12 each in white or gray. Regardless of your passion to enjoy your Vette, capture points for the annual competition and enjoy your Vette.



All participants with 35 or more points for the year will obtain a participation award; bronze, silver or gold depending on the number of points. The top three cruisers for the year will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. You can cruise on your own and on the "sponsored cruises" – more information can be found at: <http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruiserpgm.html>



Now that the *Hallett NCCC Event* has been moved to May, there will be a group of us heading up to the *Hot Springs Corvette Weekend*, departing Thursday morning, April 15th. We will take the fun, scenic route thru the *Talimena Scenic Byway* on over to Hot Springs, AR. Friday morning, we might take a spin up to *Magazine Mountain* for lunch; then back to Hot Springs on some fun roads of course! Take a couple days off and join us.

I am soliciting three or four members to step up and sponsor some cruises again this year; even if it is just a day cruise somewhere for lunch. We are proposing one for late March or on the first weekend of April. Next would be one in June, followed by one in the July or the August timeframe. If you don't have any ideas on a cruise but you would like to sponsor one, get with me; there are always a few good ones that could be repeated. There are also several thoughts on some new day cruises that I'd be more than happy to share with you.

When a 'sponsored cruise' is booked, it will be placed on the *2010 cruise schedule*, you can find them on our website at:

http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruiserpgm.html#CRUISE_SCHEDULE

The 6th Annual Cruiser Photo Contest also kicked off on January 1st; providing you with ten more months to capture neat places your Vette took you in 2010. To compete in this contest, you don't even have to participate in the Cruiser Program – just take some neat pictures where your Vette took you. Check out the contest information at:

http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/2009/CCP_PC_10.html

If you would like clarifications, or if you 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 cruisin' & 'Save the Wave'

Doug McMahan

2010 Cruiser Chairperson • macsvettes@att.net



Cowtown Vettes Competition Report February, 2010

I presented a first draft of the budget estimate for the March 14, 2010, practice autocross to the CTV Board of Directors. I received great feedback. We should easily break even on our cost. I am reaching out to the chairpersons of all of the event worker specialties (*e.g., corner workers, registration, tech, etc.*) to ask them to either mentor someone in their respective specialty or coordinate that specialty personally.

There is a meeting of the event coordinators and workers in early February. I requested that the meeting be held BEFORE the next board meeting. Please watch the CTV website for a specific date. I will also announce the committee meeting at the next membership meeting. Remember, this event addresses numerous interests: It's a practice autocross, it is a training opportunity for worker specialties, it is an opportunity for you to tune your car, it will help get the "cobwebs" out of your driving abilities, it will provide a low-key opportunity for first-time autocrossers, and it's a pretty good social event, complete with good food.

It would be redundant for me to list all of the upcoming NCCC events since the NCCC coordinator and/or the NCCC Governor will announce those. If you miss the announcement, go to the CTV website and, in turn, to the SWR website for further information and dates. There are numerous opportunities for you to compete in an autocross and/or drag strip throughout the year. If, after you scour the website and still have questions, drop me a line.

I have performed a review of the NCCC competition rules for autocrosses and drag races. There are numerous changes. It is pretty easy reading but, there is a lot of info. You may want to peruse those pages on the NCCC website prior to making any large expenditures on your hot rod.

Stay tuned!!

Dave Gill

Competition Chairperson • dogill80@sbcglobal.net

2010 CTV NCCC Events

As your 2010 NCCC Event Chairperson, I would like to ask that you log a few dates on your calendar for later this year.

- May 22/23, 2010 – No-Frills Event at Mineral Wells
- Sep 18/19, 2010 – 14th Annual Super Speedway Weekend at *Texas Motor Speedway*.

I would like to thank David Gill for volunteering to be the co-chair for this year; along with already being the Competition Chairperson. He will be talking to you about the March 14th Practice Autocross which is the prelude and practice event for the May and September events.

As the events draw closer, we will be asking for volunteers to chair functional areas of these events along with needing workers.

Folks, these events are our primary source of operating income for the year. I ask your for your assistance to make them a success!

Thanks,

Doug McMahan

NCCC Events Chairperson • macsvettes@att.net



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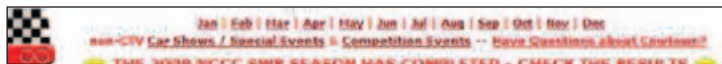
WOW, Sweetheart Month already...My dad always told me that the older you got the faster time flew; and was he ever correct!

Other than the *Cook Children's Christmas Party* and the *Car Show Charity donations* event pages, the website doesn't typically

have a lot of new content in January – other than lots of new calendar year updates.

I would like to thank Barb Higbee, Jane Buehler & Karyn Fowler for photo contributions for the above mentioned events. It is great to have pictures from other members and yes, we do desire to see photos besides ones I have taken.😊

Week after week we receive dozens of invites for our members to participate in car shows, swap meets, competition events, etc. We handle those via the website rather than 1) spending our club funds publishing these in our *Low-Down* or 2) blasting emails to the CTV-ALL email list several times a week. If you are looking for a venue to participate in, we would ask that you check out the two special pages were these are listed. The first is for **Car Shows and Special Events** and the second is for **Competition Events**, both can be found below our monthly calendar links at the top of the home page.✍



The other item that I'd like to mention is our **Classified AD** pages which several of you have used in the past. We receive three to four requests a week where someone is wanting to sell or buy Vettes or parts. For the same reasons mentioned above, we opt to post these on our



website. So, if you are looking to buy or sell items (even non-Vette), we have the AD pages for you!✍



Cowtown Email Lists: We maintain dozens of email lists various focus areas within the club. If you have a certain passion with your Vette (i.e. *Open Road Racing*, *Car Shows*, *Cruising*, *NCCC Convention*, *Competition*, etc.), we typically have an email list for your specific area(s) of interest which you can join to keep you up to date.

When someone sends out an email to the **CTV-ALL email list** asking for your action – think before replying to all. Please copy their email address from that original email and replace it in the “To:” line of your responses since the typical reply does not need to go to everyone in Cowtown. If you initiate emails to this distribution list, please include your personal email address in your tag line – it does help. We will continue to keep this email list moderated in order that we can stop the dozens of personal responses from blasting everyone.✍

If you change your email address, mailing address, your Vettes, etc., please let membership know so that we can update your address on the various email lists; you can send any updates to membership at: ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com.✍

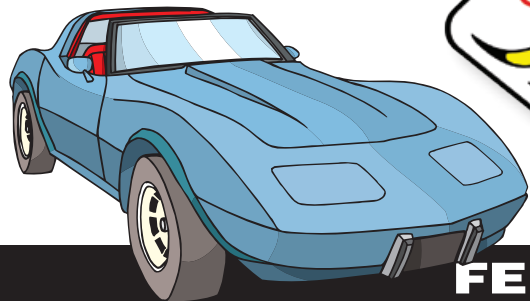
If you have any suggestions, questions or comments about our how we are managing our Club's website, please don't hesitate to give me a shout.✍

Doug McMahan













2010 CTV Webmaster • macsvettes@att.net

...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!!!



FEBRUARY 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 GROUND HOG DAY 	3	4	5  ☛ Membership Meeting @ 7:30 p.m. RSVP DEADLINE for Valentine's Social	6
7  ☛ Super Bowl Party @ Pappas Burgers, Ft. Worth	8	9	10  Practice Autocross Committee Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	11	12	13  ☛ Valentine's Social @ Spaghetti Warehouse, Arlington
14  Valentine's Day	15  Presidents Day	16	17  Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. LOW-DOWN DEADLINE	18	19	20
21  Greeting the Troops @ D/FW Airport	22	23	24  May NCCC Event Committee Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	25	26  NCCC National Committee Meeting	27  NCCC National Governor's Meeting
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MARCH 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5  ☛ Membership Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.	6  SWR Awards Banquet
7  SWR Governor's Meeting	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  Daylight Savings Time Begins  ☛ Practice Autocross @ Mineral Wells Airpark, TX	15	16	17  Board Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. LOW-DOWN DEADLINE St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20
21  Greeting the Troops @ D/FW Airport	22	23	24  May NCCC Event Committee Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			







NOTEWORTHY

2010 Auto Etching/ H.E.A.T. Registration

Auto Etching: Using a process similar to sandblasting, the police department will permanently etch your vehicle's unique vehicle identification number into all window glass and selected metal components of your vehicle. The police department also applies a sticker that lets the car thief know that the vehicle has been marked, therefore, making it difficult for them to sell to a "chop shop." You may qualify for a deduction on your automobile theft insurance after having your vehicle etched.

H.E.A.T. Program: H.E.A.T. is an acronym which stands for Help End Auto Theft. While the police department encourages senior citizens to use this program, it is available to everyone. If you do not drive your personal vehicle between the hours of 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., the police department will apply a H.E.A.T. sticker to the inside of your back window. This allows any police officer who sees that vehicle being driven between those hours to stop the vehicle and question the occupants with the assumption that the vehicle is stolen.

NPD South Division – 817-994-6924

February 10

Kroger, 3510 Altamesa Blvd.
1 p.m.-6 p.m.

February 24

Kroger, 3510 Altamesa Blvd.
1 p.m.-6 p.m.

February 27

Kroger, 3510 Altamesa Blvd.
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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This is a free service from the Fort Worth Police Department. I received a discount on my car insurance for having it done. Above is the schedule for February. Below is the website for more monthly schedules:

[http://www.fortworthpd.com/
autoetching.htm](http://www.fortworthpd.com/autoetching.htm)

Jennifer Kirchem



OUR COMMUNITY

Greeting The Troops

Several of you have asked if we could set up "Greeting the Troops" at DFW airport for a specific day each month.

So, starting in 2010, we'll try to go on the third Sunday of each month, to greet the returning military troops. I've been going pretty regularly and most of the time they arrive at 7:55 a.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. So call 972-574-0392, just before you leave for the airport, because the times can, and do change. We can go have brunch afterwards!

Lately, they've been coming in to Terminal D (the International Terminal) but that changes too. The terminal and gate information is given to you when you call that number. You get a coupon for free parking at the airport from someone at the gate where the troops come in.

Hope to see a lot of you there!

Karyn Fowler
Board Member
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CTV Website Tips

For additional classified listings, go to:

<http://www.cowtownvettes.org/bp/classifieds.html>

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



In an effort to reduce expenditures, the CTV Elected Officers are recommending NOT printing hard copies of the *Cowtown Low-Down*, unless specifically requested. You will receive electronic notification when the pdf version of the *Low-Down* is available, on the CTV Website, prior to each monthly meeting. **CTV members will pick up their requested printed copy at each membership meeting.** If you are unable to attend, your copy will be mailed. See "Opt-in" insert form for details.

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*(February 17th is the deadline for
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Interesting Stuff

Did you know...

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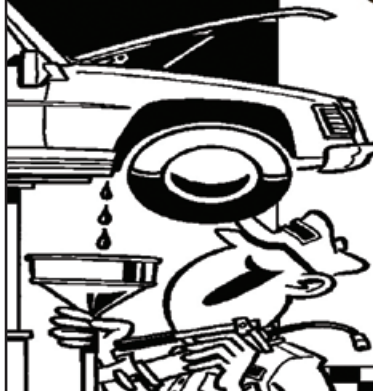
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TRAVELING HELP NETWORK

The final *draft* copy has gone out to the SWR Governors for solicitation for additional volunteers; requesting responses by first week of February. Once those have been received, the directory will be updated and distributed electronically to the SWR Governors. Early February is the target for distribution to members of the Southwest Region.

Cowtown currently has five volunteers and we would welcome any additions.

Thanks,

Doug McMahan

SWR Webmaster / THN Committee
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*(Deadline for the March issue is:
February 17th)*



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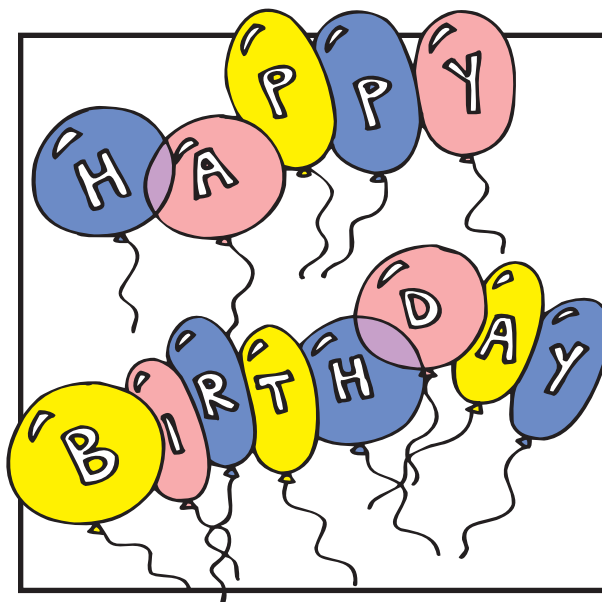
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2/5 – Ruth Hicks

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2/9 – Mo Wheeler

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2/25 – Jane Braswell

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February 14
Allen & Judy Shanholtz

February 17
Fred & Donna Rosett

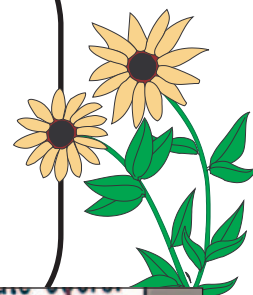
February 27
Bruce & Yvette Lewis

February 28
Doug & Glenda McMahan





Out 'n About



Pat Gill

▲ Doug McMahan took this picture of Pat Gill taking a Performance Driving School at Motorsport Ranch in Cresson, on Saturday, January 16th... learning how to "enjoy" her Vette.



CTV LOGO!

▲ Richard Cross snapped this picture of the ice machine at the The MidPoint Café in Adrian, Texas (just west of Amarillo). It is the (mileage) midpoint of Route 66, and has the BEST pie in the world!!!



CTV's Humble Beginnings



Car Shows

Have you ever wondered, "why does the club do such-and-such this way"? If you're a "newbie" to the club, that would be an appropriate question. Don and I have been in CTV since 1978. We're not charter members, but we have kept our membership a long time.

When we joined, a member by the name of Judy Rollinger was chairperson of the car shows and they were being held at Ridgmar Mall, indoors on the first floor. Judy is a lifetime member of NCCC and you will see her name several times engraved on our charity trophy. Every car in the display had a jar or something similar and people, including CTV members, could vote for their favorite car

(a penny a vote is what was required) by putting the money in the jar of their favorite car. All the money accumulated went to charity. I don't remember what charities we chose, but I do know it all went to charity. We eventually had to move from Ridgmar Mall because believe it or not, some people on the second floor of the mall, thought it would be funny to spit or throw something on the cars below! So, we moved to North Hills Mall (not in existence any longer), a one-story mall, but continued the same theme of the show. We did this for several years and it was a lot of fun. Eventually, the show became too large to hold inside of North Hills Mall, so we moved outside, and then to our present location on South Hulen Street.

Since the car show continues to donate to charity, I thought the history behind this might give all a better understanding of how this all got started!!

Thanks for reading,

Karyn Fowler

Board Member

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VETTE TECH

Editor's Note: Since car show season is coming, I thought these articles on detailing your Vette might be interesting to you. They were published in the Cowtown Low-Down in 2007 by John Brefczynski.

WASHING YOUR CAR

A lot of people think washing a car is easy, and it is if done properly. People do a lot of damage to the paint and clear coat because they scratch the surface from scrubbing too hard, and cause scratch and swirl marks. The following will help you from doing damage to your Corvette finish.

To start you will need:

- Good car wash liquid – don't use dishwasher soap; it will strip all the wax off your car.
- Garden hose and spray nozzle
- (2) 100% cotton towels
- (2) five gallon buckets

Put car wash and water in first bucket and just water in the second bucket. Fold a towel in quarters and soak in the car wash bucket. Rinse car with hose and nozzle to loosen dirt. Take the wet towel and lightly pull across the surface, starting from the top, hood, rear end, and then the sides. After wiping a section with the towel, rinse it in the water only bucket to get rid of all loose dirt. Re-fold towel and return to car wash bucket for next car section. Rinse car after washing each section. Keep surface wet at all times; don't let water dry on paint.

If your wheel rims have clear-coat paint over aluminum, the same washing techniques should be used.

Drying your car with water. Remove nozzle, kink or turn down water to a slow trickle. Keeping hose away from surface hold hose 3-5 inches from

paint and use water to knock off big water spots. Start at top of car and work down. Water will cause a sheeting action and most of the water will drain off. Take the dry towel and pat the water droplets. Don't rub, it might scratch paint. Turn towel as it gets wet.

You can also use an air compressor to blow dry your car and remove water from cracks. Remember, you can minimize damage to your paint by not rubbing.

CLAY BAR

To check to see if your car's finish is clean, first rub a small section with a towel then feel your paint with your finger. It should feel smooth. Next take a cellophane wrapper from a cigarette pack, place 2 fingers in the wrapper and gently rub the same area. If the surface feels rough, pitted, or sticky, your paint needs to be cleaned. Clay bar removes brake dust, industrial fallout, tree sap, road tar, and is great for bug residue. Claying is the only way to truly clean your paint finish and prepare the surface for waxing. Go to any auto store that sells wax products and you will find clay bar. Some companies include a lubricant with the bar, but this can be made by mixing 1/2 cup car wash liquid to 16 oz. of water and storing the mixture in a spray bottle.

Getting started:

1. Tear the clay bar in half and work it until it becomes soft.
2. Wash car and make sure there is no dirt on the finish.
3. Lubricate a small section of the car about 3' x 3' with the mixture in the spray bottle.
4. Mold the piece of clay into a small flat ball and rub gently. If the clay starts to stick, put more lubricant on the surface.
5. After rubbing the area, take a clean soft towel and wipe the area.
6. Recheck the area with the cigarette wrapper. If the contaminants are gone, continue to another area until the entire car is done. If the clay bar is dirty, just pull and kneed into a ball until the bar is clean.

Special hints: If you drop the clay bar, do not use it again, throw it away. It will pick up dirt and scratch the paint. Never use a clay bar in direct sunlight or on a hot surface. Once the entire car is complete, wash again and

you are ready to wax. Clay bar also works great on windows and wheels.

WAXING

When you look at the paint on your Vette, and see surface scratches, or swirl marks, the problem is usually in your wax.

Let's start by preparing the surface. Using tips from the *Washing Your Car* article, begin by washing your car with Dawn liquid. This will completely strip all of the old wax off your car. Next, *clay bar* the car to remove all the dirt and grime. Dry the car and you're ready to start the waxing. Wax should not be applied in direct sunlight. You will need a 100% cotton wax applicator, (2) 100% cotton towels folded into fourths. Take your favorite wax and put a dab about the size of a dime on the applicator. Remember a little goes a long way. Start on top of car.

Don't use the "Karate Kid" wax-on, wax-off; that's what causes swirl marks. Remember, if you get a little dirt in your wax applicator, you will have a scratch 360° in your paint.

When the applicator begins to stick or you don't see the wax, it's time to get another dab of wax. The top of the car should be done with a back and forth motion. The sides of the car are done by using an up and down motion. Continue until wax has been applied to the entire car. Let the wax dry about 20 minutes. Wipe off the wax with the same motion, refolding the towel as needed. You can add up to 3 coats of wax on the surface, more than 3 coats, starts to dull the finish. Reapply wax every 3 months if your car is left outdoors. After waxing use a good spray detailer to keep the finish looking good.

John Brefczynski
CTV Car Show Committee 2007
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2010 Southwest Region NCCC Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
3/6	Oklahoma City, OK	SWR Awards Banquet: Hosted by Oklahoma City Corvette Club	OCCC
3/7	Oklahoma City, OK	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING – 9:00 a.m.	SWR
3/14	Mineral Wells, TX	Test-n-Tune Practice Autocross	CTV
3/19-21	Hitchcock, TX	Playday @ Grand Sport Speedway	
		1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses	SJCC
		1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses	TCMC
4/10 & 11	Waco, TX	1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses	CTCC MCCC
4/17 & 18 (tentative)	Tulsa, OK	1st CHOICE – 6 Events – TBD 1st CHOICE – 7 Events – TBD	CCO COAST
4/24 & 25	Waco, TX	1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses	THT LCC
5/22 & 23	TBD	1st CHOICE – CTV (<i>Hosting</i>) – 4 Low-Speed Autocrosses 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses	BRCC CCT
5/29 & 30	Oklahoma City, OK	1st CHOICE – OK City at Sheriff's Track – 6 LS X-Crosses 1st CHOICE – 1 ETD, 1 MTD, R-Drag @ Thunder Valley in Noble, OK – Monday: Rain day for drags	OCCC CCOC
6/26 & 27	TBD	1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses	TVS NTV
7/24-30	West Palm Beach, FL	NATIONAL CONVENTION 2010 & NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
8/14 & 15	Oklahoma City, OK	1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses 1st CHOICE – 4 Low-Speed Autocrosses	SCCC CCOC
9/18 & 19	Ft. Worth, TX Texas Motor Speedway	1st CHOICE – 10 Low-Speed Autocrosses @ TMS – 14th Annual Super Speedway Weekend 3 sanctions are from BRCC	CTV BRCC
10/9	Waco, TX	1ST CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses	TCCC
10/16 & 17	Oklahoma City, OK	1st CHOICE – 1 Event – TBD 1st CHOICE – 5 Event – TBD 1st CHOICE – 1 Event – TBD	OCCC MTCC SSCC
10/30 & 31	Waco, TX	1st CHOICE – 7 Events 1st CHOICE – 7 Events	TV TOCC

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TULSA VETTE SET (TVS) Tulsa, OK • SW-248

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