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Cowtown LOW-DOWN

UPCOMING EVENTS

5/7 - COWTOWN VETTES 101

6:45 p.m. - Coors Board Room
Coors Distribution Center
I-35W @ John McMillan Parkway

* **5/7 - MEMBERSHIP MEETING** *
7:30-9:00 p.m. - Coors Hospitality Room

* **5/15 - DINNER & DRIVE-IN** *

Babes & Drive-In Movie
Granbury, TX

5/19 - BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. - Coors Board Room

5/19 - Low-Down Article Deadline

- 5/22 & 5/23 -

No-Frills Autocross Weekend
Mineral Wells Airport, TX

- 5/23 -

**Corvette Show @
Lone Oak Winery w/Live Band**
Burleson, TX

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* **6/4 - MEMBERSHIP MEETING** *
7:30-9:00 p.m. - Coors Hospitality Room

* **6/12 - CLUB SOCIAL - RALLYE** *

6/16 - BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. - Coors Board Room

6/16 - Low-Down Article Deadline

- 6/23 -

TMS Event Committee Meeting ?
7:00 p.m. - Coors Board Room



* **Denotes 100%er Award Eligibility Event** *





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I want to welcome our new Bronze sponsor, "Xtreme Horsepower." The owners, Arvil & Becky Fowler were visitors at our April Membership Meeting. They were very impressed with our Club and members. At this time, the Fowler's do not own a Corvette, but they are looking for a Vette to race.

Before the May Membership Meeting, Doug McMahan will be offering Cowtown Vettes 101 at 6:45 PM in the upstairs Boardroom. This was a big success in January. It is a great way to learn about Cowtown.

Our TMS workers had a wet NASCAR Race weekend. I want to thank the following members for volunteering their time, Rick Garabedian, Cliff Griffith, Scott Wheeler, Carl Williams, and Sharon Zschirnt. A special thanks to Scott and Sharon for taking another day off to work at TMS on Monday. May will be a busy month for Cowtown. May 15th our May social, "A Dinner and Outdoor Movie." May 22nd and 23rd, Cowtown Vettes and Corvette of Texas will be hosting "No Frills Weekend" at Mineral Wells, TX, and also on May 23rd our Car Show Chairs will host a Car Show at Lone Oak Winery in Burleson, TX. I am asking all of our members to plan to attend all of the May events to enjoy and support your Club.


Karl Samuel has stepped down from Open Road Racing Chair. I am excited to announce Sam Castorani will fill Karl's chair for the remaining of 2010. I want to thank Karl for his contribution in the past years as Open Road Chairman.

Do not forget my challenge to each Cowtown member to buy one ticket to support the NCCC National Kidney Foundation. The drawing will be at the 2011 NCCC Convention. You could be the lucky person to win the 2010 Grand Sport. Check with Debbie Lindsey on information to buy your tickets.

"Remember this is your club"

Don F. Wells
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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Due to the timing of this month's 100% social, I have to write my article before the event! Nevertheless, I have no doubt that we all will have *(or had)* much fun at the **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure!** As I sit here writing my article *(on the day before the walk)*, my mouth is watering at the thought of **Fuzzy's Taco Shop**... I hope it is *(or was)* good!!

Our next social will be on **May 15th** and we'll be caravanning to **Granbury** for dinner at **Babe's Fried Chicken**, followed by a double feature at the **Brazos Drive-In Movie Theater!** The first showing will be **Ironman 2** *(have you all now seen Ironman 1? ... it was awesome!)*. Since the membership meeting is only a week prior to the event, maybe I will know what the second showing is by then. Let's meet at the **Albertson's** parking lot at **I-20 and Hwy. 377 in Benbrook at 4:15** and plan on pulling out by 4:30 so we can get to Babe's around 5:00. The box office at the Drive-In opens at 7:30, so depending on how long it takes us at Babe's, we might have a little time to kill, but I'd rather do that, than be rushed to make the movie in time. Plus, we want to try and park together inside the drive-in, so the earlier we get there, the better. The cost of admission is **\$12 for a single or \$18 per carload (max of 6 people)** and they take **cash or check only**; no credit/debit cards. You might want to throw your lawn chairs in the car too in case you want to sit outside your car and socialize before or during the show.

Our June 100%er is going to be a **Road Rallye** on **June 12th** hosted by **Mark Kirby**. All I really know at this point is that we will start and end in the S. Arlington vicinity and it does end at a restaurant. Mark or I should be able to give you more details at the May membership meeting.

In July, we will have two 100% socials, the first being the **Fourth of July Parade** through the **Westcliff West Neighborhood Association** on **Saturday, July 3rd**. Check out next month's *Low-Down* for all the details.

Our **SECOND** 100%er for July will be an overnight trip to **Shreveport**. I will have a sign-up sheet at the May membership meeting, so we can make sure there is enough interest before we book the bus. We'll talk a lot more about it at the meeting, but here are the hi-lights. We'll leave from **Coor's at 9AM on July 17th**. Coor's has agreed to let us leave our cars in the parking lot overnight, then we'll take a luxury tour bus to Shreveport. Arrive at **Sam's Town Hotel & Casino** for check-in at noon.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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Gamble some ... possibly have a pool party in the afternoon ... gamble some more ... have dinner at the casino that night ... gamble again. Go to bed ... if you're still gambling, I will have the number for **Gambler's Anonymous** handy! Sleep in on Sunday, get up and have breakfast, then check-out at noon and get back on the bus for the trip home. The cost will be between **\$250 and \$275 per couple**, which includes the round trip bus ride for 2 people and your hotel room! **Fred Rosett** has worked very hard negotiating with bus companies and hotels to get us the best possible prices, and I think he did a great job! If you can't be at the May membership meeting, but are interested in signing up for this trip, send me an email or call me and I will make sure you get on the list.

See you at the May meeting!

Candy Beck
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GOVERNOR THOUGHTS



The first day of Spring was March 20th and I really looked forward to the competition season starting.

The first event was at the Grand Sport Speedway in Hitchcock, TX. It is a fun road course and they throw a great party on Saturday night! Saturday, it started to rain during the 3rd autocross and it continued all day ☹, with blowing winds. So much for a fun time on the track today, oh well, there is always tomorrow! The fun party at the "Back 40" Saturday night was still on and it did not disappoint us at all.

Sunday came in with 39 degree highs for the day with continued blowing winds all day, making it even colder – well, that pretty much crashed the "fun weekend" at the GSS ☹. However, it is always nice to visit with the other NCCC Competitors, after all Corvettes and competition are not just about the cars ☺

The second event was held at TSTC in Waco on April 10th & 11th, with twelve Cowtown participants. We were unable to attend for several reasons but the ones that attended said they had a fun time.

Coming up next is fourteen more events at TSTC in Waco on April 24th & 25th and we will be there. By the time you read this edition of the *Low-Down*, the event will be over so stay tuned for updates later.

May 7th-9th brings high-speed competition at Hallett, outside of Tulsa, OK. Cowtown in a joint venture with CCT hosts our first NCCC event for the year on May 22nd & 23rd in Mineral Wells. We need you to come out to help put this event on, support the Cowtown competitors and to compete if you'd like. It is a fund raiser for Cowtown and it will only take a few hours of your time on Saturday morning to help out.

Sunday, May 23rd, there is a Cowtown Car Show at Lone Oak Winery *(see other articles in this issue)*; several of us will be heading to this event after Sunday's competition is over *(mid-day)*. The NCCC Promotion Display has been secured and will be on display at this car show – be sure to check it out. There will be autocrossing *(road course)* in Oklahoma City on May 29th followed by Drag Racing in Noble, OK *(Thunder Valley)* on Sunday, May 30th.

We were unable to attend the 2nd NCCC National Meeting however Sylvia & Debbie do us proud by being in attendance not only representing Cowtown but also wearing the National Officer hats.

Once again I'll state that I would like Cowtown to be a 100% club in support of the NKF, so buy your raffle tickets for the 2010 Grand Sport Vette to be raffled off at Convention in July, held in sunny West Palm Beach, FL, which promises to be a week of fun and adventure. For more information, check out the NCCC National Website or click on the logo on the home page of the Cowtown website. We will be there.

If you have any questions around NCCC events, rules, etc. please do not hesitate to contact me.

Glenda McMahan
2010 NCCC Governor
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? 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. The person correctly identifying who the **Mystery Member** is, gets (5) 50/50 tickets from Jane Buehler.

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 the (5) 50/50 tickets!!! If the **Mystery Member** is not at the meeting, then they can pick up their (5) 50/50 tickets at the next meeting they attend.

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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Jennifer Kerchem was April's **Mystery Member**.

There were 17 correct guesses, so a drawing was held.

James West won!!!

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Sweatshirts.....	\$20.00 (2XL and up slightly higher)
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Polo shirts. All different styles	\$25.00 (Please note that on all shirt orders, 2XL and up sizes are slightly higher)

If you want your name added to your shirt,
it's only \$3 more!

Or if you want a Cowtown logo or a certain year
Corvette on one of your own shirts it's only \$5!

Name tags \$ 7.50

We also have stickers, patches, koozies, and tumblers
(only two of these left!)

So stop by the Logo table before and after the meeting
to place your order. You'll get your order by the next
meeting.

Thanks!

Karen Watson

Logo Merchandise Chairperson
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2010 Southwest Region NCCC Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
5/7-9	Tulsa, OK	Driving School Playday on Friday 1st CHOICE – 7 High-Speed Events 1st CHOICE – 6 High-Speed Events <i>All at Hallett</i>	COAST SSCC
5/22-23	Mineral Wells, TX	1st CHOICE – 4 Low-Speed Autocrosses (<i>CTV hosting</i>) 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses <i>All at Mineral Wells Airport</i>	BRCC CCT
5/22	Mineral Wells, TX	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING – 8:00 p.m.	SWR
5/29-30	Oklahoma City, OK	1st CHOICE – 6 Low-Speed Autocrosses at <i>Sheriff's Facility</i> 1st CHOICE – 1 ETD, 1 MTD, R-Drags at <i>Thunder Valley</i> in Noble, OK – Monday: Rain day for drags	OCCC CCOC
6/26-27	Oklahoma City, OK	1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses 1st CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses <i>All at Sheriff's Facility</i>	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 <i>All at Sheriff's Facility</i>	SCCC CCOC
9/10-11	St. Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
9/18-19	Fort Worth, TX <i>Texas Motor Speedway</i>	1st CHOICE – 10 Low-Speed Autocrosses at <i>TMS – 14th Annual Super Speedway Weekend</i>	CTV BRCC
9/18	Fort Worth, TX	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING – 8:00 p.m.	SWR
10/9	Waco, TX	1ST CHOICE – 7 Low-Speed Autocrosses <i>At TSTC (Waco Airport)</i>	TCCC
10/16-17	Oklahoma City, OK	1st CHOICE – 1 Event – TBD 1st CHOICE – 5 Events – TBD 1st CHOICE – 1 Event – TBD Autocross at <i>Sheriff's Facility</i> and Drags at <i>Thunder Valley</i> in Noble, OK	OCCC MTCC SSCC
10/30-31	Waco, TX	1st CHOICE – 7 Events 1st CHOICE – 7 Events <i>All at TSTC (Waco Airport)</i>	TV TOCC
10/30	Waco, TX	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING – 8:00 p.m.	SWR
11/12-13	St. Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l

Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA)

Do you have a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, niece, nephew, or are a guardian to a child under the age of 16 years. If so, don't forget to enroll him/her in the **Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA)**, NCCC's youth organization.

Website: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html>



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Waco, TX • SW-200
- CORVETTE CLUB OF OKLAHOMA CITY (CCOC)
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Fort Worth, TX • SW-055
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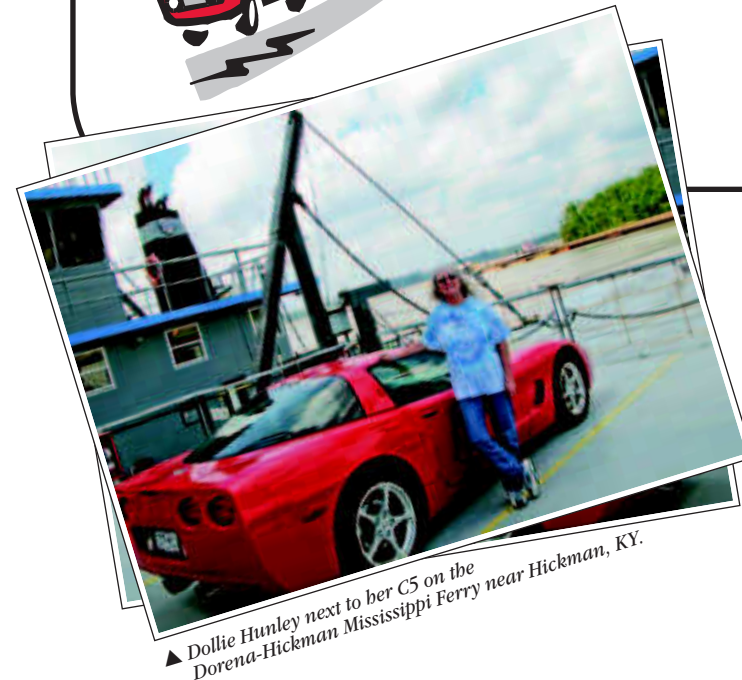


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5/14 – Debra Bond
5/16 – Rick Garabedian
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5/22 – Viola Meyers
5/26 – Sonny Arnold

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5/25 – Mark & Lou Kirby
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▲ Dollie Hunley next to her C5 on the
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VETTE TECH

A Sticky Situation

I don't know about you, but I never look forward to removing labels, decals, emblems, trim pieces, or anything else that is attached to my Vette with adhesive. I have no formal Chemistry or Adhesive background, but I would like to relate to you my experiences with these Sticky Situations.

First, the obvious goal is to remove the offending object from your Vette, or any other valued object, without any damage to the underlying surface (*usually paint*). The general observation is that recently applied adhesive is easier to remove than old adhesive, but this does not effect the range of techniques I will discuss; only the effort you will have to expend. Objects either have

a thin adhesive layer backing, or are attached with “3M” double-sided adhesive foam tape. Using a plastic bondo/caulk spreader, or credit card, attempt to lift the edge of the object. (*Note, save those promotional dummy credit cards you get in the mail. They make handy spreaders and scrapers.*) Pull or lift the edge of the object very slowly. Lightly heating the object with a heat gun, or hair dryer, usually softens the adhesive and makes removal easier. If you pull or lift too quickly, you may damage a painted surface, or at the least, leave adhesive residue on the surface which still has to be removed. In the case of emblems or trim pieces that have been attached with “3M” foam tape, you may have to use a length of Dental Floss to saw through the foam part of the tape to remove the object. This still leaves



Heat Gun & Plastic Scraper

foam tape residue stuck to the surface. If you managed to remove the object but still have an adhesive residue on the surface, you have probably realized that this is not a quickie project. Try removing the adhesive with a little heat and a plastic scraper. Also, sometimes pressing a piece of masking tape to the adhesive, then pulling away, will remove the adhesive. If this doesn't work, you will have to use a solvent-soaked rag. The danger with using a solvent, is that it may react with a plastic or painted surface. When using solvents, it's a good idea to wear “Nitrile” disposable gloves, to protect your skin from absorbing the solvent. Nitrile gloves are better than Latex gloves because Nitrile is less reactive to solvents. I find Rubbing Alcohol is the safest solvent to try. You may also try commercial products like “Goo Gone”. Getting a little more aggressive, I find that “WD-40” and “Turtle Wax Bug & Tar Remover” work surprisingly well. If the adhesive is still not coming off, try Denatured Alcohol or Lighter Fluid (Naphtha). Remember to test solvents first on a sample of the surface that is not visible. Also, do not get too aggressive in rubbing with the solvent-soaked rag, as it may dull the painted finish. Finally, I would not recommend using Acetone or “3M General Purpose Adhesive Cleaner” unless you are working on bare metal, like removing balance weights from the inside of a wheel rim. Having successfully removed the adhesive, I apply Meguiar's Cleaner Wax (*or similar product*) to polish any dulling of the paint.

Steve Hunley



NCCC SWR Auto-X News



Hitchcock, TX: March 19, 20 & 21, 2010

The San Jacinto Corvette Club and Texas Corvette Motorsport Club hosted a "Test & Tune" day on Thursday, and 14 NCCC Low-Speed Autocrosses on Saturday and Sunday, at the Grand Sport Speedway. Lunch was provided each day and a BBQ Dinner was provided Saturday night. Track conditions were challenging with some wind and rain, and temperatures were in the chilly 50's.

Cowtown Vettes members in attendance were Kevin & Cathy Anthony, Jim & Donna Forsythe, Doc Lambert, Don & Virginia Littlefield, Kerry & Nancy McGovern, Doug & Glenda McMahan, and Bob & Cindy Morrison.

For more info and pictures, go to the CTV website at:
<http://www.cowtownvettes.org/Events/2010/031910-TrT-P1.html>



The gang's all here!



It's raining.



Glenda hydrocrossing



Donna Forsythe enjoying a dry track.

Waco, TX: April 10 & 11, 2010

The Cen-Tex Corvette Club and Mid Coast Corvette Club hosted 14 NCCC Low-Speed Autocrosses on Saturday and Sunday, at the TSTC Airport. A sitdown lunch was provided both days, featuring grilled hamburgers and chicken. Track conditions were perfect with no rain, and temperatures were in the 70's.

Cowtown Vettes members in attendance were Kevin & Cathy Anthony, Red & Barb Greenfeder, Larry & Sylvia Hoaldrige, Steve & Dollie Hunley, Doc Lambert, Don Littlefield, Kerry & Nancy McGovern, and Bob & Cindy Morrison.

For more info and pictures, go to the CTV website at:
<http://www.cowtownvettes.org/Events/2010/041010-NCCC-P1.html>



Staged and waiting to go!



CTV participants.



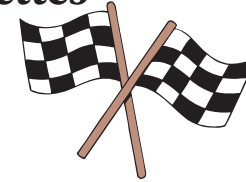
Cathy Anthony.



Cindy Morrison.



Cowtown Vettes Competition Report May, 2010



A QUICK NOTE ON HELMETS

Most of us have helmets that conform to one of three specifications as per the NCCC rules:

- **Department of Transportation (DOT)** – DOT specifies headgear for use on motorcycles, ATV's, bicycles, skateboards, etc.
- **Snell Foundation** – The Snell foundation has two specifications: one for motorcycles (e.g., M2005) and one for automobiles (e.g., SA2005)

Periodically, the Snell foundation updates its specification in an effort to improve the quality of head protection in motorsports. Having worked tech inspection a bit and also inspected helmets, I can safely say that most helmets are an even split of SA (or M) 2000 and 2005. If you currently use a SNELL 2005 helmet and the SNELL foundation continues its updates as they have in the past, you should be able to use your helmet for another five years. Since I have a SA2000 spec helmet, I am going to wait and try to acquire a SA2010 spec. helmet. I am not that familiar with the DOT specification but, it is my understanding that it does not change as often as the Snell specs.

A WORD OF CAUTION: Having searched the net, it is apparent to me that there are many opportunities to purchase helmets at a deep discount and this may meet your needs. HOWEVER, those helmets are the 2005 specification or earlier. SA/M 2010 has not been finalized and is not scheduled to be released until around October, 2010. Make sure you understand what you are purchasing.

Dave Gill

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CTV's Humble Beginnings



Susan G. Komen Foundation Race for the Cure

The oldest "Race for the Cure" t-shirt I could find in my closet dates back to 1993. That was the first year CTV participated. I believe the first "Race for the Cure" in Fort Worth was in 1992, so we only missed one. I started walking for my friend, Lois Beck, and have continued walking for many friends, acquaintances and any others I might hear about. It's a cause that's very near and dear to my heart.

Believe it or not, someone dies from breast cancer every 75 seconds. Tarrant County's Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is the world's largest grassroots network of breast cancer survivors and activists committed to ending breast cancer forever.

In case some of you didn't know, I'll give you a little information about how the Susan G. Komen Foundation was started.



"I can get you Corvette parts from a major Corvette parts supplier for 10% off and free shipping."

We are working on our next order from Mid America Motorworks. Please let me know if you need a catalog or parts. As always I need the part number, price, and if necessary, the size or color of the item. You pay for the item when I get it.

No order is too small. It all adds to the \$500 total needed.

James West

Mid America Chairperson

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<http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2010.html>

"Growing up, Nancy Brinker and her sister, Suzy, were inseparable, with the elegant, socially poised Suzy serving as younger sister Nancy's best friend and role model. Then in 1977, at the age of thirty-three, Suzy was stricken with breast cancer. Three years later, having endured an uninformed doctor, surgeries that left her feeling mutilated and stripped of her sexuality, and fighting through several grueling courses of chemotherapy and radiation, Susan G. Komen lay dying. Toward the end, she begged her sister to do something, anything, to make sure that other women with breast cancer would not have to suffer as she had from the ravages of this deadly disease.

"Promise me, Nanny," she said. "Promise me you won't let it go on like this." Her heart broken, Nancy promised: "I swear, Suzy. Even if it takes the rest of my life."

At that moment, Susan G. Komen for the Cure was born."

The above is an excerpt from Nancy Brinker's book *Promise Me*, which tells the story of Susan G. Komen. Over the years, there have been several in CTV who have battled breast cancer and won (*the Survivors*) and others who have succumbed to the dreaded disease (*those we walk in memory of*). I would just like to say these are the bravest and strongest women I know. I love all of you and will always run/walk for you!

Karyn Fowler

Board Member • kfowler@theblumfirm.com

On March 14th, Cowtown Vettes Hosted a Practice Autocross at the Mineral Wells Airport.



Rick Garabedian sweeping the track.



Doug McMahan tests the track.



Phil Higbee & Don Wells at the Breakfast Grill.



Candy Beck, Kim West & Kerry King conduct Timing duties.



Scott Wheeler at Starting Line duty.



Morning driver's meeting.



Forsythe



McGovern



Morrison



Hoaldrige



Meyers



Anthony



Lambert



McMahan



Hot Springs, AR April 15-17, 2010



Roadside pit stop at Three Sisters Spring.



Talimena Scenic Byway.



Lake Ouachita.



Lunch at Antlers, OK.



Arlington Hotel

Car show at the Convention Center.



Doc Lambert placed at the car show.



Fun at the Science Museum.



Science Museum parking lot.



Dinner downtown.



Late night Corvette parade down Central Avenue.



COWTOWN CRUISER

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parked across the street and walked on over. The main parking lot appeared to have two and three hundred Vettes already there. The buffet menu was chicken, catfish and shrimp with sides, dessert and drinks. You could dine at tables inside or outside to enjoy the nice evening.

As we were finishing dinner, the demonstration of the “Tesla Conical Coil” was underway, right in front of where we were sitting. The speaker shared the history including the devices which took advantage of Nikola Tesla’s (father of electricity) coil technology; i.e. the AC electric generator, AC motor, radio, turbine and over 250 others. During the demonstration, the coil arched



electrical flashes to the 2½ ton steel Faraday cage at an amazing 1.5 million volts! Another demonstration asked for volunteers where the electricity passed thru them, showing that electric-ity could be controlled thru the air waves, harmlessly. This demonstration asked

for volunteers which ended up with their hair stand outright from their head; until the coil was turned off and discharged.

9ish, the Vettes lined up for the midnight cruise (actually departed 9:30ish) from the museum, where the police escorted the cruisers up over the moun-tain and back to town. We left the museum to watch the cruisers as they came back into town, from the hotel porch. Some CTV folks opted to not attend the museum, staying on the porch of the hotel reserving seating so we could sit and watch the cruisers. They arrived in front of the hotel, heading south on Central Ave about 9:40pm.



Saturday, the day started at the Colonial Pancake & Waffle House for some of us, just up the street from the hotel; then over to the Convention Center for the Car Show. Doc’s day started much earlier as a partici-pant in the Car Show; “dark-thirty” as he stated. The show hosted approximately 110 Vettes inside the Convention Center with another 40+ outside. After the car show some of us headed on out for a short cruise to Ouachita Lake, thru several areas. We stopped at the Spillway area for a group shot the Vettes across the lake, then over to the Three Sisters Spring, a historic site where mineral water from the three springs are supposed to cure several different ailments. Before heading back to Hot Springs we made one last stop by the Ouachita State Park; yep, another pair of cruiser points ☺

This evening, fourteen of us had reservations at the Porterhouse Steak & Seafood Restaurant south of our hotel. Since we weren’t at the event awards ceremony, Doc shared that he won a Class Award with “ANN” at the Car Show and Donna McHenry won 2nd in the Poker Run ☺

After dinner, several of us on foot wandered back to towards the hotel with a few stops at shops and Capone’s Ohio Bar. To enjoy our last evening, some of us sat around the tables on the porch of the hotel before retiring for the night. Sunday was an on-your-own departure, since most were desiring to leave before we were. We departed around eleven with a stop at the Fisherman’s Warf for lunch before leaving town. Most took Hwy 7 (fun road) south out of Hot Springs down to Caddo Valley where most folks caught I-30. We opted to head on south to Hwy 67 where we took a more scenic route back thru some smaller towns. As we were departing one courthouse, a Vette came around the corner and it was the Don & Cindy Rankin, out capturing a few cruiser points as well.

Our trip had been rain free ‘til just prior to Texarkana, where we jumped back on I-30. After several miles of rain and insane truck traffic on I-30, we jumped south where we picked up Hwy 80 heading west to Terrell, then south to I-20 and on home.

We had a great group of folks that enjoyed the cruise and the Hot Springs Corvette Weekend with us; it was a much-needed and relaxed weekend getaway.✍

Even though a couple of members have volunteered, I am still soliciting additional members to step up and sponsor cruises again this year; even if it is just a short day cruise somewhere for lunch. 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. We also have some thoughts on a couple of new day cruises that we would be more than happy to share and assist you with.

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 is underway; providing you with seven more months to capture photos from neat places your Vette took you in 2010. To compete in this contest, you don’t even have to participate in the Cruiser Program. Check out the contest information at:

http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/2010/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



MAY 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	1/8
					<i>Cowtown 101 Meeting * Membership Meeting</i>	May 1st NCCC National Governor’s Meeting
<i>Mom</i> Mother’s Day	10	11	12	13	14	* Dinner @ Babes & Drive-In Movie
						<i>Oil Change @ Bruce Lowrie (See CTV website)</i>
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<i>Greeting the Troops @ D/FW Airport</i>			<i>Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</i>			<i>No-Frills Autocross @ Mineral Wells Airport, TX</i>
<i>Corvette Show @ Lone Oak Winery w/Live Band</i>	24	25	26	27	28	29
<i>No-Frills Autocross @ Mineral Wells Airport, TX</i>						
30	31					
 Memorial Day						

Bold italic type denotes CTV events * Denotes required attendance and participation for 100%er Award eligibility

JUNE 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	TMS Firestone 550K Weekend	3 TMS Firestone 550K Weekend	4 TMS Firestone 550K Weekend
					* Membership Meeting	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
						* Club Social – Rallye
13	 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19
<i>Father’s Day Greeting the Troops @ D/FW Airport</i>	21	22	23	24	25	26
			<i>TMS Event Committee Meeting ?</i>		 National Drive Your CORVETTE to Work Day	
27	28	29	30			

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COWTOWN 101

As Cowtown continues to grow with new members, we are offering some introductory information around the many Cowtown & SW NCCC Region functions. This will be the 2nd new member orientation in an effort to get our new members get better acquainted with Cowtown.

We will host the new member orientation sessions starting promptly at 6:45pm in the Coors Board Room prior to our monthly membership meetings. These sessions will be held four times a year with each targeted to last approximately 20 minutes.

DATES:
May 7th
August 6th • October 1st

COWTOWN CRUISER PROGRAM (CCP)

At the last Membership meeting we had asked how many had an interest in a Cruiser 101 Session; there were well over a dozen hands that were raised.

Based on the response and that it is part of the Cowtown 101 session, we will take the last part of the Cowtown 101 time to discuss the Cowtown Cruiser Program in more detail; come on up and check it out.

If you have any questions about these sessions, please contact:
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WEBMASTER



Your Website ... this past month we have added event pages for the *NCCC events at Grand Sport Speedway* down in Hitchcock, TX, the *NCCC Events* in Waco the 10th and 11th of April along with the *Hot Springs Corvette Weekend*. I would like to

thank Doc Lambert, Steve & Dollie Hunley, Virginia Littlefield and Gary Hanna & Gwynne Horton for sharing their event photos ☺.

Cowtown Email Lists: If you change your email address, mailing address, your Vettes, etc., please let membership know so that your address can be updated in the Membership Database along with the various email lists. Please send any updates to:

ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com✉

If you have any suggestions, questions or comments about 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!!!



“Interested in working the races at Texas Motor Speedway?”

Next up, the Firestone 550K weekend. This is our only Indy car race of the season and we are again looking for volunteers. This race is June 3rd, 4th and 5th. We are looking for volunteers working both the North pit road and possibly other areas throughout the track. Those areas are not set in stone at this point but I believe that the suites are what we will pick up this year. So, for now, I would like a list of people that would be interested in volunteering to work during that weekend. For our new members, we work at the speedway to help offset the high cost of the track rental for our annual event.

I will do my best to work you when you want and as much as you want but for now, I just need some preliminary info.

So, if you could, please drop me an email with your name, email address and cell phone number. As we get closer to the race, I will be getting back to you via email to work out scheduling.

If you already gave me this info at the last meeting there is no need to give it to me again.

Thank you in advance for your help!

Rick Garabedian
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Schedule of Events for the 2010 Race Season

Firestone 550K Weekend (*Indy Car Race*) – June 3 - 5, 2010

Lone Star 500 Weekend – November 4 - 7, 2010

For more information, please go to: <http://www.texasmotorspeedway.com/Schedule>

COWTOWN CRUISER



If you didn't join the cruise to the *Hot Springs Corvette Weekend*, you missed some fun. We departed Thursday morning the 15th, at 8:30 am from south Arlington with ten Vettes. The group departing included John & Nancy Dick, David & Patricia Gill, Gary Hana & Gwynne Horton, Steve & Dollie Hunley, Kerry & Elaine King, Doc Lambert & Mary Anne Kolb (guest), Don & Virginia Littlefield, Tom & Donna McHenry, Don & Cindy Rankin along with Glenda and myself.

We headed east on I-20 to avoid the Metroplex traffic, up thru Greenville where Kevin & Cathy Anthony along with David Ross and his guest Terri met up with us. Today's cruise was the long route to Hot Springs; approx. 400 miles and 8 hours of seat time (*w/o stops*) however, it is a much scenic and fun route.

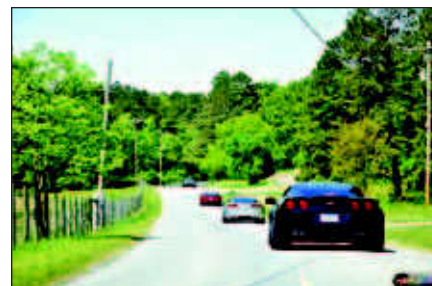
We stopped for lunch in Antlers, OK, at *High Street Pizza*. It was highly recommended and the food was good as was their service to take care of 26 stop-ins even with their normal lunch business. After lunch, we stopped at their historic train depot where we took a group photo. Afterwards, we headed on up towards Talihena, OK on Hwy 271



which did have a sign stating it was closed to thru traffic. We have found that most major roads which state a section is closed typically have a route around it. After a couple of u-turns while trying to make sense out of a hand-sketched map from a young lady at the Albion water department, a local stopped and offered to lead us thru back-roads towards Talihena. On down the road just before Talihena, the lady stopped to head back to Albion; we thanked her for her kindness and then headed on our way.

Once on Hwy 1, we stopped at the first area on the *Talimena Scenic Byway (TSB)* to let everyone make a pit stop and to grab a couple of cruiser points at the historic site. After a quick driver's meeting regarding the rest of the cruise route, we departed and headed to the "*Panoramic Vista*," one of our favorites. The rest of the *TSB* was in smaller groups and some cruisers stopped at several of the other vistas before heading on into Hot Springs.

From Mena we took Hwy 88, then Hwy 270 on into Hot Springs, AR, our home for the next few days. Some of us opted to stop by the *Austin Hotel (best hotel)* to check-in to the event prior to heading to the *Arlington Hotel*; while others were ready to arrive at the hotel. Jim & Linda Benware left later in the day and took the direct route to meet us in Hot Springs. We kicked back and relaxed for a bit then headed on over to *Rolando's* for dinner. We had the outside dining patio reserved; located up and behind the restaurant just below the bluff. The evening was cool but not too nippy with great food and service. Back at the hotel we congregated out at the hot tub, located out the 7th floor of the hotel, on the side of the hill. A nice spring evening outdoors, a mineral water hot tub and time to kick back with friends made for a very nice evening.



Friday morning, we had originally planned to enjoy a cruise up to *Magazine Mountain* for lunch however the group decided they had enough cruising on Thursday and desired to just kick back and stay local. Some started the day with breakfast at the *Pancake Shop* across the street from the hotel. We then headed down to the *Depot* to the event festivities including the starting location for the *Poker Run*. Smaller groups headed out on the poker run which took us south to *Mimi's* for the 1st stop, Garvin Gardens (*botanical garden & chapel*) for the 2nd stop which some of us enjoyed time to wander thru. After departing there we headed to the 3rd stop which was the *Harley shop*, then to *Rod's Pizza Cellar* for the 4th stop, where some grabbed lunch. The final stop was at *Sa Voir the Fragrance Center* then back to the Depot to turn in our sheet and to buy/swap one card if you so desired.

We then headed back to the hotel to relax before heading on over to the *Mid-America Science Museum* for the evening's event festivities. Upon arrival at the museum, the main parking lot was full so we

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COWTOWN VETTES CHARITY REPORT



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Komen Race for the Cure on Saturday, April 24th.

A special thanks to Karyn Fowler for being our "team captain" and for all the hard work and time she dedicated to this event!

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Mark your calendars for Thursday, June 10th. We will volunteer at the Tarrant Area Food Bank at 6:00. Our efforts and monetary contributions are always needed and appreciated by this organization.

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Thanks for your contributions to the 50/50 raffle each month. I love taking your money!

Jane Buehler
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Please keep the following CTV member in your thoughts and prayers as she fights to regain her good health:

♥ Linda Griffith ♥

In the event of illness, hospitalization, or death of a member, a spouse, a child, or a parent of a member, please advise the Cowtown Vettes' Secretary.

Donna Rosett
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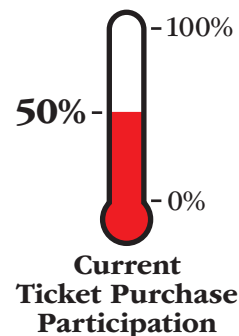
2010 NKF RAFFLE UPDATE

**WE NEED 100%
PARTICIPATION!**



WOW!! Did we make progress at the April membership meeting in our quest to have a 100% participation in support of the NCCC/NKF 2010 Raffle Car Drawing? Yes, we certainly did!! To date, we have had approximately 50% of the club purchase at least one \$10 ticket for the 2010 Grand Sport. Now in all honesty, some of you (*and especially one couple in particular, who shall remain nameless*) has covered many members for their \$10 purchase. So, the thermometer has increased 30% after the last meeting. But we still need 78 more \$10 tickets purchased. We have 2 more months to hit the 100% mark – well, almost 3! We need to be to that point by the end of July so there are 3 more meetings and/or socials, events for you to purchase tickets. Your donation (*and hopefully WIN*) will help transplant recipients be able to participate in the transplant games and assist in the organ donor awareness program. We need your help and Cowtown Vettes members **ALWAYS** respond in a positive way to that plea so do your part and "pay it forward" to someone else! Check with Sylvia or myself to purchase tickets!

Debbie Lindsey
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P.S. Hopefully, we will know what color the car will be after the next NCCC Governor's meeting at the end of the month!!



News from the Corvette Museum



Harry Rumzek

Harry has willed his 1970 red coupe to the museum. He was recognized for his donation in the latest museum magazine *America's Sports Car*. He is now in the Zora Arkus-Duntov society.

New Driving Simulators Open

The National Corvette Museum has welcomed two new driving simulators to the Performance Area! The simulators are open daily 8am to 4:30pm to Museum visitors and included with regular admission. Guests can reserve a 15 minute block of time on a simulator at the admissions counter.

FREE SHIPPING! Mother's Day Special

Get Mom a cool Corvette item for the museum store. See detail on the web site.

Kim West

National Corvette Museum Ambassador
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COWTOWN'S MAY NCCC EVENT

As we prepare to host the May 22/23rd NCCC Event in Mineral Wells, we can still use a few volunteers. While this event is a joint venture with the *Corvette Club of Texas (CCT)*, keep in mind that our portion of the weekend's event is only four NCCC Sanctions; which will be over by noon on Saturday. At that time, CCT takes over the event for the remainder of day and on Sunday. I'm sure if you'd like to work later on Saturday or even Sunday, CCT wouldn't mind an extra hand or two.

Cowtown's NCCC Event Dates:

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

NCCC events are Cowtown's primary source of operating income for the year – thus we do ask you for your assistance, ideas and efforts to make them not only a financial success but to also host the best events that our guests and fellow competitors will attend this calendar year!

Note: Over the past several years, the September event has also raised a very nice charity donation. If you know of a business or individual that would like to donate items for the Saturday evening charity raffle, please obtain them and contact us with the details.

Thanks,

Doug McMahan & David Gill
NCCC Events Chair & Co-Chair



NOTEWORTHY

In a pinch...

for tires, and the tire stores can't get your C6 front tires replaced in time for that fun weekend cruise?

If you own a C4, or know someone that does, the 17" x 9.5" Grand Sport front rims, with stock tires, will fit the front of the C6 without clearance issues and the rim offset is the same 56mm. Bolt 'em on and have fun!

Doug McMahan



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 and some go to church!

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!

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Interesting Stuff

Corvette Paint History

In 1977, a new exterior paint color was offered, called "Corvette Chartreuse," Paint Code 41.

Only one Corvette was manufactured with this color. This color was retired after 1977, and was never offered again.

Paint Code 41 re-appeared, years later, as the color "Black," from 1984 to present.

**Saturday,
May 15, 2010**

We will caravan to dinner @
Babe's Fried Chicken!

Followed by a double feature @
**The Brazos
Drive-In Theatre!**

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

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