



Cowtown

LOW-DOWN

September 2011

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The Race is On

15th Annual Super Speedway Weekend
Texas Motor Speedway
September 16-18, 2011

Weekend Schedule of Events

Friday, September 16

6-10 PM Hospitality at Host Hotel, Hampton Inn
6:30 - 9:00 PM - Entrant Check-in and TECH at the TMS/
NEXTEL Garage

Saturday, September 17

7:00 AM TMS Gates Open
7:00 - 8:00 AM Entrant Check-in & TECH @ NEXTEL Garage
8:00 AM - Driver's Meeting (in the NEXTEL Garage)
Parade Laps on Road Course after Driver's Meeting
1st Car out following Parade Laps
6:30 PM - Dinner & Awards@ Hampton Inn

Sunday, September 18

7:00 AM TMS Gates Open
7:00 - 8:00 AM Entrant Check-in & TECH at NEXTEL Garage
7:30 AM - Oval Laps
8:30 AM Driver's Meeting (NEXTEL Garage)
8:45 AM(est) - First car out
Victory Circle open for photos - 10 AM to 2 PM

Volunteers are needed for all areas. See website for details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

*9/2 MEMBERSHIP MEETING
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Coors Hospitality Room

9/3-4 CORVETTE HEARTBEAT WEEKEND

7:00 a.m. - GM Plant, Arlington

9/5 **LABOR DAY**

*9/16-18 15TH ANNUAL SUPER SPEEDWAY WEEKEND

Texas Motor Speedway Infield Track
7 a.m. - Tech & Check-in

9/21 BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m. Coors Board Room

October

*10/7 MEMBERSHIP MEETING
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Coors Hospitality Room

*10/15 ALL CORVETTE CAR SHOW

4921 Overton Ridge, FW
7 a.m. - Check-in, 9 a.m Set-up

10/19 BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m. Coors Board Room

Happy Halloween



* Denotes 100%er Award Eligibility Event



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Well, Cowtown members, the end of summer is here already. I know several of you are taking last-minute vacations just as Cory and I have and I hope that you all are enjoying your time away and relaxing. We have a lot of events coming up like our Labor Day Corvette Heartbeat Weekend, September 3rd and 4th, and the NCCC Super Speedway Weekend, September 16th-18th. A lot of time and effort has been given to set up these events and I hope that many of you will volunteer to help facilitate one or both to help Cowtown put on a great event for our members and other visiting Corvette clubs.

Thanks to Sylvia and Larry to opening their home for a great pool party and thanks to all of the members who set aside their time to make these club events so successful.

We had a great turnout for our last meeting and I hope all of you enjoyed the Ben and Jerry's ice cream. A big thanks to Candy for setting that up for us. Have a great rest of the month and I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events or meetings.

John Armes

President
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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I don't know about you, but I can NOT believe the summer of 2011 is almost over! Although, I have to admit that some cooler temperatures will be VERY welcome! I hope everyone enjoyed the Ice Cream Social we had at the August membership meeting... I sure did! I think it was a nice way to bid "so long" to summer...

Based on the turnout we had at the **Pool Party at Larry & Sylvia Hoaldridge's** house, there aren't too many of you who were not there, but if you did happen to miss it, you missed out on some great food, an awesome water volleyball game, and wonderful friends to visit with. Thank you, thank you, thank you

to the Hoaldridge's for hosting another Top Notch Pool Party!

As I write this, we have not had the **Car Display at Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet on 8/27**, so I'll report back to you on that one next month.

With the coming of fall, also comes our big NCCC event at **Texas Motor Speedway on September 17-18**. This will be the only 100% social for the month of September, so make sure you get signed up to work or race (or BOTH!) There will be sign up sheets at the September membership meeting... we NEED all of you to help out, if we're going to make this event a success!

Our October 100% social will be the **Cowtown Vettes All Corvette Car Show on 10/15**. It will be in the same location we've used for several years now... just south of the Hulen Mall in the Michael's / Bed Bath & Beyond parking lot area. Again, if you want to get 100% credit, you need to work the event and / or enter your car(s) in the show.

In November, I'm planning the **Traditional Progressive Dinner on 11/12** as our 100%er. I already have a volunteer for the main course, which will be in the Keller area, so now I need to recruit 2 more homes to host the appetizers and desserts. If you are interested in opening your home to 60 or 70 of your closest friends, and you live no more than a 20-30 minute drive from Keller, please give me a call.

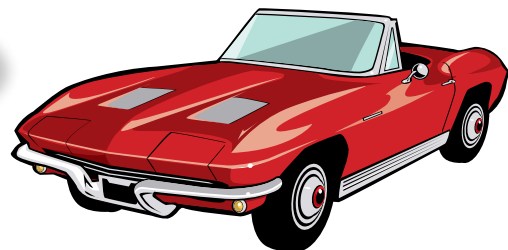
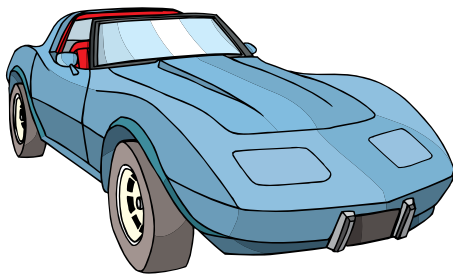
In December, we'll be having our **Annual Awards Banquet and Christmas Party on 12/17** at the **Omni Fort Worth Hotel** in downtown Ft. Worth. Hopefully, I will have the menus set sometime in the next month or so, but if you plan to stay the night at the Omni Hotel at the great rate of \$128, I need you to go ahead and make your reservation via the online link that I emailed to everyone not too long ago.

I don't have the location finalized yet, but I do plan on having an "after-meeting-social-gathering" following the September membership meeting... but I will be taking a headcount of who's attending, so if you plan to attend after the meeting, make sure you raise your hand when it's time!

Candy Beck

CTV, Vice-President
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Please call or email me if you have any questions / concerns / suggestions about the Social Calendar. See you at the September meeting!!



SEPTEMBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
					<i>* Membership Meeting 7:30 PM</i>	<i>Corvette Heartbeat Weekend - GM Plant 7 AM</i>
4 <i>Corvette Heartbeat Weekend - GM Plant 7 AM</i>	5 LARGE DAY	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 <i>Car Show Committee Meeting</i>	14	15	16 <i>*15th Annual Super Speedway Weekend- Tech & Check in 6:30 PM</i>	17 <i>* 15th Annual Super Speedway Weekend- TMS 7 AM</i>
18 <i>* 15th Annual Super Speedway Weekend- TMS 7 AM</i>	19	20	21 <i>Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</i>	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Bold italic type denotes CTV events

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OCTOBER 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					<i>* Membership Meeting 7:30</i>	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15 <i>* CTV All Corvette Car Show- 4921 Overton Ridge, FW 9 AM</i>
16	17	18	19 <i>Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</i>	20	21	22
23/30	24/31 Halloween 	25	26	27	28	29

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GOVERNOR'S THOUGHTS



September is here and maybe, just maybe summer is cooling down! Kids are on their way to school which means Cowtown's big NCCC event is upon us at Texas Motor Speedway, Sept. 17-18. Things are looking great for this to be another success for our club. We are changing the track layout so come see what excitement autocrossing can bring by running or working or like some of us, both! Cowtown needs all its members to support this venture. It will be fun fellowship for sure. We are planning a great meal on Sat. night and the NKF auction before the Southwest Region Governor's meeting.

Before the TMS event we have a joint venture with Corvette Club of Texas (CCT) at the GM plant in Arlington on September 3-4 (Labor Day Weekend). It should be a short day for our members that want to work and enjoy the fun! It is still not too late to register to enjoy your Corvette at this event!

We have several new members to Cowtown since our last TMS event, please welcome them and encourage them to come out to get to know our members and Southwest Region members as well. This is a great time to show them how much fun we have while working.

Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA) is a way to get our kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews to love the Corvette as much we do. National membership is about 2900. I have forms or you can sign those kids under 16 up at anytime by going to the National website for the information. It only cost a one-time fee of \$10 per child per lifetime (up thru age 16).

A great benefit of being part of the Southwest Region in NCCC is the scholarship program. There were three \$500 scholarships awarded this year. Two went to Oklahoma City Corvette Club member and dependent; the third to a member of Longhorn Corvette Club. Remember to apply next year if you or one of your kids or grandkids are attending school.

Check out the Southwest Region schedule on the website for racing and non-racing events.
<http://www.ncccsouthwestregion.org/>

A big hand of applause to Cowtown's competitors: Top 10 in SWR.

#2—Cindy Morrison

#2—Bob Morrison

#7—Cathy Anthony

#8—Kevin Anthony

#8—Donna Forsythe

See ya at TMS!

Glenda McMahan
2011 NCCC Governor
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09/02 - Cliff Griffith

09/04 - Joshua Dodson

09/04 - Doris Johnson

09/04 - Bobby McPherson

09/04 - Audrey Samuel

09/04 - Karl Samuel

09/21 - Frank Testa

09/23 - Nancy Dick

09/30 - Jason Lehmann

09/02 - Phil & Barbara Higbee

09/03 - Scott & Mo Wheeler

09/10 - John & Jan Brefczynski

09/27 - Jo Anne & Raley Smith

09/28 - Don & Karyn Fowler



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

WELCOME ! Visitors:

Our first-time visitors at the August Meeting were **Ken Reedy** with his 1977 Black Coupe and his father, **Lee Roy**.

New Members:



Be sure to welcome **Gary & Bonnie Davis** who joined Cowtown Vettes in August. They own a 1971 Mille Miglia Red Convertible and a 1969 LeMans Blue Coupe.

We are missing pictures on the following new members who also joined last month:

We are happy to have **Ellen & Bobby McPherson** join with their 2011 White Grand Sport Coupe.

And we want to welcome **Jim Jones** who has finally decided to join Cowtown Vettes after being a non-member spouse for the past several years. We are glad that you have finally accepted us as a group you want to be associated with and we are definitely happy to have you as a member. For anyone who might not know, Jim is the other half of the **Carol Savage** "team".

100%er Awards

A 100%er Award is presented annually to each couple or single who attends at least 11 of 12 monthly membership meetings and a designated Club event at least 9 of 10 months, February through November. The designated club events are shown with an asterisk in each month's newsletter. Attendance at a concurrent NCCC event or Corvette related event pre-designated by the Elected Officers is accepted in lieu of the membership meeting or the Club event. For couples this can be a joint venture and credit is given if just one attends the meeting or event. If you attend one of these alternate activities, it is your responsibility to be sure the membership chairperson knows that you attended the alternate in place of the designated events and everyone gets credit for the February Meeting this year since it was cancelled due to icy weather.

Here is the list of members I show to still be qualified for the 100%er Award so far this year:

John & Cory Armes
Donn & Candy Beck
Jim & Donna Forsythe
Jack & Karla Gandy
Gary & Gwynne Hanna
Ferry & Debbie Lindsey
Don & Virginia Littlefield

Doug & Glenda McMahan
Fred & Margaret Proctor
Carol Savage
Raley & Jo Anne Smith
James & Kim West
Scott & Mo Wheeler

If you feel that you are qualified but are not on the list, please let me know so that we can compare records and I can make any corrections needed.

Donna Forsythe

*Membership / Welcome Chairperson
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TMS Worker T-shirts Available

T shirts with the TMS logo are available for those who are volunteering at the 15th Annual Super Speedway event. People who are interested in purchasing worker shirts for the TMS event can still purchase them. The minimum number for an order is 24. The prices are \$9.95 for S, M, L, & XL. For XXL, etc., add \$1.50. Womens' v-necks are also \$9.95.

Please let me know ASAP if you're interested, how many you would like and we'll try to get an order together. The deadline for ordering is the September meeting. Thank you.

Karyn Fowler

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COWTOWN CRUISER



I know we have a few members out cruising, gathering points for the annual competition; remember, it is not too late to start collecting points since the competition doesn't end until November. Participation Awards: 35 points earns you a bronze, 50 a silver and 75 a gold with the top three competitors (most points) will earn first, second and third place for 2011. Now that the weather SEEMS to be cooling down a little, get out and enjoy your Corvette on a few short road trips; did you know that within a half a day you can easily earn a bronze level award?

We would still like to get a few more cruises booked for the year; even if just a 1/2 day / lunch cruise; it doesn't have to be a week-end cruise. If you have an interest in hosting one, contact us and we will get you started; we even have some cruises that we can help you plan out. When a 'sponsored cruise' is booked, it will be placed on the 2011

cruise schedule, you can find them on our website at: http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruiserpgm.html#CRUISE_SCHEDULE

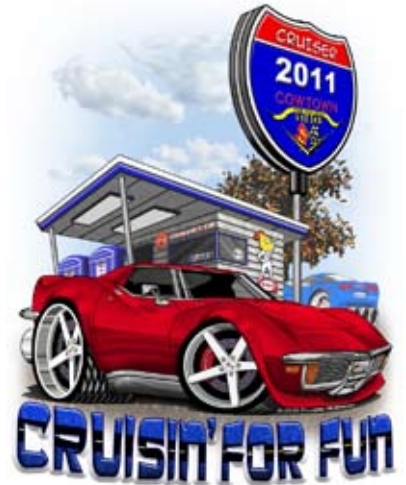
The 7th Annual Cruiser Photo Contest is well underway however there are still two-and-one-half months to capture photos from neat places your Vette took you in 2011. You can even compete in this contest you don't even have to participate in the Cruiser Points Program. If you take a trip in your Vette you can surely take a photo of it somewhere neat ... it can even be a group of Vettes at somewhere neat – gather your three photos (per person) and have them ready for the November Show; where your peers will vote on the photos. The winner(s) will be recognized at the Annual Cowtown Awards Banquet in December. Check out the contest information at: http://www.cowtownvettes.org/CCP/2011/CCP_PC_11.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 one of us a call or drop an email!

...keep on cruisin' & "Save the Wave"

Doug McMahan & Donald Hickman

2011 Cruiser Chairperson (macsvettes@att.net) & Co-Chair



WEBMASTER

The Cowtown Vettes website is now up to date, finally – note to self; never take two long trips back to back where you take thousands of photos on each trip ;). Since last month, there have been 19 event pages w/1,304 photos plus 18 flash videos (which include 725 more photos) posted to our website. There have been several Vettes added to the Classifieds section and misc. car shows are added weekly. Don't forget our Member's Discount page either, where you can save money by buying from certain businesses – some of these are also listed in our Low-Down. Beyond our own website, jump out to the NCCC National website (from ours) and you will find even more discounts which are available to us.

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. Cowtown has over thirty email distribution lists, many geared around specific activities or functions, like NCCC, Open Road Racing, etc. so if you'd like to be added to a specific list, get in touch with me. If by chance you are not receiving the CTV-All emails then your correct email address must not be in the system; contact us. Send any email and address updates to: ctv-membership@yahoo.com

If you have suggestions, questions or comments about how we are managing our Club's website, please don't hesitate to give me a shout. I also encourage you to shout if you find any pages that have issues or if there is something you would like to see or things you dislike; after all this is your website and I am only the caretaker of your website.

Doug McMahan

2011 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!!!*

Thank You!

We would like to thank all of you for the flowers, cards, calls and visits during the recent loss of my Dad. The support of our members (our extended family) makes going through times like this much easier.

Doug & Glenda McMahan



COMPETITION REPORT



John Dick

Competition Chairperson

On Saturday, a group from the club visited the GM Plant/Parking lot and TMS to get a "lay of the land." In the surprising (but welcomed!) August rain shower, we sketched out and tried several ideas on a course layout at the GM Plant. We believe we have a great projected course layout - pending some more test runs in Corvettes as we were limited in our test runs Saturday. Already a plus with the GM parking lot? No gravel! This should prove to be a good place to have NCCC events. We then headed out to TMS. We again planned, tried, and tweaked several ideas for a course layout. The planned course layout for TMS should provide for a challenging driving experience - we've reversed the course from last year. Both events should be great for drivers, volunteers and club members...look forward to seeing everyone at these events!



NCCC EVENTS

The NCCC events' are planned and even after one additional hotel glitch we have the parking, staging and course laid out for the Labor Day Weekend (LDW) event. We won't be at the September Membership Meeting since we will be setting up the autocross course the Friday night of the meeting however we do hope that you will at least stop by to visit with a few of our out-of-town competitors; even if you aren't working or competing in the event.

As far as our TMS Event, we have had our track visit to TMS and have laid out something totally new this year; we will be running it counter-clockwise! We do still need workers for this event to help with everything from hospitality, working corners, safety tech, etc. We would like to thank those of you that have signed up to help us host these events. If you have not signed up yet, we will have worker sign-up sheets at the next two membership meetings. If you prefer, you can sign-up to work off our website or give Jim or myself a call. Saturday night of the TMS event we will have Chef Manny catering dinner again this year and I'm sure it will be as great as it was last year. After dinner we also have the NKF Charity Raffle and remember, one lucky winner will enjoy a solo drive on the TMS Oval behind the pace car for five laps; only them and the pace car. You do not have to be a competitor to enjoy this solo drive however you do need to have your Vette tech'd for any of the oval laps.

Don't forget we also have the 15th Annual Super Speedway T-Shirts Available (pre-order only) - the order form is on the TMS Event page on our website along with the Saturday Night Dinner registration.

Please keep in mind, the NCCC events are Cowtown's largest source of operating income for the year and we need your involvement to host the best event possible and to make them a success!

Please mark your calendars for these Event dates:

- Corvette Heartbeat Weekend Event: September 3-4, 2011 (co-hosted with CCT)
- Sep TMS Event: September 17-18, 2011 (our 15th Annual Super Speedway Weekend)

More information can be found on our Cowtown Website.

Doug McMahan & Jim Forsythe

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2011 NCCC Events Coordinator & Co-Coordinator





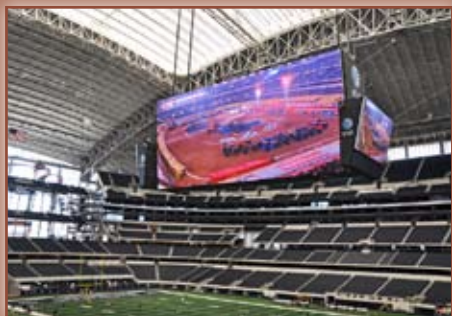
Always a fun sight!



We had a great guide!



First stop on tour



Almost 6 stories tall



Cheerleaders Locker Room

Cowboy Stadium Tour & Lunch July 23, 2011



On the playing field



The Buehlers by
David Buehler's Locker



There are stars everywhere you look



Karla & Jack



Virginia, Glenda, and Nancy



Donald & Cynthia



Donald & Carlanne



Lunch at Humpdink's was a fun treat

**Pool Party means
something to eat...**



Dollie & Steve



Doc & Mary Anne



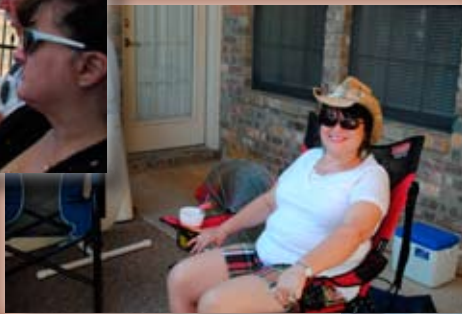
Virginia & Don with
Barb in the background



Carol & Jim



Cindy



Patricia

...survive the Heat...



Fred



Gwynne



**Summer Pool Party at
Hoaldrige's Home
August 6, 2011**

...and get in on a Water Volleyball Meet.



COWTOWN VETTES CHARITY REPORT



Charity Raffles for TMS Weekend

We kicked off **CORVETTES FOR NATIONAL KIDNEY FOUNDATION'S** annual fundraiser by selling \$1 raffle tickets, beginning with the Hoaldridge pool party, for TWO separate raffles.

RAFFLE #1... The first ticket drawn on September 17 will receive **50% of the raffle ticket proceeds** (ticketholder need not be present to win), while the other 50% will go to the NKF Serving Texas. These raffle tickets will be used on Saturday night of our **15TH ANNUAL SUPER SPEEDWAY WEEKEND** at **Texas Motor Speedway (TMS)**, September 17, to draw for door prizes. Ticketholders must be present to win door prizes.

RAFFLE #2... The winning ticketholder, who must be present to win, will have a five-lap parade lap on the **TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY** oval on Sunday morning, September 18, with a TMS pace vehicle...just YOU and the TMS pace vehicle...prior to the CTV's laps on the TMS oval.

Tickets for both raffles will be sold at the September membership meeting and at CTV's TMS weekend. Drawings will be held after the Saturday night dinner at the host hotel.

Buy your tickets early and often. Tickets for Raffle #1 purchased at the September membership meeting will be entered into a special drawing before the end of the meeting; winning ticketholder must be present. (Winning tickets from the special drawing will be returned to the bucket for the drawings held during CTV's TMS weekend.)

NOTE: Ticket purchasers do NOT have to be present to win the 50% of the raffle ticket proceeds. However, ticket purchasers must be present to win all remaining door prizes, including **RAFFLE #2**.

REPORT ON LAST MONTH'S CHARITY ACTIVITY

Great news! I delivered 330 pounds of pet food to the Community Food Bank for a donation to the Don't Forget to Feed Me Organization. Thanks to everyone who made a donation!

Kim West



HOALDRIDGE POOL PARTY

We thank the 61 guests who braved the triple-digit heat to enjoy our hospitality that began with eating a bit of fried chicken tenders, smoked chicken, assorted salads, Larry's firehouse beans [We promise we'll try not to run out of beans in the future.], assorted desserts including a double batch of homemade banana pudding [Thank you, Candy, for bringing a 2nd batch.]; followed by relaxing on our patio with friends and playing a 'mean' game of water volleyball. Special thanks to the McMahans for bringing their pop-up canopy, to the Hannas for bringing their Porta-Cooler again this year. A very special thank you goes to Gwynne and Sharon...they came early and were busy taking care of things outside and keeping the kitchen in order.

We kicked off the Team CORVETTES FOR NKF annual raffle by selling \$1 tickets for a chance at half of the money from this raffle, along with a chance to win door prizes at CTV's TMS event. An additional raffle has been added this year...that of a 'personal' 5-lap parade lap on the TMS oval prior to the general lap of the oval on Sunday morning of CTV's TMS event. A special drawing from the 50/50 tickets was held after water volleyball. SCOTT WHEELER left with a spinning disco ball lamp. Congrats, Scott. There will be another special drawing at CTV's September membership meeting of the tickets sold that night for the NKF 50/50 raffle. As I've said before, the winning ticket from the pool party and the one from the September membership meeting will be put back into the bucket and will be eligible to win the actual 50/50 raffle, along with door prizes, on CTV's TMS weekend.

Larry & Sylvia Hoaldridge

Your C5 (and maybe your C6) Is A "Street Sweeper"

Ok, let's establish that I'm a novice having owned an '04 Vette for a little more than a year. I don't have a plethora of experience like some of you but I know there are other relatively new C5 owners out there that might benefit from what I just learned. Our engine temperature in this warm (some would say hot) weather has been above what I was comfortable with; it got as high as 248° on one particularly hot afternoon. So we checked with some other C5 owners and found that their cars weren't running as hot as ours. I've also learned about lower degree thermostats and reprogramming the fan to come on at 180° instead of 225 for better performance. However, my reasoning (should I say superior) told me that even with stock settings our car was running hotter than normal and that a lower degree thermostat wouldn't do much for a long drive in hot weather.

So the other day while wiping down the front bumper after washing the car, I glanced under the front end and saw that the air conditioner condenser coil (in front of the radiator) was nearly 50% covered with a variety of types of trash and airflow to the condenser coil and radiator was severely restricted. Design of the car is such that air flowing to the A/C condenser coil and radiator mostly comes from below the bumper within 4 to 6 inches of the street effectively make the car a street sweeper and allowing it to pick up and trap debris like leaves, grass clippings, packing peanuts, roadkill, small children, etc.

So I removed the air filter housing and unbolted (2 bolts on each side) and removed the top radiator retainer/support. You can probably get by with just removing the air bridge across the top of the radiator rather than removing the air filter housing. That allowed me to access the plastic cowl that separates the air intake housing from the chamber that flows air to the A/C condenser coil/radiator. I pulled the cowl slightly away from the condenser coil at the top and removed as much debris as possible by hand; then blew most of the remaining trash away with compressed air. Voila – we are now running about 15 to 20° cooler.

Only problem is that this isn't a one-time fix. If you drive the car, trash is going to accumulate and will need to be removed on occasion. If you do it regularly you might be able to use a shop vacuum to clean it from the bottom. Good luck.

---Submitted by Raley Smith



Top Ten Reasons to Join Cowtown Vettes

Number 10- Meet some fun people

Number 9 - NCCC has a good national reputation

Number 8 - Participate in events benefitting great charities

Number 7 - Come for the cars; stay for the people

Number 6 - Cruise with a bunch of other Vettes to great locations

Number 5 - Share technical knowledge about Corvettes

Number 4 - Lots of fun socials

Number 3 - Learn what your car can do through competition programs

Number 2 - Where else can you break down in a vehicle and have telephone numbers of 140 people who can come to help you?

And the Number 1 reason to join Cowtown Vettes - *Free beer at the meetings!!!*

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2011 SCHEDULE FOR NON-NCCC / NON-RACING EVENTS

BEING HOSTED BY REGIONAL CLUBS

Date	Location	Type	Event	Club
24-Sep	McGregor, Texas	CS	13th Annual "Great American Corvette & Chevy Day" Car Show. Time: 8 AM - 3 PM	CTCC
8-Oct	Granbury, Texas	CS	6th Annual Corvette Show	BRCC
15-Oct	Ft Worth, Texas	CS	10th Annual Corvette Show - lots of Door Prizes, Raffle Drawings, DJ and Awards for all classes along with Best of Show, Best Paint, Best Engine, Best Interior, etc... come join us for the fun	CTV

Southwest Region 2011 Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
9/3-4	Arlington, TX	Corvette Heartbeat Weekend @ GM Assembly Plant 1st Choice - Events (CTV hosting) 1st Choice - Events	BRCC/CCT
9/9-10	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
9/17-18	TMS	1st Choice - 10 Autocross Events @ Texas Motor Speedway- Laps on the Oval on Sunday morning	CTV/BRCC
9/17	Ft Worth, TX	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 8:00 PM @ Hampton Inn on I35	SWR
10/1-2	TBD	1st Choice - Events	LLC/THT
10/15-16	OKC	1st Choice - 2 Autocross Events 1st Choice - 5 Autocross Events - All at Sheriff's Facility	CCOC/SCCC
10/22	Cresson, TX	1st Choice - 7 Autocross Events @ Motorsports Ranch	TOCC
10/29-30	TBD	1st Choice - Events	TV/TCCC
10/29	Ft Worth, TX	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 8:00 PM @ Hampton Inn on I35	SWR
11/11-12	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l

CAR SHOW COMMITTEE



The Car Show committee took a brief respite in July and did not have a meeting. Our next committee meeting will be Tuesday, September 13 at the Conference Room at Coors Distributors (where we have our membership meetings) beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Have you registered for CTV's 10th Annual All Corvette Car Show on October 15? If you haven't, keep in mind that there is an early fee for those who register by 10/10/11. After that date, the price will increase. If you are not planning to show your Corvette on October 15, your help is still needed...with staging, with parking, with selling raffle tickets, with counting car show ballots...just to name a few. A

worker sign-up sheet will be available at the September 2 membership meeting.

KIM WEST is still looking for additional sponsors for our car show. If you know of a business or an individual who would be interested in being a gold, silver or bronze sponsor, please let Kim know as soon as possible. She will be happy to email you a sponsor flyer.

If any of you have participated in car shows this year, please let me know. You may be eligible for the Annual Car Show Award that is presented at the Christmas awards banquet to the CTV member amassing the most car show points throughout 2011.

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