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Introducing...



YOUR NEW 2012 OFFICERS

COWTOWN VETTES OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS:

President:	John Armes
Vice President:	Gwynne Hanna
Secretary:	Raley Smith
Treasurer:	Donn Beck
Governor:	Glenda McMahan
Webmaster:	Doug McMahan
Newsletter Editor:	Jo Anne Smith
Board Member (2012):	Rick Garabedian
Board Member (2012):	Candy Beck
Board Member (2013):	Scott Wheeler
Board Member (2013):	Fred Proctor
Junior Board Member:	Rick Watson

See the February newsletter for a complete list of awards and pictures from the Christmas Party and Awards Banquet held December 17, 2011.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

1/1



*1/6 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6:45 Cowtown 101 - Coors Board Room
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Coors Hospitality Room

1/18 BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. Coors Board Room

February

*2/3 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Coors Hospitality Room

*2/5 SUPER BOWL PARTY

4:00 p.m. Pappa's Burgers

*2/11 VALENTINE'S DINNER

TBA

2/14



2/15 BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. Coors Board Room



* Denotes 100%er Award Eligibility Event



CTV Officers 2011

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



As I'm writing this, it is mid-December so it's a bit strange to say that I hope everyone had a happy New Year. To all the board members and chair and co-chairpersons that I had the pleasure of working with last year, I just want to say thank you because you are a great representatives of this club and a major part of last year's success. I appreciate everyone's support last year and am excited about the great year ahead of us. I look forward to working with our new board mem-

bers and I want to thank all the people who already have accepted some of the chair positions or have volunteered to help in other ways.

This club has so many opportunities to enjoy and have fun with other members that I hope each and every one of you find your niche and get involved. I really want to encourage our members to have fun within this club as it is a place to get away from our daily routines. I feel that I am blessed to be an owner of such an amazing car that people are drawn to it and stop in amazement when a group of us passes by. It is because of this car that I have met and befriended so many wonderful people in and outside of this club.

I know that things can never be perfect, but in the time that I've spent on cruises, at autocrosses or just enjoying our Corvette with other members, it sure is close. Let's make this a great year for Cowtown Vettes and just have fun!

John Armes

President
armesgs@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I am so excited to have the honor of serving you as Vice President this year. I know that precedence has been set and will be very hard to live up to as I attempt to fill Candy's shoes.

As is a custom of the past, there will be no social in January but, in carrying on the Cowtown tradition, we will have two socials in February. I have taken the liberty of booking one of our favorites, "Pappas Burgers" (I-30 & Forest Park) for our **Super Bowl party** which will begin at 4:00pm on 2/5/12.

The Super Bowl party will be a 100%er and hopefully by this time you will all have cabin fever and be ready for a little fun. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

I am working on securing a location for our second 100%er for the month which will be a **Valentine Dinner** with date (hopefully **February 11**) and details to follow.

I am open to any suggestions for things you would like to do for a 100%er event.

Gwynne Hanna

CTV, Vice-President
vettelady67@sbcglobal.net

Again, I look forward to serving the club as V.P. in 2012!

1/02 - Walt & Sharon Zschirnt

1/09 - John & Nancy Dick

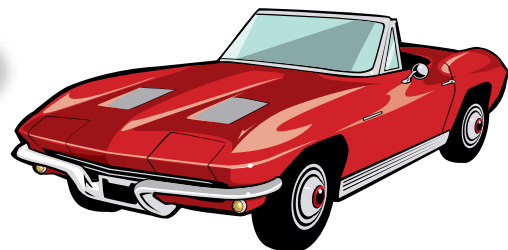
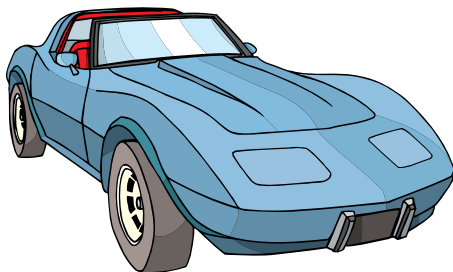
1/28 - Jerry & Debbie Lindsey





Thank you -

Please pass along to the club my heartfelt thanks for their prayers and beautiful flowers! Please continue to keep me in your prayers.

Diane Young



JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1	2	3	4	5	* Membership Meeting 7:30 Meeting	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE	18	19	20
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Bold italic type denotes CTV events

**** Denotes required attendance and participation for 100%er Award eligibility***

FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					* Membership Meeting 7:30	
* Super Bowl Party Pappa's Burgers 4:00 PM	5	6	7	8	9	10
						* Valentine's Day Party TBA
12	13	 14	Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE	15	16	17
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

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CTV Committees 2012

AUDIT

Jim Forsythe: Chairperson
Carnut817@yahoo.com
<Open>: Co-Chairperson

CAR SHOW

Sylvia Hoaldrige : Chairperson
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Fred Proctor: Co-Chairperson

CHARITIES

Jane Buehler: Chairperson
bbuehler@charter.net
Cory Armes: Co-Chairperson

COMPETITION

<Open>: Chairperson
<Open>: Co-Chairperson

CTV CRUISER

Donald Hickman: Chairperson
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Carlanne Hickman: Co-Chairperson

EQUIPMENT

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fuluz@msn.com
<Open>: Co-Chairperson

HISTORIAN

<Open>: Chairperson

LOGO MERCHANDISE

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MEMBERSHIP/WELCOME

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<Open>: Co-Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Welcome!

New Members

We are happy to welcome 3 new members:

Tony Sokoloski

- 1966 Convertible - Under Restoration
- 1991 Black/Tan Coupe
- 1996 Grand Sport Convertible

Chuck & Janice McMillan

- 2001 Dark Blue Coupe



Donna Forsythe

Membership / Welcome Chairperson
ctv-membership@yahoo.com



1/02 - Hector Sandoval
1/03 - Kelly Johnson
1/03 - Diane Young
1/07 - Chelsey Lowrey
1/09 - Brittany Lewis
1/10 - David Gill
1/11 - Ken Segel
1/11 - Don Wells
1/12 - Carolyn Atkins
1/13 - Becky Clark
1/15 - Debbi Harrell
1/17 - Red Greenfeder
1/17 - Barb Greenfeder
1/23 - Yvette Lewis
1/27 - Larry Hoaldrige

CTV Rookie of the Year Award

COWTOWN ROOKIE OF THE YEAR AWARD (ROY) will be presented annually to the Rookie member who accumulates the highest number of points according to the schedule listed in #7 of the Standing Rules, Policies & Procedures in the Cowtown ByLaws. A Rookie is defined as a new member to the Club who has not previously been a member of the Club. Rookies accumulate points the calendar year following the year that they joined the Club. All records are maintained and the determination of the Rookie of the Year is made by the Membership Committee who will select and present the award at an Awards Banquet. (See the #7 in the Standing Rules, Policies & Procedures in the Cowtown ByLaws for details on what counts towards ROY Award; or contact Membership.)

MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR 2012 ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

JASON BLOCKER
 REBECCA BLOCKER
 DAVID CLARK
 BECKY CLARK
 GARY DAVIS
 BONNIE DAVIS
 LARRY FREEMAN
 ANN FREEMAN

ROBERT GEYER
 CYDINE GEYER
 DEBORAH JACKSON
 PAUL (P.J.) JACKSON
 JIM JONES
 CHUCK McMILLAN
 JANICE McMILLAN

ELLEN McPHERSON
 BOBBY McPHERSON
 BUD NICE
 RUTH NICE
 ROB POST
 TONY SOKOLOSKI

NCCC EVENTS

Cowtown's NCCC Events

As 2012 kicks off for our Corvette fun, the dates for our NCCC events have already been filed and with the recently approved 2012 NCCC Rulebook now provides each club ten NCCC Nat'l Sanctions to utilize each year. This will impact/change our NCCC events to some degree however we have not discussed exactly what changes will be made; more around this in the upcoming months.

Our NCCC Events dates for 2012 and they are posted on the 2012 SWR webpage. Please make a note of these dates so you can enjoy the events by participating and/or helping us to host them.

- March 11 or 18, 2012: the Spring Practice Autocross; these Sunday dates have been submitted to GM Arlington and we are awaiting confirmation on one of the dates.
- April 14-15, 2012: the Spring No-Frills event co-hosted by CCT.
- September 15-16, 2012: Our 16th Annual Super Speedway Weekend at TMS



Again, thanks to all for supporting these events which in turn allows operating funds for our club and Corvette fun.

IF YOU JOINED COWTOWN DURING 2011 THEN YOU ARE ELIGIBLE!!!

2. A 100%er AWARD is presented annually to each couple or single who attends at least 11 of 12 monthly membership meetings and a Club event at least 9 of 10 months, February through November. The Club event to be considered for this award each month will be announced and designated each month in the Club Newsletter. Attendance at a concurrent NCCC event or Corvette related venture-designated by the Elected Officers will be accepted in lieu of this requirement. In all cases, the eligible Club event(s) will be designated in the newsletter with an asterisk (*). For couples, this can be a joint venture and credit is given if just one attends the meeting or event. This award is presented at an Awards Banquet. See the #2 in the Standing Rules, Policies & Procedures in the Cowtown Bylaws for details on what counts towards the 100%er Award; or contact Membership.

COME OUT AND PARTICIPATE

CRUISER Program

The Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP) was started in 2005 for those who like to enjoy their Corvette. It is an annual competition to see who will be the year's Top Cruisers. The program focuses on driving your 'Vette to club, regional & national functions along with capturing places you have driven it. This can also include places visited on vacations or just short weekend trips. For more information on the Cruiser Program, see the website and contact the Cruiser Chairman to obtain your points sheet and log.

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

Donald Hickman, 2012 Cruiser Chair
donal dhickman@sbcglobal.net



CTV Committees 2012

MID-AMERICA

James West: Chairperson
jnk69vette@sbcglobal.net



NCCC EVENTS

<Open>: Chairperson

<Open>: Co-Chairperson



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

<Open>: Ambassador



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<Open>: Co-Chairperson



TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

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Scott Wheeler: Co-Chairperson



TIMING

Candy Beck: Chairperson
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COWTOWN CRUISER



The 2011 Cruiser Program concluded with 14 participants and the winners were:

1st Place Cruiser: Carol Savage – Gold Level with 185 points

2nd Place Cruiser: Jack Gandy** - Gold Level with 116 points

3rd Place Cruiser: Karla Gandy*** - Gold Level with 111 points

Gold Level Participants: Doc Lambert: 82 points, Carolyn Atkins*, Richard Atkins*, Jo Anne Smith*, and Raley Smith* each with 80 points

Silver Level Participants: John Dick** and Nancy Dick** each with 63 points, Donald Hickman* and Carlanne Hickman* each with 51 points

Bronze Level Participants: none for 2011

* = 1st Time Participant **= 2nd Time Participant

The 2011 Annual Cruiser Photo Contest concluded with 38 photos participating and Carol Savage won 1st place and Fred Proctor took 2nd place. A big Thank You goes out to all 2011 participants and cruise sponsors.

The 2012 Cruiser Competition starts January 1st. New cruise packets are available electronically or in paper form. For those of you new to the program we will feature a “cruiser point guideline” through the year to explain how to obtain points, what needs to be in the photos, and other helpful hints. Always remember the cruiser program is about getting out and enjoying your Vette, seeing the countryside, going places you’d typically never see, and representing Cowtown. You can cruise on your own or on our sponsored cruises. To make the 2012 Cruiser Program a success, we need members to suggest places to go and to sponsor cruises for the coming year. The cruises don’t have to be weekend cruises but can be short ½ day or all day trips for lunch, dinner, events, shopping, or just seeing something unique. If you have a destination in mind, we’ll help you plan a route.

Don’t forget to capture your Vette in interesting or unusual places for the “What I Saw Along the Way” photo contest to share the places and things you’ve seen and enjoyed over the year.

As new Cruiser Chairperson and Co-Chair, this year will be challenging and a learning experience for both of us. We welcome any suggestions for improving the program and hope to see new participants in the year ahead.

...keep on cruisin’

Donald & Carlanne Hickman

2012 Cruiser Chairperson
donaldhickman@sbcglobal.net

& Co-Chair
chickma101@sbcglobal.net



Tech Talk

Non roller lifters – “Flat Tappets”

DISCLAIMER: While this worked for me, I’m not saying it will work for everyone.

This is just a little info for the guys who are building (or running) older engines and are not upgrading to roller lifters, probably a very small group.

Several years ago the government, in its infinite wisdom, decided that the existing formulations for automobile oils were too harmful to catalytic converters and oil didn’t need to be so “slippery” now, particularly since everyone was running roller lifters. So formulations were changed, and among other things an additive called ZDDP was substantially reduced.

Almost immediately Comp Cams and others began to have unexplained failures. As with almost everything like this there are widely differing opinions, but the underlying belief is the new oils that have the reduced ZDDP levels are not “slick” enough for flat tappet lifters to ride on the cam. Comp Cams now recommends a break in oil with the purchase of their cams. Go online and research this issue and should you decide it’s cheap insurance (I did) spend some time looking online and you will find several oils and additives that have the higher levels of ZDDP, like diesel and racing oils. I myself switched to Mobil 1 – 5w-50w. I understand the minimum level of ZDDP desired is 1200 ppm. Some of the racers in the club are also familiar with this issue, so talk to others.

Remember to regularly check the air pressure in every tire on every car, and the spares, that you own.

Trailers are for horses, DRIVE your Corvette.

--Bill Buehler

WEBMASTER



A Happy New Year to everyone and we hope that 2012 is a great year for each and every one of us; and of course full of fun Corvette activities.

As with every year kicking off as the previous year is retired, the end of December and early January are extremely busy with website updates which impact well over 100 core webpages. Some of the webpage activities are simple things like creating 2012 calendars, a new officer and chairperson page, revamping pages for various functions/activities in the club while others involve removing member's Vettes which didn't renew ...or changing names and email addresses for chairpersons on specific webpages. We were still missing photos from several events in 2011 so those events without photos / event pages have been removed from the website 2011 Photo Gallery page. I would ask that as you surf our website, if you spot something which you think I have missed, it is very possible since these updates encompass so many webpages in such a short timeframe; so please don't hesitate to contact me.

NOTICE: If you are an Elected Officer or Chairperson you might even have responsibility of a page and its content on our website; if you are not sure – please check with me. Also, if you have information that you feel needs to be on the calendar and/or shared with membership through our website, I would ask that it be sent to me electronically. My time is very limited for maintaining the website and I simply do not have time or the desire to retype something from paper; to take a full set of notes at the meetings or pull information out of CTV-ALL email blasts or from the newsletter. Bottom-line, if you don't provide it directly to me – it will not be listed on the website; this includes socials, cruises, car shows, charity functions, etc. Remember, our website and these pages are a world-wide representation of Cowtown Vettes and our many activities; if the page is outdated or empty that is a direct reflection on you, me and the club in general.

At the time of writing this article, we haven't had any new socials or events so no new event pages have been added since my last article. Hopefully by the time you read this article, we will have event pages from the annual Christmas Party & Awards Banquet along with the Christmas Party at Cook Children's. The only new pages are ones like 2012 calendars, Elected Officers, Misc. Car Show calendars and various other annual pages where we keep last year's pages in tack for reference.

Question: so, did you get a new camera from Santa? If so we would invite you to take photos at any Corvette event you attend. We need photos from anyone that attended events which membership might be interested in; events like socials, weekend car shows, cruises, visits to the Corvette Museum, racing events, etc. Please upload those to our FTP site so that they can be utilized for the website and for our newsletter; if you don't know how – contact me.

Once again, Cowtown is eligible to enter the *NCCC National Club Website Contest* this year, so if you have any NEW ideas and/or suggestions which you feel would make our club website better – PLEASE contact me.

Cowtown Email Distribution 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. At the end of 2011, all non-renewing members were removed from the various distribution lists, hopefully that didn't catch any of you that renewed late. 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 all email and address updates to: ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com.

If you have suggestions, questions or comments about how we are managing your Club's website and/or Facebook account, 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!!!*

National Corvette Museum



The National Corvette Museum announced on December the 8th, the four candidates who are to be recognized at the Museum's 18th Anniversary event as part of the 15th Annual Corvette Hall of Fame Ceremony in 2012. Among the four are our very own Patrick Dolan, who has been very active in NCCC, serving as VP of Competition, President and Director of Charity. He is a founding member of the NCM and was present at the first general meeting in Cypress Gardens, FL in January 1989. Patrick is the Hall of Fame Inductee in the category of Corvette enthusiast/historian.



The other three 2012 NCM Hall of Fame candidates are Gary Claudio in the category of GM/Chevrolet; Bob McDorman also in the category of Corvette enthusiast/historian; and Andy Pilgrim, a champion driver for Corvette Racing.



NCCC-Low Speed Autocross in Houston



OKC - Autocross & Drag Racing



Racing Events



TMS-Super Speedway Weekend

Things We Did in 2011

A look back at a few events of the year



Vines & Vettes Show



CTV Annual All Corvette Show



FW Rod & Custom Car Show

Car Shows



NKF Walk



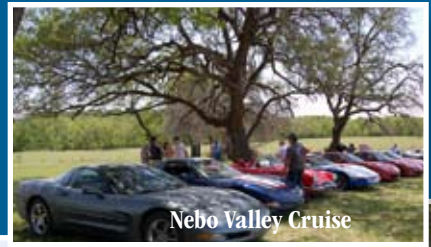
Tarrant Area Food Bank

Charity Events



Remembering Good Times

Perini Ranch Cruise



Cruise to Kentucky



Cruises

Cruise to Decatur



Eureka Springs Weekend

Super Bowl Party



Valentines Party



TMS Workers

4th of July Parade



Socials



Cowboy Stadium Tour



Progressive Dinner



Swim Party



GOVERNOR'S THOUGHTS



2012 is here and we are looking forward to it being a much better year. The competition schedule for 2012 is filling up fast and we would like to remind you that NCCC is not just about racing, there are several other events which you might be interested in.

The 2011 NCCC competition included events from twenty clubs over twelve weekends, just within the Southwest Region. First, we would like to thank all of our members who came out to compete and support the NCCC events in 2011. We hope that you had fun in whatever role you participated and we also thank you for helping Cowtown host some of the best events guests in our region attended.

Cowtown presents NCCC Travel Awards, which were earned by many as competitors but by several others as members who attended and supported our competitors at the events. To earn this award members are required to attend a minimum of eight NCCC Club events, besides our own; see our Bylaws and Standing Rules for more information. The following members were presented with 2011 NCCC Travel Awards:

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|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| • Cathy Anthony | • Dollie Hunley | • Bob Morrison |
| • Kevin Anthony | • Steve Hunley | • Cindy Morrison |
| • Donna Forsythe | • Don Littlefield | • Doug Shilen |
| • Jim Forsythe | • Virginia Littlefield | • Patricia Shilen |
| • Barb Greenfeder | • Douglas McMahan | |
| • Red Greenfeder | • Glenda McMahan | |

Moving to the 2011 NCCC Individual awards, we presented the following awards to our hard working members.

- 1st Place Female Concours – Cindy Morrison
- 1st Place Male Concours – Bob Morrison
- 1st Place Female Drag Events – Donna Forsythe
- 1st Place Male Drag Events – Bob Morrison
- 1st Place Female Funkhana – Glenda McMahan
- 1st Place Male Funkhana – Douglas McMahan
- 1st Place Female Rallye – Donna Forsythe
- 1st Place Male Rallye – Jim Forsythe
- 1st Place Female Speed Events – Cindy Morrison
- 1st Place Male Speed Events – Bob Morrison



Now for the Top Honors of 2011, congratulations to Cindy Morrison for being Cowtown's 2011 Top Competitor; her third year in a row. In searching Cowtown's history, we were not able to find anyone in Cowtown's 37 year history which has accomplished this. Way to go, Cindy!

We would like to thank all of the Cowtown Members that competed in 2011. With the points contributed by the competitors listed above, we would also thank all of the Cowtown Members that came out to work our events which also contributed to the overall Cowtown Points total. This points total enabled Cowtown to finish 2nd Place in the 2011 Southwest Region.

The Southwest Region NCCC Awards Banquet will be hosted by Cen-Tex Corvette Club on Saturday, March 24, 2012. The event will be hosted in Waco, TX, at the Hilton Hotel; they have promised the region a great event so make your plans to attend.

The 2012 NCCC National Convention is being held in Topeka, KS during the week of June 23-29, 2012. During the last National Meeting they shared several activities of the convention including descriptions of four tours; all of which sounded great. Besides the tours, they have several events that might be of interest to the non-racing competitor; events like concours, rallye, funkhana, valve cover races and of course some great theme and party nights. If you are into racing, they will be hosting the high and low speed events along with drags at Heartland Raceway; a premier racing facility.

The last convention in Topeka, KS, was held in 1993 which we heard was a great convention. A quick note about the host hotel, it has a total of 225 rooms; which is the entire hotel. In addition, there are some satellite hotels which will be utilized as needed. So, with all this in mind, February 1st is when convention registration opens so mark your calendars to attend the 53rd NCCC National Convention in Topeka, KS.

At the November National Meeting, the 2012 Rulebook was voted in, so read it as you prepare for the 2012 competition season. Some of the major changes of the rulebook include granting each club ten NCCC sanctions per year vs the current seven. Other changes spanned the competition areas from concours thru speed events and everything in between. If you have any questions around the new rulebook or about NCCC events please contact me.

Last but not least, I'd like to share some information around Cowtown's membership renewals. For 2012, Cowtown membership stands at 148, with a few late renewals still coming in. While we hate to lose members, we do understand that the economy is suffering, others have work issues that are keeping them buried, other members have children which are growing up and keeping them very busy, etc. We understand that everyone has a life outside of the club and hopefully at some point in their lives they will return.

Glenda McMahan
2012 NCCC Governor
glenda-gm@att.net

Hopefully, you all had a great holiday season and are looking forward to another great year in Cowtown!





COWTOWN VETTES CHARITY REPORT



Charity Recap for 2011

I want to thank everyone for your support for the 50/50 raffle we had at each of our monthly meetings in 2011. We raised over \$2500 with our 50/50 raffle this year! We will present a report at the January meeting showing the charity financials for the year. Check out the list of monthly winners! You may want to ask Don and Carlanne Hickman for their secret to having the winning ticket three times in 2011! The TMS Weekend, the October Car Show and the Progressive Dinner added additional funds to our charity donations. We distributed almost \$3400 in charity contributions this year.

The following organizations were very thankful for our monetary contributions this year:

- American Heart Association
- Cook Children's Hospital
- National Kidney Foundation
- Operation Home Front – The Barrera Family Christmas
- Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure
- Susan G. Komen 3-Day Walk
- Tarrant Area Food Bank
- West Texas Fire Fighters

Also...Kim West delivered 330 pounds of pet food to the "Don't Forget to Feed Me" organization and we collected toys for the Mission Arlington Christmas Store at our annual Holiday Party and Awards Banquet (details in next month's newsletter).

Not only were you generous with your money, you were also giving of your time! Twenty-nine walkers participated in the Fort Worth Kidney Walk and thirty-one walkers supported the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Sharon Zschirnt gave 30 hours of her time to support the Susan G. Komen Three-Day Walk. On two different occasions a total of 49 members and guests donated over seventy-three hours at the Tarrant Area Food Bank to sort, weigh and organize food that would be delivered to the area agencies for distribution. Another special time for each of you was when you gave your time to support the Cook Children's Hospital Christmas party. I never know who gets the most from this party, the volunteers or the children, but it is indeed a special event for our club!

I also want to thank my husband, Bill Buehler and my Co-chair Cori Armes for their support throughout the year. This position is definitely more than a one person job and I couldn't do it without their help! I'm looking forward to what we can do in 2012!

Jane Buehler

Charities Chairman



**Organizations supported by
Cowtown Vettes Charity
efforts in 2011**



SW Region Clubs

BRAZOS RIVER CORVETTE CLUB (BRCC)
Granbury, TX • SW-540

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CEN-TEX CORVETTE CLUB (CTCC)
Waco, TX • SW-200

◆
CORVETTE CLUB OF OKLAHOMA CITY (CCOC)
Oklahoma City, OK • SW-468

◆
CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS (CCT)
Dallas, TX • SW-074

◆
**CORVETTE OWNERS ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTH TEXAS (COAST)**
San Antonio, TX • SW-143

◆
COWTOWN VETTES (CTV)
Fort Worth, TX • SW-055

◆
EAST TEXAS CORVETTE CLUB (ETCC)
Lufkin, TX • SW-577

◆
LONGHORN CORVETTE CLUB (LCC)
Austin, TX • SW-207

◆
MID-COAST CORVETTE CLUB (MCCC)
Lake Jackson, TX • SW-170

◆
NORTH TEXAS VETTES (NTV)
Fort Worth, TX • SW-555

◆
OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB (OCCC)
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2012 NCCC RACING EVENT SCHEDULE - PRELIMINARY

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
2/24-25	St. Louis, MO	National Meetings	Nat'l
3/11 or 18	Arlington?	Test-n-Tune Autocross (non-sanctioned)	CTV
3/24	Waco, TX	SWR Awards Banquet, hosted by Cen-Tex	CTCC
3/25	Waco, TX	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 9:00 AM at Hilton	SWR
3/31-4/1	Houston, TX	1st Choice - LS Autocross Events 1st Choice - LS Autocross Event	SJCC CMCT
4/14-15	TBD	1st Choice - 4 Events (CTV hosting) 1st Choice - 7 Events	BRCC(CTV) CCT
5/4-5	St. Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
5/12-13	TBD	Car Show and Drag Races (not record Drags)	SJCC CMCT
5/19-20	Waco, TX	1st Choice - LS Autocross Events 1st Choice - LS Autocross Events All at TSTC (Waco Airport)	CTCC MCCC
5/26-27 (28?)	OKC, OK Noble, OK	1st Choice - LS Autocross 1st Choice - LS Autocross All at Sheriff's Facility	TVS SCCC CCOC
TBD	TBD	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 8:00 PM @TBD	SWR
6/9-10	OKC, OK	1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events 1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events All at Sheriff's Facility	TVS SCCC CCOC
6/23-30	Topeka, KS	NATIONAL CONVENTION 2012 & NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
8/4-5	OKC, OK	1st Choice - 6 LS Autocross Events 1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events All at Sheriff's Facility	CCOC SCCC
9/7-8	St. Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
9/15-16	Ft. Worth, TX	1st Choice - 10 LS Autocross Events @ Texas Motor Speedway - Laps on the Oval on Sunday morning	CTV BRCC
9/15	Ft. Worth, TX	SWR Governor's Meeting - 8:00 PM @ Hampton Inn on I35 (just south of Texas Motor Speedway)	SWR
9/28-29	TBD	Car Show	CTCC
10/13-14	Waco, TX	1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events	TCCC
10/20-21	OKC, OK Noble, OK	1st Choice - 7 Autocross Events at Sheriff's Facility 1st Choice - 3 Drag Events @ Thunder Valley in Noble	COAST CCOC
10/27-28	Waco, TX	1st Choice - 7 Autocross Events	TV
TBD	TBD	SWR Governor's Meeting - 8:00 PM @TBD	SWR
11/9-10	St. Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
11/16-17	TBD	1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events & Playday	TOCC

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2012 NCCC CONVENTION

(Tentative Schedule)

Convention isn't just racing; check out the schedule below and be ready to register on February 1st when registration opens; you don't even have to attend the entire week.

Saturday, June 23 Registration and Tech Inspection
Corvette Mall and Hospitality
Welcome Party

Sunday, June 24 Registration and Tech Inspection
Concours and People's Choice
Corvette Mall and Hospitality
Governors and Participants' Meetings
Competitor's Awards Dinner

Monday, June 25 Corvette Mall and Hospitality
Valve Cover Car Show, Drags and Distance Competition
Sponsor's Welcome
Land of Oz - Judged Costume Party



June 23 - 29, 2012
Registration begins Feb. 1, 2012

Tuesday, June 26 Corvette Mall and Hospitality
Funkhana Day One
Low and High Speed Events
"Senior Prom" - Judged

Wednesday, June 27 Corvette Mall and Hospitality
Funkhana Day 2
Low and High Speed Events
Parade around Topeka to State Capitol Grounds

Thursday, June 28 Corvette Mall and Hospitality
Record and Bracket Drags
Annual Convention Golf Tournament
Entertainment and Party in Convention Center

Friday, June 29 Convention Awards
Breakfast
Corvette Mall and Hospitality Room
President's Reception
Banquet, Raffles and Party

Contact Glenda, Doug, Sylvia or Debbie for more details:
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