

# Coutoun Low-Down

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# UPCOMING EVENTS 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

Los Vaqueros Restaurant 6:00 PM

2/14



#### 2/15 BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. Coors Board Room

#### 2/18 CRUISE TO FAIR PARK

Texas Museum of Automotive History Time: TBA

#### March

#### \*3/2 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

#### 3/3-4 CAMP OUT PAJAMA PARTY CRUISE

Red River Army Depot

#### \*3/11 PRACTICE AUTOCROSS

**General Motors Parking Lot** 

3/17

Happy & St. Patricks Day

#### 3/21 BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. Coors Board Room

#### \*3/24 NKF WALK

8:00 a.m. Trinity Park

\* Denotes 100%er Award Eligibility Event



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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Cowtown Members,

What a great way to start the New Year with such a large turnout at our monthly meeting. We had 71 Members and 11 guests. It was such a pleasure to see all the people. I apologize for some members who could not hear our speakers at the meeting, but we will work on that issue. It looks like a great Month to get out and enjoy fellowship with our club members and loved ones as Gwynne has

some great plans for "Super Bowl & Valentine's Day." I encourage you all to get involved this year with some aspect of our club and "have fun."

I am very thankful to have met so many wonderful people since joining this club and watching people enjoy their Corvettes in so many different ways. You guys make me proud to be the owner of such a fine automobile. My goal this year is to have fun, enjoy life, and participate with fellow members in the many diverse areas that this club offers. No matter what area you decide to participate in, just relax and have fun with it, because as we all know life is too short and as stated on our Website we need to......Save The Wave!!!! Have a Great Month and Thank You All Again for \(\mathcal{T}\_1/\mathcal{A}\_{\text{max}} = \mathcal{A}\_{\text{max}} \text{Making a Difference.}

John Armes

President armesgs@gmail.com

#### **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**



It was so good to see you all at last month's club meeting BOY WHAT A TURN OUT!! I don't know about ya'll but Gary and I were glad to get the ball rolling for 2012.

The survey that you participated in during last month's meeting was very informative. You guys gave me some really good feedback. I now know that "Mexican" food is your favorite and that you are up for some "less than standard" sleeping arrangements.

As I mentioned during our January meeting, our first 100%er for 2012 will be our "Super Bowl" party which will take place in the private dining area at Pappas Burger located at 2700 W. Frwy, 4pm on Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>. I believe the game is scheduled to begin at 5pm. So, plan to come on out; put your "game spirit" on and ready to do some hootin and hollerin for your favorite team.

Our second 100%er for 2012 will be our "Valentine Sweetheart Dinner". This event will be held at Los Vaqueros located at 2629 N. Main Street. We have a private room from 6pm until 10pm with dinner to begin around 6:45. Our meal will consist of flour tortillas, chicken or beef fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, pico de gallo, grated cheese, sour cream, guacamole, chips, hot sauce, one cheese enchilada with chile con carne, drink (tea, soft drinks and coffee), with a desert of strawberry whipped cream topped sopapillas. The cost per person will be \$24 per person. This amount also includes tax and tip. Any adult beverages will be paid for separately. I will need your money at the February club meeting. If you will not be at the meeting, please mail me your check (309 Cliffdale Drive, Euless, Texas 76040) and let me know via email by no later than February 8th (vettelady67@sbcglobal.net) so I can add you to the head count.

Last, but most certainly not least.....**SAVE THE DATE**.... **March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. "The Camp Out Pajama Party Cruise" – This event will be held at Red River Army Depot just south of Texarkana. I have tentatively reserved 12 log cabins, made lunch arrangements at Juan Pablo's in Sulphur Springs where we will have

Gwynne Hanna CTV, Vice-President vettelady67@sbcglobal.net parking just for our group and reserved a banquet room at "Smokey Joe's" in Nash for dinner. I will have more details to share at the meeting.







FEBRUARY 2012						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
					* Membership Meeting 7:30	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
* Super Bowl Party Pappa's Burgers 4:00 PM						* Valentine's Day Party Los Vaqueros Restaurant 6:00 PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		UALENTIN DAY	Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE			Cruise to Texas Museum of Automotive History at Fair Park, Dallas
19	20	21	22	23	24	<i>TBA</i> 25
	20	21	22	25	24	25
26	27	28	29			

 $\textbf{\textit{Bold italic}} \ \textit{type denotes CTV events}$ 

 $igspace{*}$  Denotes required attendance and participation for 100%er Award eligibility

MARCH 2012						
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	0 &			1	2 * Membership Meeting 7:30 Meeting	3 Camp Out Pajama Party Cruise Red River Army Depot
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11 * Practice Autocross General Motors Arllington	12	13	14	15	16	<b>3</b> 17
18	19	20	21  Board Meeting  LOW-DOWN  DEADLINE	22	23	24 * NKF Walk Trinity Park 8 AM
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



#### **AUDIT**

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



#### **CAR SHOW**

Sylvia Hoaldridge : Chairperson pinkvett@gmail.com Fred Proctor: Co-Chairperson



#### **CHARITIES**

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



#### COMPETITION

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<Open>: Co-Chairperson



#### **CTV CRUISER**

Donald Hickman: Chairperson donaldlhickman@sbcglobal.net Carlanne Hickman: Co-Chairperson



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#### MEMBERSHIP/WELCOME

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#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

#### Welcome!

#### **New Members**

We are happy to welcome as new members:

#### Gary & Jacqueline Nesbitt

2008 Convertible

Gary & Jacque recently moved to our area from Galesburg, IL where they were members of the Glass Favorites Corvette Club.



## Donna Forsythe

Membership / Welcome Chairperson ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com

#### **First Time Guests**

Joe Carillo 2007 Lemans Blue Coupe

Bill & Shelly Cox 1974 White L-48 Coupe 2005 Dark Blue Coupe

Sherry Michener 2000 Black on Black Convertible

Jim & Rita Perry 2011 White Coupe

Walter Wheeler and his daughter Victoria 2003 Black Z06



- 2/01 Linda Benware
- 2/01 Deborah Ruszkowski
- 2/08 Debbie Larsen
- 2/08 Tony Sokoloski
- 2/09 Mo Wheeler
- 2/18 Don Fowler
- 2/20 Doc Lambert
- 2/24 Bud Nice
- 2/24 David Ross
- 2/24 Kim West
- 2/25 Jane Braswell

02/16 - Don & Nancy Wells

02/14 - Judy & Allen Shanholtz

02/17 - Fred & Donna Rosett

02/27 - Bruce & Yvette Lewis

02/27 - Bud & Ruth Nice

02/28 - Doug & Glenda McMahan



#### **NCCC EVENTS**

#### Cowtown's NCCC Events

2012 has kicked off our Corvette fun and the dates for our NCCC events have already been filed. The recently approved 2012 NCCC Rulebook now provides each club ten NCCC Nat'l Sanctions to utilize each year. Counting the bartered sanctions from BRCC we have 20 sanctions to utilize for hosting NCCC events this year. This will impact/change our NCCC events to some degree however we have not discussed exactly what changes will be made; more about this in the upcoming months.

Our NCCC Events dates for 2012 are set 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, 2012: the Spring Practice Autocross; this will take place at GM, Arlington. This is a non-sanctioned event utilized to help our members shake-out their cars before the season starts but more importantly it will be to help our members learn the various responsibilities and components of hosting these events; learning / teaching event. Also a great opportunity for you to see how your Vette handles in a controlled environment.
- \*April 28-29, 2012: the Spring No-Frills event co-hosted by CCT; being planned as 14 low-speed autocross events. We moved this off the 14-15<sup>th</sup> so that it did not conflict with the Professional Points Chase at TMS, which needs CTV Volunteers to help earn track dollars; additionally it conflicted with the Race for the Cure.
- \*September 15-16, 2012: Our 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Speedway Weekend at TMS; being planned as 12 low-speed autocross events
- Date(s) TBD: even with us hosting the events as identified above, we do have some additional sanctions due to the Nat'l Rulebook changes for 2012; we are looking into what type of non-racing event (i.e. funkhana, rallye, etc.) to utilize for these.
  - \* Designated as a Cowtown 100%er event in the months they occur.

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

#### **Membership Annual Awards**

#### 2011 100%er Award

Congratulations to our 2011 100%er Award Recipients. To qualify, a member or couple must attend at least 11 of 12 monthly membership meetings and a Designated Club event at least 9 of the 10 months February thru November. For 2011 we had the following 23 recipients:

John & Cory Armes

Doug & Glenda McMahan

Donn & Candy Beck

Fred & Margaret Proctor

Carol Savage

Jack & Karla Gandy

Gary & Gwynne Hanna

Don & Virginia Littlefield

Carol Savage

Raley & Jo Anne Smith

James & Kim West

Scott & Mo Wheeler

#### 2011 Rookie of the Year

The Rookie of the Year for 2011 was awarded to **JO ANNE SMITH**. Jo Anne attended all the meetings and at least one, sometimes more, of the club events all through the year. When the club was searching for a Newsletter Editor, Jo Anne stepped forward and has done an outstanding job. She has even agreed to do it another year. Congratulations, Jo Anne.



#### MID-AMERICA

James West: Chairperson jnk69vette@sbcglobal.net



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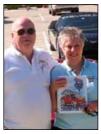
**Scott Wheeler: Co-Chairperson** 



**TIMING** 

Candy Beck: Chairperson candy.beck@sbcglobal.net

#### **COWTOWN CRUISER**



On 01/07/2012 Cowtown Vettes held the first cruise of 2012 to Hard Eight BBQ in Stephenville, TX for lunch and on to the Dublin Dr. Pepper Bottling Plant, Dublin, TX for a tour of their bottling plant, museum, and a stop in their Soda Shop. A total of 38 members and guests made the trip in 20 Corvettes and the day turned sunny with a high near 60 degrees. Not bad for a Texas winter day. As luck would have it, this was the last weekend for the Dublin Dr. Pepper Bottling Plant as they had been in a trademark dispute with Dr. Pepper and as part of the settlement surrendered their Dr. Pepper franchise. I'm going to save the unopened case of Dublin Dr. Pepper we brought home to sell on eBay for the down payment on Carlanne's new Grand Sport. Thanks to Carlanne for sponsoring the cruise.

2012 looks like it will be a great year to get out and drive your Vettes. Upcoming cruises include:

February 18<sup>th</sup> (if weather permits) cruise to the Texas Museum of Automotive History at Fair Park, Dallas and lunch at The Old Mill Restaurant. Departure time and location to be determined.

March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>, Gwynne Hanna's cruise to the Red River Army Depot.

Date to be determined, Doug McMahan's Back Roads to Rough Creek Lodge.

Please check the Cruiser Schedule <a href="http://cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruisersch.html">http://cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruisersch.html</a> for upcoming cruises and last minute changes.

2012 Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP) has started and a number of people were seen taking pictures of themselves with the 2012 Cruiser Logo and their Vettes on the Hard Eight cruise. If you have not started yet, information is available on the Cowtown website or please give me a call.

Helpful Hints – What do I need to have in my photo?

- 1. You alone, with your spouse, partner, or friend
- 2. A color copy of the current (2012) Cowtown Cruiser Logo on paper or t-shirt
- 3. Your Corvette all or just enough of it to show that you were at the site in your Vette. Your Vette cannot be on a trailer in the photo
- 4. An official sign (to be clarified at a later date)

Photos from CTV group functions will be discussed later.

2012 Annual Vette Photo Contest: The "What You Saw Along the Way" Photo Contest has started so you need to be taking interesting pictures of your Vette while you are out cruising. You will find rules for it on our website.

2012 Cowtown Cruiser T-Shirts: There has been enough interest in having Cruiser T-Shirts again this year that I will be passing around an order sheet at the February meeting. Doug McMahan has agreed to design the shirts.

We welcome any suggestions for new cruise destinations or improving the program.

Doc Lambert qualified for the Gold level Cruiser award with 82 points. Doc has participated in the program all 6 years it has been in existence, winning 1st place many times.

...keep on cruisin' Donald & Carlanne Hickman

2012 Cruiser Chairperson donaldhickman@sbcglobal.net

& Co-Chair chickma101@sbcglobal.net





## **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 this program, please contact:

Donald Hickman, 2012 Cruiser Chair donaldhickman@sbcglobal.net



#### **WEBMASTER**



2012 has started off very busy with club activities as well as insanity at work;) ...this year is shaping up to be a very busy year, packed with more Corvette activities that one could possibly attend. Check out all the activities which are found on our club's website and the southwest region's website, which by the way has more than just racing events on it; check out the Governor's article.

The club's website should be caught up on 2011/2012 switch-over activities, so if you see anything you feel needs attention, please contact me. There are literally over 100 webpages which are impacted and yes, I have been known to make faux pas. Donna, Candy and Walt catch these periodically and I do appreciate it.

NEEDS: we need photos from the Hickman's January Hard-8 / Dublin cruise; we saw several cameras at lunch that day so hopefully you will be willing to share those to represent that event on our website and in the Low-Down. I'm sure some of you received 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 email them to me or 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.

NOTE: If you are an Elected Officer or Chairperson you might even have responsibility of a webpage and its content; 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. Work (my paying job) is insane right now and time is very limited for maintaining our website. Bottom-line, if you don't provide it electronically 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 me, you, and the club.

Along with that thought, once again, Cowtown is eligible to enter the NCCC National Club Website Contest again 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. Cowtown has over thirty email distribution lists, many geared around specific activities or functions, like NCCC, various committees, convention, 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: <a href="mailto:ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com">ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com</a>

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 fellowhip in mind... and most of all... HAVE FUN DOING IT!!!



From: The National Corvette Museum www.corvettemuseum.org

2013 Corvette Specs Announced

GM Chevrolet has released details of the 2013 Corvette, the last year of the 6th Generation. You can go to the museum's web site, click on

'Learn More'. There you can get stats and information about the  $60^{\rm th}$  anniversary corvette plus stats of other anniverary covettes.

Find your sweetheart a Valentine give at the Corvette Store. There are Flint Brick or Walk of Fame Bricks availble too that would make a cool Valentine.

Kim West

The National Corvette Museum Ambassador





Pre-dinner Cocktail Hour



Toys to be donated to Mission Arlington



John presents Jo Anne the President's Award



Carol's First Place Photo



Fred & Carol won Cruiser Photo contest



Fred's Second Place Photo



Jack was top Car Show competitor



John was runner up in Car Show competition

CTV Annua Party and An Omni Decemb



This group was 100% this year



Donna awards Jo Anne Rookie of the Year



Silver Level Cruiser Participants





Top 3 Cruisers for the Year



2011 NCCC Travel Award winners



Doug & Glenda won first place in Funkhana



Bob & Donna won first place in Drags



Donna & Jim won first place in Rallye

al Chrístmas vards Banquet Hotel

er 17, 2011



Cindy & Bob won first place in Speed and Concours



Candy presents John with an Appreciation Award



Cindy was Cowtown's top competitor her third year in a row to achieve this honor.





Gwynne Hanna presents Outstanding Female and Male Members to Candy Beck and John Armes.









#### **GOVERNOR'S THOUGHTS**



So far 2012 has been a pretty quiet year, but that will change soon! It is good to relax and refresh. The winter so far as been kind to us, let's keep our fingers crossed it will stay that way.

Convention registration is open and waiting for you! NCCC convention is NOT just for competitors. Yes, there is autocrossing, high and low speed along with drags. Also, there is Concours and People Choice Car shows for those that like to show their cars. They have planned a great rallye to take you around the city and give you a few quick and easy questions (maybe not so easy but fun). Some additional activities include valve cover races (again), a funkhana, with a Wizard of OZ theme I am sure. The funkhana is always fun to watch if not take part in. They also have wonderful parties planned with themes and entertainment nightly. There will be area tours for a small extra cost but will be well worth the money! All for the price of convention that offers hospitality daily (all the beer and wine you can drink) and all the socializing you will want. I encourage you to come and have a great vacation just day's drive

away in Topeka, KS June 23-30, 2012. Even if you can't attend for the entire week, you can join us for a few days — even if just to attend to participate in the car shows on Sunday. To register: www.corvettesnccc.org/conventions.html

The Southwest Region Banquet for 2011 awards is March 24 in Waco. Cowtown has 4 Top 10 and 7 200 pts award being received. Come enjoy a great party and support these people for the night! The event is being held at the Hilton in downtown Waco. Sunday morning will also have the first governor's meeting of the year.

Registration deadline is March 17, 2012; registration form and pricing info in located on the SWR website: www.ncccswregion.org

The new 2012 Southwest Region Schedule of events (see elsewhere in this Lowdown) is set. The region has a few different events other than autocrossing this year with each club getting 10 sanction events. We have a rallye, a funkhana and 3 car shows on the schedule as of now.

There is something for you!

Remember a great benefit to being an NCCC club is the scholarship programs! The National Scholarship deadline is set for May 5, 2012. It has to be in the hands of the committee by then. The Southwest Region Scholarship deadline has not been set but should be soon. The date is usually around June 15. Please consider applying or encouraging your kids or grandkids to apply!

2012 looks to be another busy, fun-filled year! Let's make Cowtown a part of all the fun, with your participation.

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



#### 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: http://www.corvettesnccc.org/ Convention2011



# COWTOWN VETTES CHARITY REPORT



Congratulations to Kim West who was presented the annual Charity Award at our Christmas party on December 17th! Kim is always thinking of others. She sponsored the club effort to provide donations to the West Texas Fire Fighters and the American Heart Association. When she and her husband, James aren't rescuing squirrels, she's thinking about the pets at the shelters. Club members donated over 330 pounds of food this year and Kim delivered it to the TAFB "Don't Forget to Feed Me" organization. Thanks Kim for all you do!



Everyone who attended the Christmas party brought toys and gifts for children. On Monday, December 19th, Raley Smith and Jane and Bill Buehler delivered the toys to Mission Arlington just in time for them to be sorted and given

to some lucky kids for Christmas. Mission Arlington is in it's 26th year and Tillie Burgin has been the director since the beginning. She came out to meet and personally thank us for our contribution. You can learn more about Mission Arlington at <a href="https://www.missionarlington.org">www.missionarlington.org</a>.

The Cook Children's Christmas party has been an annual event for the club for several years now. As we have done in the past, we provided a \$300 donation to help fund the party held on Wednesday, December 21st. Club members arrived early to place teddy bears and books under the tree and to set up the refreshment table. The cake ball lollipops were a hit with the kids this year! Santa arrived and the kids sat on his knee and shared their Christmas wishes. I'm sure most of them just wanted to feel better and go home to spend Christmas with their families. We were glad to be there to support the party and hope we gave the children and their families a few moments to enjoy the holiday. Some of the pictures for the party are on the back cover of the Low-Down.

2011 was a great year for our charity events and 2012 will be even better! Let's all get ready to support the **National Kidney Foundation Walk** in Trinity Park on **Saturday March 24th** and the **Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure** at Ridgmar Mall on Saturday, **April 14th**.

Jane Buehler
Charities Chairman



# SW Region Clubs BRAZOS RIVER CORVETTE CLUB (BRCC) Granbury, TX • SW-540 CEN-TEX CORVETTE CLUB (CTCC)

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

Waco, TX • SW-200

**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)
Oklahoma City, OK • SW-131

SAN JACINTO CORVETTE CLUB (SJCC) Houston, TX • SW-063

**SOONER STATE CORVETTE CLUB (**SSCC) (Formerly CCO)
Tulsa, OK • SW-423

**SUN CITIES CORVETTE CLUB** (SCCC) Albuquerque, NM • SW-085

TEXAS COMPETITION CORVETTE CLUB (TCCC) McGregor, TX • SW-569

TEXAS CORVETTE MOTORSPORTS CLUB (TCMC) Houston, TX • SW-568

> **TEJAS VETTES** (TV) Plano, TX • SW-163

TEXAS OUTLAWS CORVETTE CLUB (TOCC) Graham, TX • SW-198

> TIN HALL TOYS (THT) Santa Fe, TX • SW-392

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

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
2/24-25	St. Louis, MO	National Meetings	Nat'l
3/11	Arlington	Test-n-Tune Autocross (non-sanctioned) General Motors Parking Lot	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
4/28-29	TBD	1st Choice - 4 Events (CTV hosting) 1st Choice - 7 Events	BRCC(CTV
5/4-5	St. Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
5/12-13	TBD	Car Show and Drag Races (not record Drags)	SJCC/CM0
5/19-20	Waco, TX	1st Choice - LS Autocross Events 1st Choice - LS Autocross Events All at TSTC (Waco Airport)	CTCC MCCC
TBD	TBD	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 8:00 PM @TBD	SWR
5/26-27 (28?)	OKC, OK Noble, OK	1st Choice - LS Autocross 1st Choice - LS Autocross All at Sheriff's Facility	TVS SCCC CCOC
6/2-3	Austin & San Marcos, TX	<b>1st Choice -</b> Car Show, Funkhana, Rallye, and HS Autocross	LCC
6/9-10	ОКС, ОК	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	ОКС, ОК	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	<b>1st Choice</b> - 10 LS Autocross Events @ Texas Motor Speedway - Laps on the Oval on Sunday morning	CTV BRCC
9/15	Ft. Worth,	SWR Governor's Meeting - 8:00 PM@ Hampton Inn on I35 (just south of Texas Motor Speedway	SWR
9/28-29	Waco, TX	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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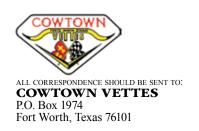
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