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Important Happenings at August Meeting

The August Membership meeting will begin with this quarter's **Cowtown 101 meeting at 6:30** in the Coors Board Room (details on page 4). During the regular membership meeting at 7:30, the second of three votes will be taken for **CTV's Outstanding Male and Female members**. Also at the meeting, nominations will be accepted to fill the **vacant position of Vice President** for the remainder of the year. Be sure to attend this important meeting.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

August

*8/3 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

6:30 Cowtown 101 - Coors Board Room

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

8/4 TOUR OF DEAD SEA SCROLLS EXHIBIT AND LUNCH CRUISE

10:00 AM - Meet at Southwest Baptist Seminar, FW.

11:30 Cruise to Waxahachie for Lunch

*8/18 ANNUAL POOL PARTY

Larry & Sylvia Hoaldrige

6:30 p.m.



8/15 BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. Coors Board Room

September

*9/7 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

*9/14-16 TMS SUPER SPEEDWAY WEEKEND

Texas Motor Speedway

9/19 BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. Coors Board Room

9/29 CTV NCCC Non-Racing Events

Fat Daddy's in Mansfield



* Denotes 100%er Award Eligibility Event



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Cowtown,

Well we are in the middle heat of the summer with little or no relief in sight except for a great pool party at the Hoaldridge's on the 18th of this Month. It is a great time for members to get together and just relax and cool off in their pool. The food is always outstanding and everyone has a great time. I hope all of you are having a great summer and have the ability to take some time off for yourselves. This month is a great time to rest and get ready for some busy months ahead for our Cowtown members to enjoy and participate in. I hope that you can be a part of some or all of our future events in the months to come. If any of you are interested in elected positions in our club or in a chair position please let us know so we can give you more information about that. It is always good to have new input in our club with new ideas and by doing it now you do not have to learn things at the last minute. This club is successful because of all of us and I would love to see that continue in the years to come. Thank you all and have a safe and wonderful month.

John Armes
President
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SOCIAL CHAIRMAN REPORT



As most of you know, the position of Vice President has been vacated and with it the position of Social Chair. Since I was already the assistant social chair, I have moved into the position of full chairperson. Preparation for almost all of the social events is either underway or has been completed. Simply stated, I inherited a position that was in good shape.

I also want to recap in print our upcoming events and their dates. Additional detail can be found in both the Low Down and on the web site. Plans are developing or are in place for:

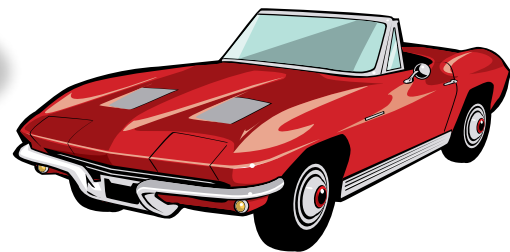
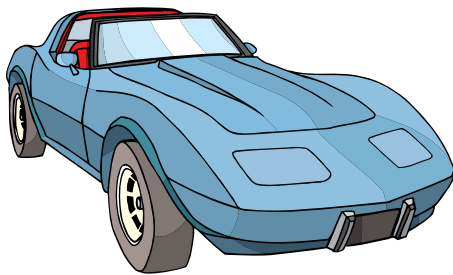
- **August** – *Pool Party at the Hoaldridges (8/18) 100%
- **September** – *16th Annual Super Speedway Weekend (9/14-16) 100%
“CTV NCCC Events in DFW” -that's the secret code for the Funkhana/
Rally/Car Show at Fat Daddy's (9/29) (Not 100% but worth attending)
- **October** – *11th Annual All Corvette Car Show (10/20) 100%
- **November** – In the works

These activities are planned, organized, directed, and managed by the respective specialty chairs and their respective committees (that's you) with oversight from the Board of Directors. However, they are paid for with your money and we are working hard to make sure we are doing what you want to do. There are numerous other Corvette related activities on the web site calendar pages the large volume of which prohibits us from posting all of them on the web site. Some of the more popular events within the nation's midsection are on the calendar. Check them out to see if they align with your fun plans while remembering that these activities are but a portion of what is available nationally.

There are also some rumblings about cruises but, questions on those activities and the Cowtown Cruiser Program should be directed to the “Cruise Director,” Don Hickman.

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Social Chairman
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If you have some ideas about socials (especially for next year) that you would like to share, mention them to me or write me an email. We are always looking for ideas and participation in the conduct of these events.




AUGUST 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 <i>* Membership Meeting 7:30 Meeting</i>	4 <i>Cruise to FW and Waxabachie 10:00 AM</i>
	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</i>	16		18 <i>* Pool Party at Hoaldrige's 6:30 PM</i>
19	20	21	22 <i>NCCC Event Meeting 7:00 Coors Board Room</i>	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*

SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	3 LABOR DAY	4	5	6	7 <i>* Membership Meeting 7:30 Meeting</i>	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 <i>* TMS Super Speedway Weekend</i>	15 <i>* TMS Super Speedway Weekend</i>
16 <i>* TMS Super Speedway Weekend</i>	17	18	19 <i>Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</i>	20	21	22
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29 <i>CTV NCCC Events in DFW Fat Daddy's in Mansfield</i>

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

WELCOME!

Welcome to our 9 First Time Visitors at our July Meeting. It was great to see 5 of you at our Tour of the Texas Museum of Automotive History on July 14th.

Hope to see you ALL at our next membership meeting on August 3. I would like to suggest that the Cowtown 101 Session to be held at 6:30 just prior to the membership meeting would be an excellent opportunity to learn more about the things that Cowtown Vettes has to offer members. (More details below)

First Time Visitors

George & Michelle Aggas

Red 2007 Coupe

Philip & Ina Kennedy

Jetstream Blue 2010 Grand Sport

George Lottes

Torch Red 1995 Coupe

Chris & Cindy Malcolm

Black 2002 Z06

Wes & MaryRhodes

Silver 2002 Z06



Donna Forsythe

*Membership / Welcome Chairperson
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8/8 - SHELLY COX

8/12 - LARRY FREEMAN

8/12 - AARON LARSEN

8/15 - TINA LEHMANN

8/16 - NANCY MCGOVERN

8/17 - GWYNNE HANNA

8/18 - JAMES WEST

8/21 - JACQUI NESBITT

8/30 - CORY ARMES

8/31 - DOUG MCMAHAN

8/12 - HARRY & ANNE RUMZEK

8/15 - DOUG & PATRICIA SHILEN

8/30 - FRED & MARGARET PROCTOR



COWTOWN 101

As Cowtown grows with new members, we offer condensed introductory sessions that include information about the many Cowtown, Southwest Region and National NCCC Functions. This focused new member orientation is designed to help new members get better acquainted with Cowtown and NCCC. The Cowtown-101 sessions are held quarterly starting promptly at 6:30 PM just prior to our monthly membership meeting and are targeted to last approximately 30-35 minutes. Our next session will be held Friday, August 3 in the Coors Board Room (located directly above our meeting room).

Although geared toward new members, any and all member and prospective members are welcome to attend.

CTV Annual Pool Party

*It's time for our Annual Pool Party at
Sylvia and Larry Hoaldrige's Home
Saturday, August 18*



For the price of \$7.00/person, dinner will consist of:

- beef brisket
- sausage links
- smoked chicken thighs & legs
- Larry's firehouse pinto beans (We're using a bigger pot, so we won't run out this year)
- potato salad
- coleslaw
- banana pudding for dessert

Dinner will be served at **6:30 p.m.** (The pool starts getting shaded at 6:00 p.m.) Help setting up outside will be needed around 4:30 p.m.



Don't forget to bring a lawn chair, swimsuit, towel and beverage of choice (We will have lots of water, ice for drinks and iced tea.)

As in the past, this is an adults-only event; our house is not child-proof.

We need a count for purchasing food by **Monday, August 13**. If you wish to pay by check, please make it payable to Sylvia Hoaldrige for \$7.00/person. Cash will also be appreciated. Currently, we have money and reservations for 25. Larry and I will be at the August 3 membership meeting and will be happy to take your reservation and money at that time. Otherwise, please feel free to mail your check, before 8/13 to:

[contact Sylvia by email for mailing address]

As most of you know, the National Kidney Foundation is very near and dear to my heart. As in the past, I will be selling \$1 tickets during the pool party. Near the end of the party, a ticket will be drawn for a special prize. That ticket and all the remaining tickets purchased at the pool party will be returned to the ticket container and will be eligible for the 50/50 prize and the door prizes presented at CTV's TMS weekend in September. Any questions or comments about CTV's August 100%er event (pool party) at the Hoaldriged, **Saturday, August 18**, should be directed to pinkvett@gmail.com



Thank you,
Sylvia

100%er Recognitions

The 100%er Award is given to each couple or member who attends at least 11 of the 12 monthly membership meetings and a designated club event at least 9 of the 10 months of February thru November. I show the following people to currently still be eligible for this award for 2012. Due to certain additional events that can give you an excused absence (like working at TMS or attending an NCCC event on the same day as a meeting or event) I may have missed someone. Please check the list and let me know if your records agree so we can clear up any discrepancies prior to award time in December.

John & Cory Armes
Donn & Candy Beck
Bill & Jane Buehler
Jim & Donna Forsythe
Don & Karyn Fowler
Jack & Karla Gandy
Robert & Cyndie Geyer

David & Patricia Gill
Gary & Gwynne Hanna
Donald & Carlanne Hickman
Doc Lambert
Don & Virginia Littlefield
Doug & Glenda McMahan
Sherry Michener

Fred & Margaret Proctor
Carol Savage & Jim Jones
Raley & JoAnne Smith
Tony Sokoloski
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COWTOWN VETTES CHARITY REPORT



Don't forget to bring your pet food donations to the August 3rd meeting. The food will be delivered to the "Don't Forget to Feed Me" pet food pantry. Their mission is to keep families and their companion animals together by providing pet food to those who are economically disadvantaged. A big thanks in advance to Kim West for delivering our donations! Learn more about this organization at www.dontforgettofeedme.org.

Tuesday, November 13th is the date for our next volunteer night at the Tarrant Area Food Bank. Mark your calendar now before your holiday calendar fills up!

Jane Buehler
Charities Chairman



NCCC EVENTS

The Club Needs You - Cowtown's 2012 NCCC Events

Our 16th Annual Super Speedway Weekend is roughly EIGHT weeks away! Cowtown is hosting this event on Saturday and Sunday, September 15th & 16th so please mark these dates on your calendars so you can enjoy the events by participating and/or helping Cowtown to host our club's largest annual event. We thank those of you that signed up last meeting but we still need more workers in various areas – so the worker sign-up sheets at the next Membership Meeting or you can email us (see website). We do start setup for the event on Friday afternoon along with registration and safety tech at the NASCAR garage. Sherry has volunteered to handle hospitality for our participants at the hotel on Friday night.

If you don't know anything about the events and what you might be able to help with, please don't hesitate to ask us; we didn't know anything about it when we started either! You can also find [job descriptions](#) on the [event page](#), linked off our club website's homepage. We do have a need for a volunteer to be in charge of hosting the Saturday evening dinner at the Host Hotel. We are currently in discussions with several catering companies to get something on the books. We are looking for them to at least come out and deliver the food and possibly serve it as they have in the past – if you are interested please contact us. If you have any ideas on a catering company – we haven't signed any contracts yet – please contact us!

If you would like to experience your Corvette on a nice asphalt road course – we invite you to register for the event; this is NOT wheel to wheel and it is just you against the timer so it doesn't matter how fast or slow you are. The event flyer is available NOW and there is an early registration price; there is a maximum of 80 entrants for this event

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so don't delay in registering. If you have questions around running the event, please contact us and we will be happy to share info and answer any questions you have. Don't forget that there will also be laps on the big oval on Sunday morning for all entrants and workers; you will need to run your Vette thru tech though.

Two weeks later, on Saturday, September 29th, we will host the [Fall Corvette Scramble](#), a fun one-day NCCC event that we invite everyone to participate in. There will be four non-racing NCCC events that day; they are being planned as a [People's Choice Car Show](#), [Funkhana](#) and wrapping it up with a [Gimmick and Chance \(Poker\) Rallye](#) which will be run simultaneously; Jack Gandy has offered to plan, setup and run the Rallyes and everyone seems to enjoy his Rallyes. At our [2007 October Car Show](#) BRCC hosted similar events which included a Funkhana and 3 Rallyes which was a lot of fun. Fat Daddy's in Mansfield has sponsored us for the event by providing the location for the car show & funkhana, the rallyes will depart from that location. Our rally-master was very happy to start the rallyes at the edge of town instead of mid-cities locations. The flyer is available now and there is an early registration price – please check the event info page for the flyer and more details.

The NEXT NCCC Event Planning Meeting is on Wednesday, August 22, 2012, 6:00 PM in the Coors Board Room.

Your participation in the events is welcomed and needed; we thank you in advance for supporting these events which in turn provides operating funds for our club and to enjoy additional Corvette fun.





We are now into the second half of 2012 as the year continues to fly by quickly and we have discovered (years ago) there are more activities out there than you can possibly have time to enjoy. On our website you will find event pages/ photos for the a couple of NCCC Event in OKC, 13 pages of event coverage from the 53rd NCCC National Convention, Corvettes at the Cat's ball game, and last but not least the Annual 4th of July Parade. For capturing photos at the events we would like to thank Raley & Jo Anne Smith, Fred Proctor, Doc Lambert, and Doug & Glenda McMahan for photos. Note: We are still looking for photos from the Dallas World Aquarium social. Don't forget your camera when you go out to enjoy any of these events or even events you do on your own; we would welcome YOUR photos!

We now know the results of the 2012 NCCC National Club Website Contest - **Cowtown won 1st place**. This accomplishment was much more important than winning a contest it is our world-wide presence and our club's representation; it is a direct reflection on our club. I personally thank all of you that have continually scoured around the website and spotted things that needed attention. FYI: Cowtown has enjoyed several wins since this contest started in 2005; a contest you cannot enter the year after you win 1st place - 1st in '05, '07, 2nd in '09, 1st in '10 and now in '12.

I would like to also congratulate Jo Anne on the **2nd Place win in the 2012 NCCC National Club Newsletter Contest** – GREAT JOB!!!

Doug McMahan

2011 CTV Webmaster (macsvettes@att.net)

Do you do Facebook? If so, are you a FB friend with Cowtown and NCCC? With the huge number of people that use Facebook, we continue to use that medium (in addition to our traditional website) to share information about our club and the fun we have. You can find our clubs and NCCC's Facebook account off the link on our Cowtown website (left bottom) – we hope to be providing some upcoming and new things for NCCC out there.



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: 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.

*...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!!!*



Glenda accepting Cowtown's 2nd Place award in the National Newsletter Competition

Doug accepting Cowtown's 1st Place award in the National Website Competition.

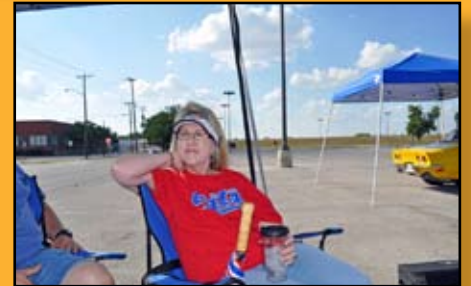


Doc heating up the tires for the Drags.



Topeka Covette Parade





**Car Show at
the Cats Game
June 30, 2012**





Jim & Donna



Doc & Mary Ann



Donald & Carlanne



Gary & Gwynne

**NCCC Convention
Topeka, KS
June 23-29, 2012**



Sylvia



Debbie



Doug & Glenda



Scott & Mo



GOVERNOR'S THOUGHTS



How a Club becomes a Top NCCC Club

In this Governor's article, I will share a brief overview of NCCC Events, the "Points System" and how it tallies up each year. First I'll start by discussing events, then the points, followed by how it all ties together. In this article, I will not cover all scenarios of points and the scenarios which can alter them for various reasons.

An NCCC Event is any NCCC Sanctioned Event hosted within a region and in turn, the nation. Each club receives 10 "official" NCCC sanctions each year to host events of their choice; the events can be anything from a car shows to racing type events. The most common type events in the southwest region (SWR – which CTV belongs to) are low-speed (LS) autocross events along with a few drag racing events. In other geographic areas / regions you will find that car shows and rallies make up the bulk of their NCCC events with fewer racing type events. Our 16th Annual Super Speedway Weekend is an example of a LS autocross event; Sept 15th & 16th. Two weeks after that event (Sept 29th), Cowtown is hosting a 4-event Fall Corvette Scramble which is focused around non-racing events. This event will consist of a car show, a funkhana and two rallies which; we hope you will all choose to participate.

Anyone that participates or works in any NCCC event earns points. All of these points add to their personal totals and to Cowtown's annual points total. These points then roll into the regional championship points chase and in turn, the national championship points chase. An example of 2012 competitors who are competing heavy this year would be Cathy & Kevin Anthony; both are currently 1st place in the SWR and both are currently 6th place in the nation! To chase points regionally and especially nationally, it takes a lot of commitment and yes, lots of time away from home and with that comes the expense. Competitors chasing points spend many a night in hotels, then the entry fees, buying tires, gas for a tow vehicle as well as their race car, not to mention numerous meals on the road. They do expend a lot personally to earn those rankings for themselves and in turn to earn Cowtown the recognition we receive each year. This year was CTV's 30th year to be recognized in the Top 15 – and this is Cowtown's 38th year of existence!

Glenda McMahan
2012 NCCC Governor
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Next, a short explanation of the NCCC Points system which consist of Regional and National Points; typically the same count, unless the NCCC Convention is hosted in our region as it was in 2008. Each NCCC member that competes or works an event in the region earns their personal NCCC points. Those personal points are then added to the club's annual total (the club they are members) which are tracked at the regional level. The personal and club points also accumulate at the national level which is a ranking against all members across the nation.

Annually, the SWR recognizes the competitors who earn 200 points (competing or working) along with the top 10 men, women and clubs. The SWR also recognizes the top competitors in the region annually for their accomplishments for individual events; those consist of drags, concours (car shows), funkhana, speed events (high & low-speed) and rallies. Nationally, the Top 15 Men, Women and Clubs are recognized each year at the National Convention.

With that brief overview, I'd now like to recognize those that are currently in the top rankings. In the SWR Top 10: For men, Kevin Anthony is currently #1 and Doc Lambert is #5. For women, Cathy Anthony is current #1 and Donna Forsythe is #6. Nationally, Kevin & Cathy Anthony are the only Cowtown members in the Top 15; both are currently ranked #6. Cowtown Vettes is currently ranked #2 in the SWR and #4 in the Nation.

The next SWR NCCC Events will be a Regional Fundraiser at the GM Assembly Plant in Arlington, TX on Labor Day weekend consisting of 13 LS autocross events. September 15-16th we host our 16th Annual Super Speedway Weekend at Texas Motor Speedway; 12 LS autocross events. September 29th we host the Fall Corvette Scramble in Mansfield, TX; a Car Show, Funkhana and 2 Rallies. If you have any questions about these events you can contact either me or the event coordinators.

We did have a great time at Convention again this year; yes, even in Topeka, KS. Cowtown members did bring home numerous convention awards (in all the categories) which included LS & HS events, drag racing, funkhana, rallye and even in the non-NCCC events like valve cover racing. Please check out the numerous event pages from the 53rd Convention on our Club's website which show photos of their accomplishments. Mark your



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COWTOWN CRUISER



Carol Savage and Jim Jones are working on our August 4th cruise and a tour of the 21 Dead Sea Scrolls that are currently on display at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's MAC Gorman Chapel, 4616 Stanley Ave., Fort Worth, Texas. Jim is working on getting us a discounted admission and a special tour guide. The tour is tentatively set for 10:00 AM and is expected to last 1 to 1.5 hours. Following the tour we will cruise the back roads of Tarrant, Johnson, and Ellis Counties headed for lunch at the Twisted Frog, 200 S. Rogers St. Waxahachie, Texas. For those who might not want to take the Dead Sea Scrolls tour, we will set up a meeting point following the tour to allow you to join us on the cruise. Final details are still in the works and will be posted on our web site.

If you have a cruise you are working on and need help please give me a call. If you have a location in mind that you think will make a great cruise let me know and we will work up a cruiser plan. As always, please check the Cruiser Schedule <http://cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruisersch.html> for upcom-

ing cruises and any last minute changes.

2012 Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP) is under way and if you have not started yet there is still plenty of time. Information is available on the Cowtown website or please call me.

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

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



...keep on cruisin'

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NCCC 53rd Convention – 2012 – Topeka KS

- Scott Wheeler



We went to Topeka for the national convention for the first time since

1993. The convention was held in the Capitol Plaza Hotel and the adjoining Kansas Expocentre ... use "adjoining" advisedly; it was a long walk through several long hallways from the hotel to the banquet rooms in the Expocentre. Thank goodness the hospitality room was in the hotel proper.

We endured the heat wave that was blasting the Midwest; high temperatures of 104 – 108 were common. The US75 'main drag' looks like it hasn't changed since 1993. Although Topeka is a relatively small town, it's a good place for convention because of the proximity of a great race facility, Heartland Park.

Parties:

Saturday – Salute to the Military Night

Sunday – 2011 Competition Awards – Band: Grapes of Wrath (A "classic rock" band who gave a new meaning to 'classic'). We got to sit with our old friends from Milwaukee, Don & Rose Schmidt, who hosted the 1981 NCCC Convention.

Notable awards:

Clubcompetition – CTV (9th); OCCC (2nd); Cornhuskers (1st) Men – Geoffrey 'The Professional' Gott [RIP] (15th); Rene Cardenas (1st) Ladies – Bernyce Molenda (13th); Carolyn McLemore (1st) Rene surprised Carolyn by proposing marriage while they were giving their winners' speech; she accepted.

Monday – Wizard of Oz Party (the Yellow Brick Road was a convention theme) Cornhuskers Corvette Club presented a "Wizard of Oz" NCCC-oriented satire which was very creative.

Tuesday – Prom Night. One of the winners, Ken Bena (Cornhuskers), who recalled his prom as a hippy, and I had several discussions about long hair.

Thursday – Wine tasting party with a dessert bar. Of course I participated in both. Mo & I got to sit with some of our old friends from TOCC and Sun Cities CC.

Friday – Awards Banquet followed by merchandise raffle culminating with the NKF Corvette raffle. We also had a guest speaker, Larry Neved, a kidney transplant recipient. He described what he experienced and expressed his gratitude to NCCC for supporting the National Kidney Foundation. Mo and I got to sit with some of the convention sponsors.

Who was there:

CTV - Jim & Donna Forsythe, Gwynne & Gary Hanna, Donald & Carlanne Hickman, Sylvia Hoaldrige, Doc Lambert, Debbie Lindsey, Doug & Glenda McMahan, Scott & Mo Wheeler

Southwest Region –

CCT: Keith Amendsen

C.O.A.S.T.: James Garvin, Fred & Linda Garvin

NTV: Roger & Nelda Mitchell

LCC: Tracy Gaudu

MAL: Dale Acker

OCCC: Steve & Marilyn Moore, Brett & Stacy Ruston (and their two sons), Ron & Jeannie Ruston, Ron & Lu McCubbin, Lew & Linda Crowder, Alan & Glenda Brown, Johnny Gann, Chris Gann, Tom Goodson

Sun Cities CC: Paul & Dee Albert

TOCC: Tim & Linda Bradford, Jon & Robin Bradford, Jordan Wilk (guest of Jon & Robin)

THT: Jerry Britner, May Anne Kolb, Ted & Bernyce Molenda

TV: Neil & Eileen Fox, Steve & Cheryl Surdick, Dean & Brenda Lackey

Friday Breakfast & Competition Awards (trophy winners):

High Speed Autocross: The autocrosses were held at Heartland Park.

Brett Ruston 1H

Neil Fox 1J

Dale Acker 1M

Jerry Britner 1SJ

Chris Gann 2G

Johnny Gann 2K

Aaron Quine (Tiretown Corvette Club) 2M - Men's Overall FTD

Ron Ruston 3E

Bernyce Molenda L1G

Tracy Gaudu L1M - Ladies Overall FTD

Mary Anne Kolb L1SK

Jeannie Ruston L3E

Autocross:

Bernyce Molenda L1G

Tracy Gaudu L1M

Cheryl Surdick L1SH

Robin Bradford L1SJ

Carolyn Samuelson (Northern Illinois Corvette Club) L2J - Ladies Overall FTD

Jeannie Ruston L3E

Brett Ruston 1H

Neil Fox 1J

Dean Lackey 1SH (2nd)

Jerry Britner 1SJ (2nd)

Roger Mitchell 2E (2nd)

Chris Gann

Aaron Quine (Tiretown Corvette Club) 2M - Men's Overall FTD

Ron Ruston 3E

Tom Goodson 3RP

Drags: The drags were also held at Heartland Park; it was 108 degrees F with a track temperature of 126. Mercifully, they opened the air conditioned suites for the spectators (as they had also done in 1993).

Matching Times:

Doc Lambert (3rd) Group 1

Ted Molenda (4th) Group 1

James Garvin (2nd) Group 3

Bernyce Molenda Ladies Group 1

Tracy Gaudu (2nd) Ladies Group 1

Class Drags (Record Setting):

Ted Molenda 1G

Doc Lambert 1K

Dale Acker 1M

Jim Thomas (Mad City Vettes) 2G - Men's Top Eliminator (Jim also set a new 2G record)

Fred Garvin 3A

James Garvin 3B

Bernyce Molenda L1G

Judy Randall (Suburban Corvette Club of Minnesota)

L1H - Overall Top Eliminator

Mary Anne Kolb L1K

Tracy Gaudu L1M

Glenda Brown L2J

Bracket Drags:

James Garvin Bracket A

Jerry Britner Bracket C

Chris Gann C (3rd)

Mary Anne Kolb Ladies Bracket B - Ladies Top Eliminator

Tammy Spinrad (Great Lakes Corvette Club; Jerry Britner's wife) Ladies Bracket C (2nd)

Bernyce Molenda C (4th)

Funkhana:

Jim & Donna Forsythe M/W (3rd)

Jon Bradford & Jordan Wilk W/M (3rd)

Rallye:

Jim & Donna Forsythe (3rd)

Donald & Carlanne Hickman (8th)

Overall Competitor Winner - Tracy Gaudu

Golf:

Roger Mitchell: Longest drive & 2nd (with Curtis Richmond, Inland Empire Corvettes)

NCCC National Awards:

Roger Clancy Humanitarian Award – Corvette Atlanta

Don Hoskins Memorial Award - The Quine Family President's Award – John McGee

Past-Presidents' Award (presented by Jerry Britner) – Ron & Jeannie Ruston

Outstanding Club/Region Award – West Region

Club Participation Award – Cornhusker Corvette Club

Club Distance Award – Corvette Club of Michigan

Newsletter Contest – Corvette Club of Iowa, "Sports mate" (1st) [CTV (2nd); LCC (7th)]

Club Web Site Contest - CTV(1st) [Cen-Tex (3rd)]

Southwest Region National Scholarship Winners - Ellese Bakenhus & Andrianna Sharp

Raffle Car Winner – Windy City Corvettes [I wonder how they'll split it up?]

Next year's convention is in Bowling Green KY. Plan to be there.

SW Region Clubs

BRAZOS RIVER CORVETTE CLUB (BRCC)
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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



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OF SOUTH TEXAS (COAST)**
San Antonio, TX • SW-143



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



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



**TEXAS CORVETTE
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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

2012 SWR NCCC SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
9/1-2	GM Plant in Arlington	SWR Fundraiser - 14 Low Speed Autocross Events	SWR
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
9/22	Waco, TX	Car Show	CTCC
9/29	Ft. Worth, TX	1st Choice - 4 Events (hosted by CTV) People's Choice Car Show, Funkhana, Gimmick & Chance Rallyes.	BRCC/CCT
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
10/27	Waco, TX	SWR Governor's Meeting - 8:00 PM @TBD	SWR
11/3-4	OKC, OK	1st Choice - 6 LS Autocross Events 1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events All at Sheriff's Facility	CCOC SCCC
11/9-10	St. Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
11/16-17	TBD	1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events	TOCC

Flyers for these events can be found at <http://ncccswwregion.org/schedule.html>

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calendars for 2013, the 54th National Convention will be held in Bowling Green, KY – more info on this later.

Last but not least, I would like to recognize two National Awards won by Cowtown this year. Cowtown Vettes took 2nd place in the National Club Newsletter Contest and 1st place in the National Club Website Contest.

To summarize, we have a lot of activities which our members enjoy participating in, some are non-NCCC while others are NCCC events as mentioned above. From an NCCC perspective, Cowtown is well known throughout the nation thanks to the numerous competitors and workers throughout the years. Regardless if you compete with your Corvette or work the NCCC events, you can contribute to Cowtown's regional and national NCCC points. While earning those points, you also help Cowtown to host what we feel are the best events in the region, which in turn helps our bottom-line. Remember, regardless of what your personal likes are with your Corvette, Cowtown does offer something for you to enjoy.



Left - CTV honored 30 times for being in the Top 15 clubs.



Right - Top 15 clubs for 2011.

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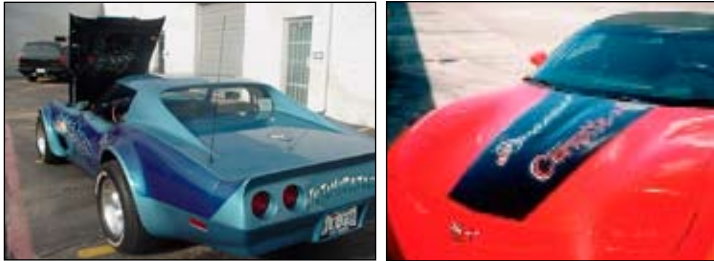
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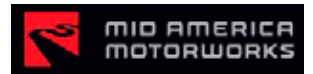


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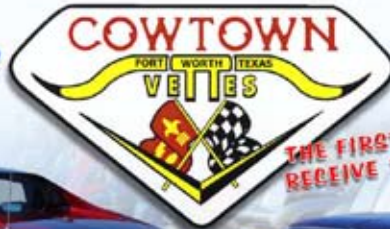
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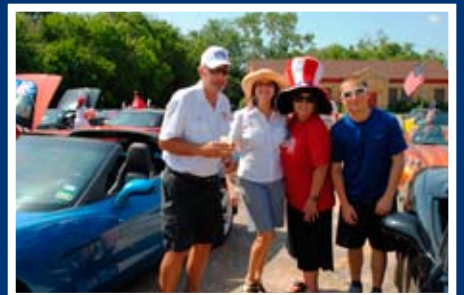


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**Some views from
this year's
Fourth of July
Parade event.**



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