



Cowtown

LOW-DOWN

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Some Things We Saw Along the Way - Members' photos from summer road trips.



Raley & Jo Anne Smith at
Palo Duro Canyon
near Amarillo, TX



Doc Lambert and
Mary Anne along Route
66 in Winslow, AZ



Doug & Glenda McMahan cruise
in a country-side tour in
Kentucky at the National
Corvette Homecoming



Fred & Margaret Proctor at
Acadia's Round Barn

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

October

***10/5 MEMBERSHIP MEETING**
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Coors Hospitality Room

10/17 BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m. Coors Board Room

***10/20 11TH ANNUAL
ALL CORVETTE CAR SHOW**
10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.
4921 Overton Ridge Blvd.
Ft. Worth

10/31 **Happy Halloween**



*** Denotes 100% Award Eligibility Event**



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Fellow Cowtown Corvette Members,

Well it's that time of year when our clubs activities start getting "busy". We have an assortment of things to do with your Corvettes as well as opportunities to volunteer in many areas. A prime example is our 16th Annual Super Speedway Weekend at Texas Motor Speedway. This event has been a success in years past and it is a great time to come out and watch our members compete with other Corvette enthusiasts throughout our Region and beyond. If you don't race like me, then you can help out by volunteering in some area of the event. We also have a Fall Corvette Scramble that sounds like a lot of fun for our members to enjoy and a great location. If you need to fine tune your Corvette for the Speedway Weekend, then may I suggest the SWR Fundraiser at our local GM Plant in Arlington, Texas. This is a great course to come out and enjoy and brush up on your driving skills or just to sit and watch or work the event. All information on these events and other activities with our club can be found on our website. Please be safe and let's all have a great September.

John Armes
President
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VICE PRESIDENT REPORT



First, I want to express my thanks those who placed their trust in me to participate in the club as your vice president through the remainder of the term of office. Next, I want you to be thinking about how you would be able and willing to increase your level of participation in the conduct of club business. As time passes, the people holding offices kind of "wear out" and tire of the responsibility. It is work but, I can tell you from experience that this work creates a "good tired." Ask the officers and chairpersons about their respective positions and what is required to do the job right. It is my wish that all members regard these positions as an obligation to "do your part." Elections will be here quite soon and I can assure you that there will be vacancies that must be filled. Please give these leadership opportunities your consideration.

I don't know about you but, I enjoyed the trip through the *Texas Museum of Automotive History*. I could have spent another 1-2 hours examining the various automotive treasures but, my stomach overruled my "motorheadedness" and off we went to Humperdink's in Arlington for a great meal. Being a career motorhead and someone who loves to eat, I was conflicted.

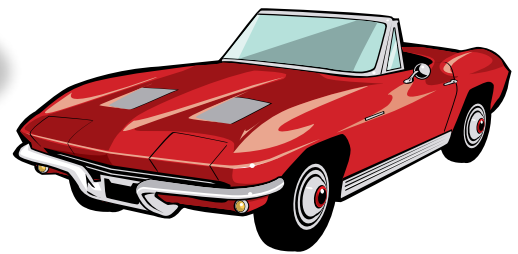
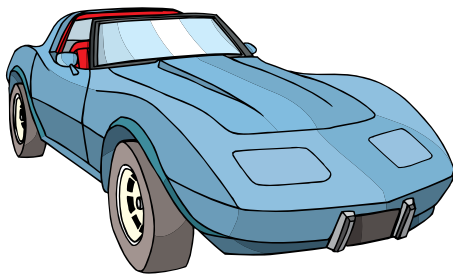
As you know the August event is the pool party hosted by the Hoaldrigedges in their home (well, mostly their pool) and I won't belabor the issue. However, we need to continue with the tradition of respecting the homes of our fellow members. Please do not carry glass containers around the pool and, speaking from experience, do not leave a trail of water through the house. Other than that, have a great time!

Doug will provide a status of the NCCC Autocross in September and Sylvia will provide an update on the October Car Show but, as you read their reports and listen to them in the meeting, please consider participating. Some jobs are responsible jobs that require decision making. Others are just mindless grunt jobs like unloading and loading the club trailer, working corner stations, marshalling show cars into the appropriate slot (these are my favorites). To repeat a trite saying, "this ain't rocket science."

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. Your ideas increase the likelihood that we will be doing what you want and you will be making my job easier.

David Gill
Vice President
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Keep waving!



SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 LABOR DAY	4		6	7 <i>* Membership Meeting 7:30 Meeting</i>	8
9	10	11 <i>Car Show Committee Meeting 7:00 PM</i>	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>

Bold italic type denotes CTV events

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

OCTOBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5 <i>* Membership Meeting 7:30 Meeting</i>	6
	8	9	10	11	12	13 <i>BRCC Corvette Show on the Square Granbury</i>
14	15	16	17 <i>Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</i>	18	19	20 <i>* 11th Annual Corvette Show 10 AM - 2 PM</i>
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween 			

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

WELCOME!

Welcome to our 2 First Time visitors and 3 Second Time Visitors at our August Meeting. We hope to see you joining us in September.

First Time Visitors

Paul Brown

2004 Millenium Yellow Convertible

Philip Kennedy

(Son of Phil & Ina Kennedy)

Second Time Visitors

Wes & Mary Rhodes

Silver 2002 Z06

Mike Toombs

2008 Crystal Red Convertible



Donna Forsythe

*Membership / Welcome Chairperson
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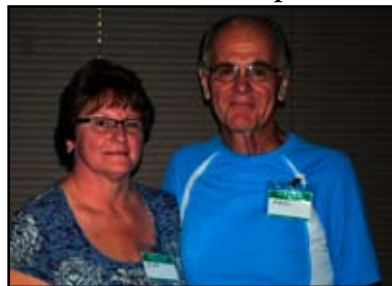
New Members

We would also like to welcome the following new members.



George & Michelle Aggas

Red 2007 Coupe



Philip & Ina Kennedy

Jetstream Blue 2010 Grand Sport



Chris & Cindy Malcolm

Black 2002 Z06

CTV Committees 2012

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Jim Forsythe: Chairperson

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Becky Clark: Co-Chairperson

11TH ANNUAL CORVETTE SHOW

MORE INFO: WWW.COWTOWNVETTES.ORG/EVENTS/2012/102012CCL1.HTM

SATURDAY
OCTOBER 20, 2012
10 AM - 2 PM
Rain Date: Oct. 27, 2012



COWTOWN
VETTES

SHOW LOCATION:
4921 OVERTON RIDGE BLVD
FT WORTH, TX

THE FIRST 100 ENTRIES
RECEIVE 1 FREE T-SHIRT

PROCEEDS TO
BENEFIT LOCAL
CHARITIES
INCLUDING THE
20/50 RAFFLE

LOTS OF
DOOR
PRIZES



2011 BEST OF SHOW
Local Make
2011 Best of Show

SETUP:
9 AM - 10 AM

CLASSES:
• VETTE GENERATIONS
• SPECIAL EDITIONS
• RACE PREPARED
• CUSTOM / MODIFIED
• SEVERAL "BEST OF AWARDS"

PARTICIPANT'S CHOICE JUDGING
Awards: 2:00 PM

EARLY REGISTRATION BEFORE OCT. 15
\$50 SINGLE ENTRY
\$50 DISCOUNTED - 5 ENTRIES*

LATE REGISTRATION AFTER OCT. 15
\$60 SINGLE ENTRY
\$40 DISCOUNTED - 5 ENTRIES*
* = SAME FAMILY



CTV Car Show Notice

Are you the kind of guy or gal who leaves their Corvette in the garage every weekend? If you are, you could cause our Corvettes to feel abandoned. If they feel abandoned, they could hold a meeting. If they hold a meeting, they might decide to hold the First Annual CTV Owners Show. If they hold this show, YOU could be left at home on the couch!! DON'T be that guy or gal.

Bring your pride and joy to the *CTV All Corvette Car Show* on October 20, 2012. See the flyer on the website for location and more info. Also Brazos River Corvette Club is holding their car show the previous weekend, October 13, 2012. This show is back on the Courthouse square this year. Again, see our website for details.

Fred W. Proctor
Car Show Co-Chair Person

9/2 **GARY & CAROLYN POTTER**
9/3 **SCOTT & MO WHEELER**
9/4 **AL & LINDA PUGH**
9/10 **JOHN & JAN BREFCZYNSKI**
9/22 **GARY & JACQUI NESBITT**
9/27 **RALEY & JO ANNE SMITH**
9/28 **DON & KARYN FOWLER**



9/2 **CLIFF GRIFFITH**
9/3 **RUTH NICE**
9/4 **PAUL JACKSON**
9/4 **BOBBY MCPHERSON**
9/4 **AUDREY SAMUEL**
9/4 **KARL SAMUEL**
9/8 **MICHELLE AGGAS**
9/16 **LONNIE MEARS**
9/23 **NANCY DICK**
9/30 **JASON LEHMANN**



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Museum Ambassador Report

by Kim West

September 11, 2001: A Global Moment is a major exhibition that explores the global, personal and historical significance of September 11, 2001. The exhibition includes rare and important artifacts from the World Trade Center after the collapse, a timeline that traces the events of the day, personal stories and objects, images, interactive programs and media about the everyday life and the aftermath. Visitors will gain a clearer understanding about the events of September 11, people whose lives were lost and use the exhibition as a platform to share their experiences about September 11.

A Global Moment is a major exhibition, approximately 8000 square feet in size, including over 100 important artifacts from the World Trade Center, victims, survivors, the aircraft and the international response from the collection of the New York State Museum. Included are hundreds of photographs, media, a rescue vehicle destroyed on 9/11, and compelling objects, expressions of sympathy from New York, such as the Times Square scrolls, memorial fences and missing posters, that bring to the visitor the powerful human response to the attacks.

The events of September 11, 2001 are explained through images, recovered artifacts, videos, a full timeline and personal stories. Within the exhibit, you'll find items that help explain the story, such as:

- American flag from one of the WTC towers
- Building fragments

- Signs
- Flight attendant uniform
- New York Police Department (NYPD) shield
- Firefighters helmet
- Port Authority of New York and New Jersey police jeep
- Portion of August Rodin's "The Three Shades" sculpture
- Nino's Restaurant's Statue of Liberty (was placed on a nearby sidewalk to inspire the rescue effort)
- Various newspapers covering key events



At our remembrance fence, visitors are invited to leave behind items such as flowers, letters, and/or other tokens of sympathy or appreciation, if they so choose.

Experience September 11, 2001: A Global Moment in the spirits that moves you, and remember to honor the never-forgotten victims, brave survivors and courageous heroes of September 11, 2001. See more info at:

www.corvettemuseum.org/exhibits/911/index.shtml.

NCCC EVENTS

Cowtown Requests Your Participation Cowtown's 2012 NCCC Events

Our **16th Annual Super Speedway Weekend** is roughly **TWO+ 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 couple of meetings however 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. Ina & Philip Kennedy, after joining CTV last meeting, volunteered to manage the Saturday night Dinner/Social.

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.

If you would like to experience your Corvette on a nice asphalt road course, as nice (usually better) than the public streets you drive on – 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 and there is an early registration price; there is a maximum of 80 entrants for this event so don't delay in registering. Even if

you help work the event, you can also participate in the event with your Corvette. 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 NON-RACING NCCC event that we invite everyone to participate in. There will be four non-racing events that day; they include 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 is planning, setting up and run the Rallyes; everyone has enjoyed his Rallyes which have been club socials in the past. 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. The flyer is available now and there is an early registration price – please check the event info page for the flyer and more details.

Your participation in the events as a participant and/or worker 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. If you have any questions around running and/or working these events, please don't hesitate to reach out to me; glad to answer any questions.

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It has been nice for the events to slow down a little from the aspect of getting the website caught up. On our website you will find recent event pages/ photos for the Texas Museum of Automotive History, National Corvette Homecoming, Proctor's Route 66 Trip and Dead Sea Scrolls/Cruise. For capturing photos at the events we would like to thank Jim Jones, Fred Proctor, and Doug & Glenda McMahan for photos. Note: We are still looking

for photos from the Dallas World Aquarium social. Most of all, don't forget your camera when you go out to enjoy any of these events or even events you do on your own; we welcome YOUR photos!

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

Doug McMahan

2011 CTV Webmaster (macsvettes@att.net)

hope to be providing some upcoming and new things for NCCC out there. NCCC also has a Facebook account now as well, it is also linked off the Cowtown website – lower left.

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!!!

Dead Sea Scrolls and Lunch Cruise

More than 30 Cowtown Vette members and their families saw the largest privately owned Dead Sea Scrolls collection ever to be on display outside Israel Aug. 4. Some of the 21 fragments of scrolls had never before been exhibited. The Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at the MacGorman Performing Arts Center and chapel of Fort Worth's Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was followed by a cruise to Waxahachie for lunch at the Twisted Frog.

At the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit members viewed a video about the history of how the Fort Worth seminary obtained the largest collection of scrolls in the nation.



Dr. Bruce McCoy, director of the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit, was on hand to welcome some of the Cowtown members and was impressed by the lineup of Corvettes outside the chapel. Our guide, Erin, an archaeology major who had just returned

from a seminary-sponsored dig on the island of Cyprus, showed a model of Jerusalem. We also saw ancient Bibles, including a 1611 first edition of the King James Bible. Some members put written prayers into the crevices of simulated rocks in a replica of the Western Wall, or Wailing Wall



with them. Along with their grandparents, Kathy, 11, and Ashley, 6, visited the replica of Qumran, where the scrolls were first found by Bedouin goat herders in the 1940s. Kathy dug for some of the ancient hundreds of pieces of ancient pottery donated by the Smithsonian Institution which had been buried in the dirt. Also, old coins were buried there.

"One girl who dug unearthed an old column and was really excited about it," Karyn said. "The guide at the dig said they could keep whatever they found, including old coins. She added: "I thought the tour was very interesting and amazing."

During the cruise members took photos of historical markers and court-houses in Cleburne and in Waxahachie. The route twisted through back roads and into Keene and other small communities.



--by Jim Jones

as it is often called. The wall is a holy site in Jerusalem and is believed to be a retaining wall for the last Jewish temple, destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D.

Don and Karyn Fowler had their grandchildren, Kathy and Ashley,



The Corvettes parked in front of the Museum attracted attention from those walking past.



Aston Martin owned by late Beatle George Harrison

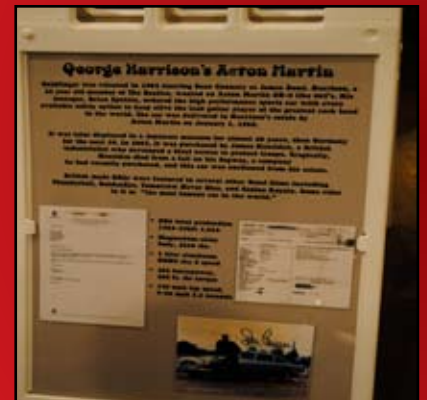


(Above) - 1963 Grand Sport

Tour of Texas Museum of Automotive History July 14, 2012



Corvette owned by
former astronaut
Alan Shepard



(Right) Museum Curator,
Chuck Broadway addressed
our group.



After the tour, the group
cruised to Humperdinks
for lunch.



With pouring rain, the pool remained deserted so....



Doc & Mary Anne and Don & Candy visit while waiting in line.



Fred & Donna and Carol & Mike share a laugh.



Jim & Donna discover that the tables in the garage are a little high for the chairs they brought.



...everyone lined up inside for the food.



The food line stretched into the den area.



Tables were also set up in the garage for the crowd.



Sylvia sold raffle tickets, then drew one for tonight's prize. All tickets will be entered in the 50/50 drawing at TMS

Annual Pool Party at the Hoaldrige's August 18, 2012

GOVERNOR'S THOUGHTS



September always reminds me of school starting and cooler weather, but in Texas you never know if it will be cooler and school starts in August!

In rereading my August article, touching on points for all NCCC sanctioned events, I didn't mention that there are travel points for workers as well, starting in 2012. If you travel over 100 miles you get points for the travel the first event of the day. If you travel 100 miles from your club's home you receive 1 pt., if you travel over 200 you receive 2 pts; that continues

up to 9 pts. per day. I know points are somewhat confusing and if you have any questions about them, please see me and I will be more than willing to explain.

There are several types of events that can be sanctioned. They are as follows: (1) Speed Events—two types, low-speed and high speed. The low-speed is any autocross that allows a driver to learn, improve and demonstrate their driving skill on a course that is not subject to public traffic (ie a parking lot) that is set by cones or pylons. Low speed is under 80 mph for a Group 1 car, meaning a stock corvette. High speed is usually on a road course and very few cones or pylons. The course is designed to follow a track and only coned off if it is for safety. High speed is determined when a Group 1 car can reach 80mph or above. Our TMS event is on a road course but we cone it down to keep it a low-speed event.

(2) Drag Racing is a wheel to wheel acceleration contest between two (2) cars on a sanctioned drag strip at least one eighth (1/8) mile in length. A drag race is a contest of nerves, skill and raw power.

(3) Think of a Funkhana as a very low speed autocross-like event with the added features of a navigator to assist the driver and a variety of gimmicks that the driver and/or navigator must perform in order to successfully complete a run. The types of gimmicks that are included as parts of a timed run are only limited by the imagination of the Event Chairpersons as long as they are in good taste and done in the spirit of having fun (hence the name FUNKhana). A little friendly embarrassment of the entrants is okay and can make the Funkhana an exciting spectator event. The use of a corvette during each timed run is a requirement for a sanctioned event. Our September 29th Fall Corvette Scramble includes a Funkhana however you will not be "driving" a Corvette, you will start and end in a "common" Corvette.

(4) Rallyes—there are three types:

(A.) The Time-Speed-Distance Rallye is planned so that an entrant should never exceed a legal speed limit. Entrants are given a set of route instructions with average speeds to maintain. The Rallye is usually composed of a series of separately timed legs to avoid speeding near the end of the Rallye by the cars that are behind time. The Rallye will have a minimum of one checkpoint which are the centers of activity, set up by the Rallye officials, with facilities for timing cars as they arrive. This type of Rallye is

scored on TIME ONLY -- not distance.

(B.) A Gimmick Rallye is one in which the Rallyemaster presents route instructions and questions that the alert Rallyists must follow and answer along the Rallye route. The Rallyists can be required to test out their navigational abilities and match their wit and skill with the Rallyemaster. Answers to questions may be found on either side of the road. This Rallye is scored by following instructions, providing correct answers and being in by the pre-announced time given by the Rallyemasters in the "Generals" or at the Entrants Meeting. Our September 29th Fall Corvette Scramble includes this type of Rallye.

(C.) Chance Rallyes are fun Rallyes. The usual navigational demands are minimized, courses are relatively simple, average speeds are readily obtainable or unnecessary. There are many varieties. This type of Rallye is scored by CHANCE requirements set up by the Rallyemaster. This is like a poker rallye. Our September 29th Fall Corvette Scramble includes this type of Rallye which will be run in conjunction with the Gimmick rallye.

(5) Concours - car show. There are two types of car shows - a judged one - but to make it a sanctioned event it has to use the NCCC Rulebook for judging. The second kind of car show is people choice, like our October car show. Our car show is NOT a NCCC event and you do not get points but you do have the opportunity to get a trophy. Entrants and spectators then vote for their favorite car in each Class. All entrants in a People's Choice Concours shall receive an equal number of entrant points (travel points can vary with the entrant).

That is a brief overview of sanctioned events, please check out the NCCC Rulebook if you want more info.

https://corvettesnccc.org/Handbook/NCCCRulebook_2012.html

Cowtown had two recipients of Southwest Region Scholarship program this year. Stephanie Middleton, Walt and Sharon's Zschirnt's daughter, who is going to TCC working on her nursing degree. Halli Reed, granddaughter of Fred and Donna Rossett, who is starting TCU in the fall. Congratulations to these two young women!

September is very busy for Cowtown and the Southwest Region. First, we have the SWR fundraiser at GM in Arlington. An event close to home and a money raiser for our region. Come out and check it out if you don't have time to volunteer to work. It is Labor Day weekend, Sept. 1-2. Next, is our big TMS weekend event and we need all to volunteer their time to make this a successful event for our club. Last but not least is our non-racing event Sept. 29 in Mansfield at Fat Daddy, which includes a people choice car show, a funkhana and two rallyes. A day of FUN! Come and enjoy!

Cowtown members who are in the Top Ten of SWR: #1 is Cathy and Kevin Anthony. #5 - Doc Lambert and #6 - Donna Forsythe. Way to go Cowtowners!

I hope to see all of you at some or all of these Sept. events.



Glenda McMahan
2012 NCCC Governor
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COWTOWN VETTES CHARITY REPORT



Our CTV pet food drive at the August meeting was a huge success thanks to all of our members. You donated \$125 along with many pounds of pet food. Thanks to Kim West for purchasing additional food with your donations and to James West for delivering all the food to the "Don't Forget to Feed Me" food bank. Last year we delivered 330 pounds and this year we were able to deliver 548 pounds! What we didn't know was that the food bank was completely out of pet food. Our donation couldn't have come at a better time! Thanks again for your support to this organization.

Jane Buehler
Charities Chairman

Don't forget to mark your calendar for our next volunteer event at the Tarrant Area Food Bank on Tuesday, November 13th.

Route 66 - Part 2

-by Doc Lambert

Here is another version of a Route 66 road trip. Mary Anne and I decided to spend Mother's Day 2012 visiting her in-laws (97 & 94 years young) in Santa Monica, CA. We've done 2 wk road trips before and have perfected our technique in "sharing" the trunk – ½ each! We put all our clothes for the trip into 1 suitcase each (& leave them in the trunk) and then share an overnight bag with makeup, shaving stuff and a change of clothes each for the next day. That means when we check into the motels we only have one bag to contend with – works for us. For this trip we even had to pack our "formal" attire (and also flight suits) for a military function in AZ on the return trip. Extra shoes invaded my ½ of the trunk!



We finally made it to the motel in Santa Monica and then visited Mary Anne's sister-in-law and husband. Early the next morning (Mother's Day) we drove down to the pier and were able to drive out on the pier to get a photo op at Rt 66's end. Then we had breakfast at Bubba Gumps – great food and reasonable prices. Last year the police officer would

not let us drive down to the pier (no sense of humor either) – this year we were early enough that they hadn't arrived yet - must have still been at the donut shop!

Our Mother's Day visit was great and they certainly appreciated catching up on the "goings-on".

Our Rt 66 trip was over but just a couple of snippets on our return via I-10. If you like airplanes then a must stop is the Chino Airport, CA. There



We departed San Marcos and angled up through Lubbock and Hereford to join I-40 just east of Adrian, TX. Adrian is the Midpoint of the 2,278 miles of Rt 66 – we turned left with only 1,139 miles to go! The Midpoint Café & Gift Shop had just been updated and

their business hour sign was rather clever. We then had a photo op at the Magnolia gas station.

On to Santa Rosa, NM to the lovely Rt 66 Museum. There were many great cars on display – like the 1957 Chevy convert, and the red Shark. After numerous other stops along the route we made it to Winslow, AZ and can vouch for the narrative that Fred and Margaret had in their "trip report" about Winslow! We spent the night in Flagstaff and got an early start the next morning.



Then another photo op in Williams, AZ – for the Twisters on Rt 66. Then on through Seligman, Kingman, and a slight detour to Bullhead City and Laughlin, NV (needed that NV cruiser point!) Back onto Rt 66 and a stop at the Bagdad Café in Newberry Springs, CA. We had stopped there last year and they had our picture in the Pace car posted on their wall – they remembered us and were very glad we stopped again.

At Barstow we turned south on I-15 through Victorville then joined I-10 westward – AND Welcome to the LA traffic – YUK!



are two great museums there: the Yanks Air Museum and the Planes of Fame Museum. You also must stop at Flo's Café there on the airport – we had lunch the first day and then decided to have breakfast the next day too – it's just that good!

Our next stop was the four-day Red River Valley Fighter

Pilots Association's annual convention in Phoenix (well, actually in Litchfield Park and at Luke AFB). I had been stationed at Luke in the mid 1980's so got to see my old squadron and even some familiar faces. Lots of tours & parties – some casual and one very formal! We arrived back in San Marcos safely but tired. Then I had another 244 miles back to Ft Worth!

PS: 'Twas a great trip for Cruiser points too – numerous cities, counties plus 5 State Parks & 3 National Forests!!



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DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
9/1-2	GM Assembly Plant in Arlington, TX	1st CHOICE - SWR Fundraiser Event - 14 LS Autocross Events	SWR
9/7-8	St. Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
9/15-16	Ft. Worth, TX	1st CHOICE - 12 LS Autocross Events @ Texas Motor Speedway - Laps on the Oval Sunday Morning	CTV/BRCC
9/15	Ft. Worth, TX	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 8:00 PM @ Hampton Inn on I-35 (just south of Texas Motor Speedway)	SWR
9/22	McGregor, TX	Car Show - People's Choice	CTCC
9/29	Mansfield, TX	1st CHOICE - 4 Events: People's Choice Car Show, Funkhana, Gimmick & Chance Rallyes - CTV is hosting this event. Note: the funkhana, & Rallyes are open to non-Corvette participants	CTV (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>

31st Annual National Corvette Homecoming (NCH) Bowling Green, KY – July 19-21, 2012

As many of you know, we typically don't attend the same Corvette Events every year; we like to find new venues and check them out. This year, I was visiting on the phone with Joe Pruitt (proprietor of the NCH) around some Advertising trade-outs we have done for years with NCCC; when Joe said by the way, are you ever going to attend the NCH? We looked at the calendar and said shoot, why not, we have never participated in the event, in fact we didn't know anyone in the club that had. By the time we made this decision, two of the three host hotels were already sold out ... after several calls, we were able to finally book a room. With Bowling Green technically reachable in one day we thought ok, three day event, two days of travel - should be a nice long weekend. We did catch rain on the trip out - so much for the detailing I had done for the car show ... gee, this happened to us back in February on our way to the Houston Corvette Expo.



We arrived in Bowling Green and found lots of Corvettes already there at the hotels. Thursday morning, we found a car wash that would hand-wash the Corvette to get it at least presentable after driving in the rain for hours. We finished detailing the GS, checked-in at the NCM, grabbed some lunch, then it was time for the first tour that NCM had made available. This tour was to Trace Diecast, which is a manufacturing plant where lots of aluminum components are made for autos, like transmission valve bodies, bell-housings, etc. We enjoyed the tour even though hot, after all they were pouring 1600 degree aluminum and machining the parts after they were press/stamped.



Thursday evening we had signed up for Baseball night ... Hot Rods farm team was playing and the NCH had setup where we would drive our Corvettes around the field, four participants would throw baseballs to kick the game off, then we would get to park and enjoy the game while eating dinner in the Party suite. The game was into the second inning, we were finished with dinner and a storm blew in. It was a HUGE downpour for hours and the game was finally

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COWTOWN CRUISER



On August 4th, 2012 thirty four members and guests of Cowtown Vettes enjoyed the 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 Jones and Carol Savage had arranged for us to obtain special pricing and a tour guide. The tour lasted approximately 1.5 hours and was a picture of life in Israel some 2000 years ago. If you did not take the tour, I encourage you to before it ends on 01/13/2013.

Following the tour twenty three members and guests participated in the cruise to Waxahachie. We left the Seminary and headed south on FM 731 to the courthouse in Cleburne. After cruiser pictures were taken, we headed east on FM 4 and FM 916 to FM 66 and to the courthouse square in Waxahachie. There we had lunch at the Twisted Frog and more cruiser pictures. Along the cruise we passed through the towns of Sand Flat, Cuba, Auburn, and Maypearl. The courthouses located in Cleburne (Johnson County) and Waxahachie (Ellis County) are impressive structures. Many thanks to cruise sponsors **Jim Jones** and **Carol Savage**.

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 upcoming cruises and any last minute changes.

Helpful Hint: How can I get the most points on my trip?

To get the most points possible on any trip you will need your cruiser log

sheet and a map. Once you have your final destination selected, look at the map to see if there is a more interesting or back roads route. Even if you take an interstate highway there are side roads to cities and sites that may only be a few miles off the interstate. Once you have a route selected look at your log sheet to see what letters you need. Using this as a guide, review your route to find locations that provide those letters. Most maps also show county lines. With a little effort at reading the map you can estimate when you might cross into a county and will be prepared to stop for your picture. County seats with courthouses and historical markers are designated with a black circle. It is often safer and more interesting to take the time to go to the county seat. With a little planning you will capture more points and will reduce the times you say "we should have stopped for that sign" as you speed past it. You can circle the sites on your map or make a list to follow as you read the map on your journey. We used this method on our recent trip to Colorado and NCCC convention in Topeka, KS. It was very helpful and allowed us to get the most points possible without backtracking. When you are cruising the journey IS the trip.

The 2012 Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP) & 2012 Annual Vette Photo Contest: The "What You Saw Along the Way" are 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.

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

...keep on cruisin'

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called; time now to drive the GS back to the hotel in the rain and call it a night.

Friday, the sun was shining and we headed back to the car wash, then back to the Hotel to detail the GS AGAIN! Next, we took a walk thru the home base of the NCH – the Sloan Convention Center where we saw some outstanding Sans Pareil (like Bloomington Gold or NCRS type concours) entries, along with the Show-n-Shine entries. The last tour NCH had made available was this afternoon; a trip to RC Components which builds custom motorcycle parts. Next was the



Road Tour, a police-led 50+ mile tour thru the Kentucky country-side with roughly 80+ Corvettes (may have been more but I quit counting). Some great country roads, never had to stop since all intersections were blocked for us – fun cruise!!!! The tour ended up downtown Bowling Green where groups of participants enjoyed some of the local cuisine along with some live entertainment.

Saturday was the big and final day of the NCH, where the day started out early, 6am cleaning the GS for the judged car show; we had to have the car in the show by 9am. So the heavy cleaning was done at the hotel, with several other participants doing the same thing. Once you felt your Vette was ready, you pulled it over under the judging tents where the four teams of judges looked over, inside and under every inch of the GS. They were also VERY PICKY about "STOCK" categories and moved some entries from stock to custom since they had too many modifications. After the judging, we pulled the GS back to its car show parking spot for the rest of the day. During the remainder of the show you could check out the vendors inside, enjoy walking around looking at well over a hundred Corvettes



participating in the show and you could even watch and/or bid on cars going thru the NCH auction. Tom Hill with GM also brought over a 2013 427 Convertible to let you look at while he talked about it. Later in the day balloons started appearing on some of the car show entries; come to find out, there were several celebrities walking around picking their favorite entries – we were lucky enough for our GS to be selected by one of them.

The show was finally over and it was time to head inside for the results of the silent auction and car show awards. After the awards, we headed back to the hotel to clean-up, dress-up a little before heading back over for the NCH Farewell Dinner. At this event, you had pre-registered for the meat of your choice (cooked by a local cattle raiser) for dinner – the ribeye steak was a great choice! A live-band (Blue Light Special) played at the event; they are a group of local police officers which also have a band – great music and possibly a band that will be a the 54th NCCC Convention next year. Joe & Vera had a few words of thanks to everyone followed by raffling off some special items and the 50/50 money all to benefit Corvettes Conquer Cancer.

Event Observations: the NCH was a fun, laid-back Corvette event with a lot of focus on car shows since there were actually five of them included that weekend. The event offered you the opportunity to visit some local manufacturing facilities, tour the countryside in a caravan along with enjoying the local town and some unique restaurants. The event was fun and while we typically don't attend the same event year-after-year, we will attend the NCH in the future!

Doug & Glenda



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