



Cowtown

LOW-DOWN

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Scenes from TMS Weekend:

Sunday Morning in the Rain



At the October Meeting:

Sign up for All Corvette Car Show
Nominations for 2013 Elected Officers
Renewal Forms Due
Information about the Christmas Party

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

November

*11/5 MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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

*11/10 TOUR OF HOUSE OF HOT RODS, LUNCH AT FAT DADDY'S, DESSERT CRUISE

9:30 AM

11/21 BOARD MEETING

7:00 p.m. Coors Board Room

11/22

Happy Thanksgiving

Southwest Region
NCCC

* Denotes 100% Award Eligibility Event



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Cowtown Members,

First of all I would like to thank everyone who helped to make our events in September so successful. A special thank you as well to our chairpersons and their co-chairs for putting on such great events for our club. With this in mind, it is time to nominate your Officers for the year 2013. I look forward to seeing people step up and take the challenge for making this club the best it can be for all our members and guests to enjoy. We have had a large number of new visitors at our meetings and I thank you for taking time out of your daily schedules to come and visit this great club of ours. We also welcomed some new members and it gives me great pleasure to have you be a part of our family of Corvette lovers. The month of October has some great events planned for CTV as well as NCCC and some local clubs within our area. The 11th Annual Cowtown Car Show is scheduled for October 20th. This show has proven in the past to be quite a spectacular Corvette show and we expect this year to be no different. Our Car Show Committee has been working very hard to make this a success as I am sure it will be. Our website is always a great place to go and see what events are going on both locally and nationally for our members to enjoy or participate. A great example of this is a group of our members leaving together to caravan to Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend. I can't wait to hear the stories from this trip. I hope that you all have a safe and wonderful Month of October and I thank you all for your help and participation in this club to make it a place to get away from reality and all that is going on in the world around us. You guys really make me proud! Enjoy the Wave!!!

John Armes
President
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VICE PRESIDENT REPORT



With the speedway event fresh in our memories, I must convey to you that a great time was had by all of those I witnessed. I, too, had a good time, **all things considered**. More than one of our long distance competitors expressed compliments about how we conducted the event, the friendliness of all of the Cowtown workers and their willingness to help. As a participant, I ran as predicted (mostly) and the car redefined its durability to me. Although not a front runner, my car was consistent throughout the weekend. As a worker, the Tech Team scrutinized 40+ cars Friday night and another dozen or so Saturday morning. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the tech inspectors for their time and expertise. Although we found a few discrepancies, all were resolved and all entrants were able to compete. The food Saturday night was, in my opinion, very good. I made it a point to "mill about" and observe the attendees at the party paying particular attention to people that I know do not attend regularly or possibly never before. Everyone appeared to have a good time. Congratulations to all who planned, organized, and conducted the event.

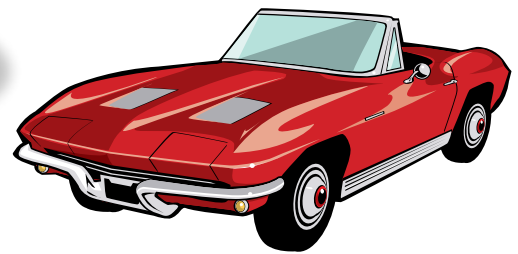
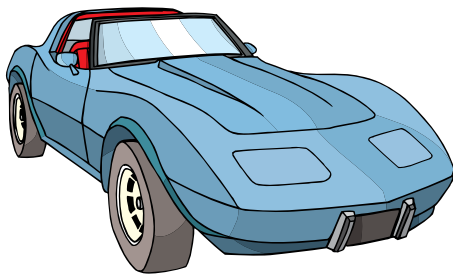
I hope you have given thought to holding office as I suggested last month. All officer positions expire at the end of one year along with 1-2 board member positions. If you believe you can do the job, do not let the current officer/board member intimidate you. It is important that every position be held by those chosen by the membership. It is neither shameful nor embarrassing to be defeated and you must remember that the club is an extracurricular activity. No one should hold a grudge nor feel guilty for the outcome of the elections.

We have made our first deposit on the caterer for the **Christmas party on December 8**. Having tasted their food (as I previously announced), we should eat "pretty high up on the hog leg." Be on the lookout for an invitation very soon and let us know if you plan to attend.

In case you did not attend last month's membership meeting, I announced the November 100%er: We will meet at the **House of Hot Rods in Mansfield at 9:30a, Saturday morning, November 10th** for a facility tour beginning at 10:00a. After the tour, we will drive down the road less than one mile to **Fat Daddy's for lunch**. Following lunch, we will cruise to an as-yet-unannounced dessert location. Details on the cruise will follow.

David Gill
Vice President
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Remember: When traveling to your destination, don't overlook the journey. You are among transportation's "high rollers." Enjoy the drive.



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 			

Bold italic type denotes CTV events

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

NOVEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 <i>* Membership Meeting 7:30 Meeting</i>	3
	5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>* Tour of House of Hot Rods, lunch at Fat Daddy's, cruise 9:30 AM</i>
11	12	13	14 <i>Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</i>	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 HAPPY THANKSGIVING 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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CTV Committees 2012

AUDIT

Jim Forsythe: Chairperson

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<Open>: Co-Chairperson



CAR SHOW

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Fred Proctor: Co-Chairperson



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HISTORIAN

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MEMBERSHIP/WELCOME

Donna Forsythe: Chairperson

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Becky Clark: Co-Chairperson

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

WELCOME!

New Members

Welcome to our new members:



Wes & Mary Rhodes

Silver 2002 Z06



Donna Forsythe

Membership / Welcome Chairperson
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Second Time Visitors

It was good to see our second time visitors:

Paul & Susan Brown

2004 Millenium Yellow Convertible

First Time Visitors

We also want to extend a warm welcome to the following first time visitors:

Jim & Carolyn Moschetto

Blue 2000 LS-1 Coupe

Heath Yentes

2012 Limited Edition

Gene Price

Silver 1986 Coupe

Charles Richerson

(Does not yet own a Vette - interested in buying one)

Julio & Lucy Silva

Laguna Blue 1966 Convertible

10/1 GAIL & JERRY MOORE

10/1 JAMES & KIM WEST

10/4 FRED & DIANE EICHENBERGER

10/7 DONALD & CYNTHIA RANKIN

10/9 GEORGE & MICHELLE AGGAS

10/9 DEBORAH & P.J. JACKSON

10/10 RICHARD & CAROLYN ATKINS



10/2 - JANE BUEHLER

10/6 - CARLANNE HICKMAN

10/8 - GARY POTTER

10/10 - DON LITTLEFIELD

10/16 - WALTER WHEELER

10/18 - JOHN ARMES

10/19 - KAREN WATSON

10/20 - CATHY ANTHONY

10/23 - GAIL MOORE

10/23 - JERRY MOORE

10/26 - RYAN GARABEDIAN

10/26 - CHARLES GERTH

10/30 - DONALD HICKMAN

Secretary's Report

COMING SOON – OFFICER NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

It's time for CTV members to think about nomination and election of officers to serve in club leadership roles for CY2013. Members will have the opportunity to make nominations using nominating ballots at the October membership meeting and again from the floor at the November membership meeting.

If you know a member who you believe would bring quality leadership to CTV, you should contact that person and determine if they would be willing to serve and, as per the By-Laws, that they meet the following relevant qualifications.

Qualifications for Elected Officers Other Than President, Board and Junior Board Members:

- Must have been a member for a minimum of nine (9) months prior to the beginning of the term of office
- Must be a member in good standing
- Should have attended a minimum of two (2) Board meetings in the year of election

Qualifications for President:

- Must have been a member of Cowtown for a minimum of (2) years prior to the beginning of the term of office
- Must be a member in good standing
- Should have attended a minimum of six (6) Board meetings in that time period

Qualifications for Board Member:

- Must be a member who has served as an Elected Officer of the Club
 - Must be a member in good standing
 - Should have attended a minimum of two (2) Board meetings in the year of election
- One (1) of the four (4) Board Member positions will be assumed by the Immediate Past President

Qualifications for Junior Board Member:

- Must be a member for at least nine (9) months prior to the beginning of the term of office
- Must be a member in good standing
- Must be a member who has not served as an Elected Officer of the Club
- Should have attended a minimum of two (2) Board meetings in the year of election

Raley Smith

2012 Secretary (rsmith1203@att.net)

BRCC Corvette Show

Caravan with Cowtown Members to participate in the Brazos River Corvette Club's Corvette Show on Saturday, October 13th, 2012. The show is being held on the Historic Granbury Square again this year. We had 14 Corvettes participating last year and won the Award for the Club with the most entries at the show

- Meeting Location: Cracker Barrel on I-20 & Winscott Road
- Breakfast: Those that are interested, meet for breakfast 8:00 - 8:15 AM
- Caravan Time: 9:15 AM; leaving from Cracker Barrel
- Arrival in Granbury: 9:45-10:00 AM - this provides 1-1/2 hours for sign-in and car preparation before judging starts.

Come join us for a fun day with your Corvette and to represent Cowtown Vettes; more info on our website.



CTV Committees 2012

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Rick Watson: Co-Chairperson



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TEXAS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

Rick Garabedian: Chairperson

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Scott Wheeler: Co-Chairperson



TIMING

Candy Beck: Chairperson

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Cowtown's 16th Annual Super Speedway Weekend was a great event, according to the feedback from our guests; Cowtown Members you should be very proud! We enjoyed hosting this event for competitors from many states, including Minnesota, Ohio, Missouri, Oklahoma, and of course Texas; lots of great comments verbally, via email and on Facebook. As the event neared, the weather forecast for the weekend looked good, then terrible, then sort of good. The forecast was all over the place around when and how much it would rain.

On Friday, the team started setting up around 4pm; registration and tech prepared and were able to start early which helped to reduce the lines. This in turn enabled our guests to return to the hotel to enjoy hospitality. We finally received access to the road course around 5:30pm when we started setting up the course while TMS moved some of the concrete barriers so we could run the event counter-clockwise. Sherry Michener (chair) and Sharon Zschirnt got hospitality going at the host hotel to open by 6 PM. Great job at TMS guys and gals – I think this is the first year (that I can remember) that we were finished at TMS in time to make it back to the hotel to enjoy hospitality.

Saturday morning came way too early as we arrived at the track to start final preparations to start the event. Candy & Donn Beck (Timing) performed the final setup and testing to get things rolling, with assistance from Kevin Anthony on the wireless network for the remote printer located in the garage. Richard Downing got the corner worker equipment distributed and hosted the corner worker meeting. Pre-staging, led by Red Greenfeder, was ready with the grid and run-order of the participants; all setup just south of the Sprint Cup Garage. After the Driver's Meeting, we hosted four separate groups of parade laps to allow everyone to drive thru the course. *Corners, Timing, Starter, Pre-Staging are you ready?* ... after confirmation from all, we opened the event to let everyone enjoy the twelve low-speed autocrosses!

After finishing three autocrosses, TMS had us shut down for their workers to take their lunch break – which also provided a break for all our workers and participants to grab lunch. We started the event back up to continue the events without any major issues for the afternoon; encountering only a couple of minor delays. During autocross 7, due to TMS time constraints, we made a decision that we would only be able to finish running all the men today; that the ladies would have to run autocross 7 on Sunday morning.

We shut the event down for the Saturday, put up the timing heads, garaged the Corvettes and headed back

to the host hotel for the evening. Upon arrival, Ina Kennedy (chair), Phil & Sharon were busy along with 360 Catering getting the Saturday night dinner prepped and ready to serve at 6:30. Sylvia Hoaldrige (chair), Kim and Jane were busy with NKF Charity Raffle sales. Dinner was served, enjoyed and then followed with the charity drawing & raffle which brought in a nice amount to benefit the North Texas Chapter of the National Kidney Foundation. Johnny Gann won the 5-lap solo drive on the TMS Oval and re-donated for auctioning it again; Bill Esicar (from MO – Midwest Region) was the winning bidder. Next, we presented the Fastest Time of the Day (FTD) Awards to the 1S, 1, 2 and 3/RP for the male and female competitors.

After the awards, the Southwest Region Officers, Club Governors and others moved into the meeting room for the third SWR Governor's Meeting of the year. Besides operating discussions, this is the meeting where clubs file and obtain approvals for their 2013 1st Choice NCCC Weekends; we received approval for our 2013 event dates – TMS is the only one in September.

Sunday morning, we awoke to rain, much needed for the area but dreaded for an autocross event; yes, we do compete in the rain. We arrived at TMS with uncertainty around the oval laps – TMS did allow them; which was the first time (in the rain). After the laps, we then readied the timing system, and proceeded with a Driver's Meeting to get the day rolling. One thing new that we offered (by show of hands) was to allow each participant to run one run of each autocross; anyone wishing to leave after their one run in the 12th autocross could. Those that wished to stay and take their second run of each autocross was welcome to – almost unanimously it passed. We had at least half of the participants opt to leave after their first run.

We started with autocross 7 for the women, followed by autocrosses 8-12 for everyone (1 run each). We were rolling strong until one of the timing heads went on the blink. Donn pulled the backup head and we got the event rolling again. Around 9 to 9:30 the drizzle stopped and the course became faster; the competitors with sticky race tires put them on their Vettes. We completed the autocrosses and the event about 2 to 2:30 PM just as it started to sprinkle again. As the participants loaded up and were ready to head out, many came by to say thanks and to offer the team accolades on a great event; *thank you all!* We were then able to get everything packed up and out before the heavier rain started, making for a much more pleasant ending to the weekend event.

We would like to recognize and thank all the functional chairpersons who stepped up to handle the many areas of this event; all did an awesome job as did the many folks who stepped up as workers. It takes a team to pull off a successful event like this and you all made that happen.

NCCC EVENTS

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Charity	Sylvia Hoaldrige
Club Equipment	Hector Sandoval
Corners	Richard Downing
Friday Hospitality	Sherry Michener
Network/Printing	Kevin Anthony
Pre-Staging	Red Greenfeder
Registration	Carlanne Hickman
Rig Parking	Steve & Dollie Hunley
Saturday Dinner/ Hospitality	Ina Kennedy
Starter	Scott Wheeler
Timing	Candy Beck
Tech (Safety)	David Gill
Timing Boards	Glenda McMahan
Timing Equipment	Donn Beck
TMS Coordinator	Rick Garabedian
TMS Oval Laps	Karen Watson
Worker Lunches	Donna Forsythe

This was the first time that Cowtown has hosted a 12-event NCCC weekend at Texas Motor Speedway, and even in the rain it took tremendous teamwork and perseverance. It was a great event from both the host and participant side and we thank EVERYONE who helped to make it that success! Please visit the Event pages on our website for more information and photos.

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Rick Watson
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On Saturday, September 29th, we hosted the **Fall Corvette Scramble**, a fun one-day NON-RACING NCCC event that we invite everyone to participate in. The event consisted of 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 was run simultaneously; more on this event next month since it took place after the deadline for the October Low-down.

Your participation in the NCCC events as a participant and/or as workers has been welcomed; we *sincerely thank all of you* who supported these events and Cowtown. Keep in mind, these events provide the funds for our operating expenses and the opportunity to enjoy additional Corvette fun of many types. In closing, this was my last year as your NCCC Event Coordinator and I personally thank all of you who stepped up and made these events a success for Cowtown. I would ask that you support Rick Watson next year as he takes over as your NCCC Event Coordinator. Out of the gate, he is looking for a co-coordinator for next year so give it consideration and step up to support the club, to learn and to make a difference for Cowtown.



11th ANNUAL ALL CORVETTE CAR SHOW – October 20

Deadline for registering for CTV's upcoming annual car show is just a couple of weeks away. If you do not already have a copy of the car show flyer/registration form, then go to CTV's website and print a copy. Remember, the first 100 entrants get the official CTV 2012 car show t-shirt and all entrants will receive a goody bag with lots of goodies.

The members of the Car Show Committee have been working hard all year to make this car show the best ever. Please join us either by entering your Corvette in the car show or by volunteering to work at the car show. We will be asking for volunteers at the October 5 membership meeting.

Of course, while you're at the car show, you will want to be sure to participate in the 50/50 drawing. The proceeds generated from this car show will be donated to a local charity or charities, which have yet to be determined.

If you have any questions, please contact Sylvia Hoaldrige, car show chair, or Fred Proctor, car show co-chair.

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Car Show Chair Person
pinkvett@gmail.com



Fred W. Proctor
Car Show Co-Chair Person
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Picture from 2011 Car Show



Dollie the traffic director.



Registration table on Friday night.



Tech on Friday night.



Vettes of all years and modifications.



Vettes lined up in pre-staging - ready for fun.



Staging to the right after entering the track area.

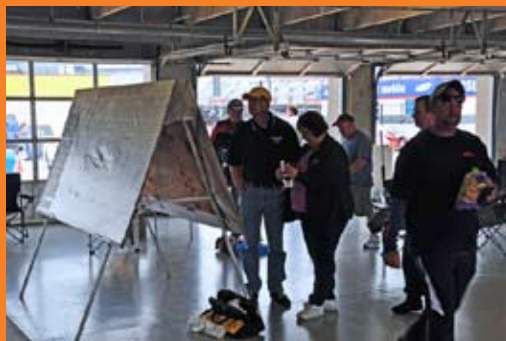


Corner Workers meeting.



PJ & Jack work as spotters.

Scenes from TMS Weekend - September 14-16, 2012



L. David, Richard, Carolyn and Rick work their Corner.

R. Timing Boards set up inside the garage.

L. Scott and Rick worked as the starters.

R. Doug & Glenda McMahan in their stock C5.



RJS-9/12



RJS-9/12

L. Doc Lambert in his Indy Pace Car.

R. Doug Shilen in his Group 1 Grand Sport.

L - Larry & Sylvia Hoaldrige in their RP.

R- Steve Hunley in their Group 2 C5.



RJS-9/12



RJS-9/12



L - Paul & Viola Meyers

R - David Gill in his C5 Z06.

GOVERNOR'S THOUGHTS



TIME TO RENEW! RENEWAL TIME IS HERE AGAIN!

THANK YOU for having confidence in me to continue to serve as your NCCC governor for another year. Let's make this coming year a great year for Cowtown!

RENEWAL TIME is here! It is again time to renew your annual membership in Cowtown Vettes and NCCC.

This renewal runs the calendar year of 2013! I know it is early to be thinking of 2013 but I have to have time to process all the renewals and get them to our regional membership person and they have to in turn get them to the national level, so that takes time. Our renewals will end November 2, 2012. I must have them submitted by Nov. 15 so that gives me a little over 10 days to get the membership database up to date. There should be an insert in this LowDown. I need you to complete it and return to me.

My address is on the flyer. I will also be at the Nov. meeting so I will take them there. After the Nov. membership meeting there will be a \$10 late fee added. It is important that you include your email address; this is going to be a must in the database soon.

THANK YOU to all of you that came out and made another Cowtown Texas Motor Speedway event a success! It is always a lot of hard work and this year was no different with the rain on Sunday. But the competitors again had lots of great things to say about our event. I heard this is a really class act several times over the weekend. We should all be very proud.

The competition year is going into November this year! It usually ends in Oct. for the Southwest Region but with the heat in the south and the fact that all NCCC clubs have 10 sanctions now to use we will see it expanding into Nov. Cowtown should be very proud of our competitors: Kevin and Cathy

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

Anthony are both #1. Doc Lambert is #5 and Donna Forsythe is #6. Cowtown is #2 and we are only 857 points behind the #1 club so we are looking good! Nationally Kevin and Cathy Anthony are both #16.

September 8, 2012 was the NCCC National meetings which we attended. September is always a long meeting when prospective new By-Laws and rule-book changes are presented, and the national officer candidates give their campaign speeches. There is one by-law change being presented which permits use of online electronic ballots in lieu of mailed ballots to governors.

Dave Hineman of Windy City Corvette Club was appointed Interim Parliamentarian to serve as a non-voting member because of the death of Kevin Melton. He will serve until the year end election is held. The candidates are as follows: Hal Bellamy for President, Doug McMahan for Director of Public Relations, Jim Walton for Parliamentarian; all un-opposed. Treasurer: John Morrow of Indiana Region and Jean Morrison of the Florida Region. VP of Membership: Steve Johnson of the East Region and Denny Luther of the West Region. The candidate bios will be out on the national website soon. Check them out and offer input so I know how Cowtown would like to vote; I am only your voice!

Southwest Region governors' meeting was Sat. night of our event. The Regional Competition Director (RCD) and the Regional Membership Director (RMD) offices were up for election. Craig Kamradt was unopposed as RCD to serve a second term. Jon Bradford let the board of governors know he would not run again; Bob Portillo was nominated (unopposed) for the next 2-year term.

Remember RENEWAL TIME IS NOW! Let's make Cowtown a 100% renewal club!

See ya in Nov.



The Band got the party started.

Volunteer Luncheon at TAFB September 21, 2012



The CTV gang.



Food Trucks provided the lunch.



Donna visits with Chef Manny.



Former members Phil and Barb (aka Paula Deen)



COWTOWN VETTES CHARITY REPORT



The recipients of the **Jim Benware Memorial Fund** were announced at the September membership meeting. Jim's wife, Linda was there to share in the announcements and to thank those who contributed in Jim's memory. Linda designated funds to the *American Cancer Society* in memory of her Father, Vernon. She also wanted funds to go to the *American Heart Association* in memory of Jim and money was also given to our member Sylvia Hoaldrige for the *National Kidney Foundation*. Jim had shared with Linda that he really thought a lot of Sylvia and her dedication to raising funds for NKF. Three great organizations will benefit from these donations. Thanks!



Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 13th, 6:00 pm - Volunteer Night at the Tarrant Area Food Bank

December - We will volunteer at the Cook Children's Hospital Christmas Party.

Jane Buehler
Charities Chairman

I'll have more details at the October meeting.



TMS & Corvettes for NKF

The sun has now set on CTV's TMS weekend for 2012. Our TMS weekend is also CTV's unofficial start for raising monies thru Corvettes for NKF, CTV's walk team for the 2013 Fort Worth NKF Walk. Corvettes for NKF is off to a very good start thanks to all of you, our CTV members, and our fellow competitors and guests who joined us at TMS this year. A total of \$1,126.00 was raised from the various fundraising activities that weekend for NKF Serving Texas.

I greatly appreciate everyone's continued support in raising money and promoting awareness of the National Kidney Foundation and its importance to each and every one of us, our families and our friends.

I would be remiss if I did not extend my sincerest **Thanks** to *Linda Benware*, *Jane Buehler* and the CTV Charity Committee for the very special donation of \$600 for the NKF Serving Texas. Words cannot express how truly moved I was to receive this special donation in memory of *Jim Benware*. THANK YOU.

Sylvia Hoaldrige

Tarrant Area Food Bank Volunteer Luncheon

The TAFB hosted a luncheon on Friday, September 21, 2012 for all volunteers to celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Food Bank. Cowtown Vettes had 6 volunteers participate in the festivities. The luncheon took place in a sunny parking lot with a nice breeze. Volunteers were given a ticket when we checked in that allowed us a meal from one of the participating Food Trucks, Sassy's Hot Dogs, Gepetto's Pizza, or Holy Frijole Mexican food. A very lively band, Canta Rhythm and Brass, set the mood as we got our food and found a table. The band even got some folks up for line-dancing later in the afternoon.

Several officials from TAFB spoke about their work and future plans. The vision of the TAFB is "Communities where no one has to go hungry." Every month, partner agencies access food from TAFB equivalent to over 1.5 million meals*. Cowtown Vettes members volunteer twice a year for one night at the food bank. In addition, we give a donation from our charity fund.

Cowtown members attending the luncheon were Carole Savage, Jim Jones, Allen Shanholtz, Donna Forsythe, Jo Anne Smith, and Gerri Dye (co-worker of Donna's). We were delighted to see former members Phil and Barb Higbee and also Chef Manny who has catered our TMS Weekend Banquet several times in the past.

Look for pictures on the preceding page.

*Source: tafb.org

SW Region Clubs

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



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



CORVETTE CLUB OF OKLAHOMA CITY (CCOC)
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CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS (CCT)
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Tulsa, OK • SW-248

2012 SWR NCCC SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
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>



Scenes from TMS Weekend - Saturday Night Dinner

Ina Kennedy, working with
360 Catering, hosted the
Saturday Night Dinner.

Rick helped present the Fastest Time of the
Day (FTD) awards.



Jane helped with
the NKF Raffle.



FTD Awards this year were custom
labeled wines from Lost Oak Winery.

COWTOWN CRUISER



On November 10, 2012 our November 100% will end at Fat Daddy's Sports & Spirits Café, 781 West Debbie Lane, Mansfield, TX 76063 when we have lunch. Following lunch for those interested (not required for the 100%) we thought we could do a short unofficial (CCP will have ended) cruise on the back roads of Johnson and Ellis Counties to the 1879 Chisholm Grill, 300 N Interstate Hwy 35E, Waxahachie, Tx for

desert. Carol Savage and Jim Jones tell me that they make some of the best homemade pie in Texas. I'm planning a pre-cruise trip for my own verification of this fact and final cruise details are to be determined.

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.

The 2012 Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP) & 2012 Annual Vette Photo Contest "What You Saw Along the Way" are under way. If you have not started yet you better get busy as time is running out.

The deadline for the 2012 CCP contest is a completed entry

form postmarked or delivered to the CCP Chair Person by 11/04/2012. The supporting pictures must be postmarked or delivered to the CCP Chair Person no later than midnight 11/14/2012.

The deadline for the Annual Vette Photo Contest is the start of the November Membership Meeting (11/02/2012). Please provide the CCP Chairperson with up to three entries per CTV member. The entries should be 3"x5" or 4"x6" in size and will be posted on the Contest Board. The winner will be selected by MOST POPULAR Member Vote at the November Membership Meeting. Each CTV member present will get one vote and the votes will be counted by at least two CTV member who do not have a photo in the contest.

The Contest Winners and Awards will be presented at the Annual Christmas Party/Awards Banquet. Additional information on both contests are 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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Mini - vs. - Corvette

"I wanna tell you a little story"

Being the Brit transplant that I am, I regularly read the online version of The Daily Telegraph, a leading English daily newspaper. It's editorial staff is somewhat higher up the integrity pole than their compadres at the now defunct News Of The World featured in the cellphone hacking scandal over the last year. Invariably, the news reinforces my belief that the decision to reside here in the Texas heat was a wise one, particularly when it comes to the cost of cars and gasoline! Back in May 2012 in the Motoring section, there was an article about the new Mini Roadster. Not to be confused with the Mini Convertible, a four (really small people) seater, but wait! – a two (probably not quite so small people) seater. Now the reviewer didn't seem too impressed with the car, and of course, being a "real sports car" and Corvette lover, I tended to agree. Out of academic interest I "Googled" the price of said vehicle in Fort Worth, and the results made it necessary to offer my opinions in the comments section, now so much a part of most online "news". Here follows the laughable exchange of views I encountered with a couple of other readers, presumably suffering the exorbitant cost of UK living (names have been changed to save them additional embarrassment)

In the event you're interested, here's a link to the original article:
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/motoring/9251930/Mini-Roadster-a-roadster-for-the-Wooster.html>

PJ:

Just checked out the price locally here in Fort Worth, TX :

2012 MINI Cooper Roadster John Cooper Works

MSRP from \$34,500 - Price with options \$39,446.

So, would you rather pay \$40k for this, or \$40k for a two year old low mileage (< 12k) Corvette with the same options, as my wife did recently. Oh shoot, we have to manually remove the targa top which takes all of about 30 secs including stowing (admittedly can't do it at 20 mph) and it's 6.2 liter engine returns very much the same gas mileage as the tiny 1.6 turbo in the Mini. I know what I'd rather have!

joeblow01:

Yep, "Can't afford a European sports car? Then fake it" Eh ??

joeblow02:

You're quite clearly NOT a brit if you believe the spelling of "liter" is correct.

Also if you think that a 6.2 litre (note spelling) yank engine is going to give the same fuel consumption figures as a 1.6 litre turbo then I think you're not only not a brit but you're not on the same planet as the rest of us.

Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA)

Do you have a son, daughter, grandson, granddaughter, niece, nephew, or are a guardian to a child under the age of 16 years. If so, don't forget to enroll him/her in the **Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA)**, NCCC's youth organization.

Website: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html>



I recently spent a couple of years in the US of A (a time I did not enjoy) and noted that there are very few areas of life where the honest truth is told. Advertising, politics, retailing -absolutely everything had to be checked twice to find out what reality was and 99 times out of 100 it was NOT what was trumpeted in the headlines.

joeblow03:

You obviously did the Americans a favour by leaving.

PJ:

No, I just left a spot in London for an asylum seeker from Bogistania....

joeblow03:

LOL

PJ:

To Joeblow02: Hmm, you don't sound that friendly.... From your comments you are obviously fervently anti-USA, but that's your choice.

Apologies for my offensive typing error, but "When in Rome..." etc, etc. As for fuel consumption, our 6.2 litre (there you go) engine does get between 22 - 26 mpg on a highway run, this being calculated by using miles traveled and gas (oh, sorry, I mean PETROL) used. Oh, and I can get a Vette serviced pretty much anywhere; can't say the same about Big Money Wastes or other such "exotics".....

THERE WERE NO FURTHER COMMENTS.

Paul "PJ" Jackson

July 8, 2012

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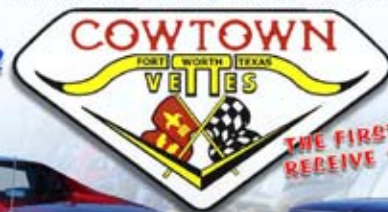
If so, let Membership know so we can update your address on the various email lists. You can send any updates to Membership at: ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com.

11TH ANNUAL CORVETTE SHOW

MORE INFO: WWW.COWTOWNVETTES.ORG/EVENTS/2012/102012CS_1.HTML

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