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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



I, along with my fellow travelers, just returned from the Cowntown "cruise of cruises," the "Tail of the Dragon," where we traveled to/through 8 states and over 2000 miles. This cruise is the first of its kind with its long distance, multiple states, and varied itinerary. It is my hope that this is a beginning of other long cruises to other areas and includes other members and cruise coordinators. Doug McMahan

did a terrific job preparing and leading this cruise which should serve as a model or baseline for future cruises. We had entirely too much fun to relegate this to that of a "one-off." There will be ample coverage of this event in the weeks to come.

Cowntown's two most prestigious of its annual events (both of which are 100%) occurs over the next two months. To all of our newer members, this is your opportunity to pitch in and help with the conduct of these events. Many areas of talent are needed and experienced people will be available to instruct you on what must be done. There is no better way to truly join in the fun.

In my Facebook perusals, I saw a picture of a string of Corvettes with the driver of each adorned with a giant red hand with the word "WAVE" printed on each. What better way to accentuate (or exaggerate) the wave to our fellow Corvette owners. This is just one more way in which we should.....

SAVE THE WAVE!!

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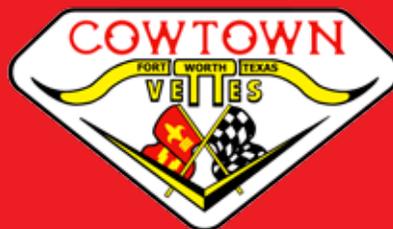


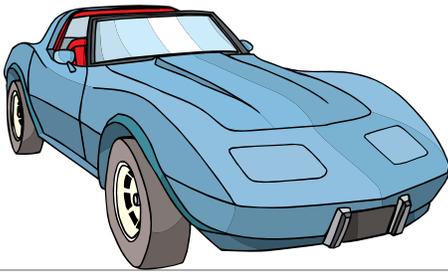
# SAVE THE DATE:

## DECEMBER 7, 2013

### COWNTOWN VETTE'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY AND AWARDS BANQUET

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013  
RADISON HOTEL FOSSIL CREEK  
2540 MEACHAM BLVD  
FORT WORTH, TX





## SEPTEMBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 	3	4	5	6 <i>* Membership Meeting 7:30 Meeting</i>	7 <i>Lonesome Dove Cruise see CTV website for more info</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 <i>Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</i>	19	20 <i>* 11th Annual Super Speedway Weekend see CTV website for more info</i>	21 <i>* 11th Annual Super Speedway Weekend see CTV website for more info</i>
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## OCTOBER 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 <i>* Membership Meeting 7:30 Meeting</i>	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  Columbus Day	15	16 <i>Board Meeting LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</i>	17	18	19 <i>* 12th Annual All Corvette Car Show see CTV website for more info</i>
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27	28	29	30	31		

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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

# WELCOME



### New Members :

Don & Kathy Segreti  
(joined last month - picture unavailable until now)  
1979 C3 T-Top and 2009 C6 Z06

### First Time Visitors :

Mickey & Patricia Rigney  
1963 Red Split Window Coupe

Ronnie & Connie McCrary  
2004 Black on Black Convertible

Dennis & Vickie Johnson  
2006 Convertible

Sarah Walker  
1973 White T-Top

### Second Time Visitors :

Jack & Paula Winter  
2008 Red Coupe

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9/4	PAUL (P.J.) JACKSON
9/4	DORIS JOHNSON
9/4	BOBBY MCPHERSON
9/4	AUDREY SAMUEL
9/4	KARL SAMUEL
9/8	MICHELLE AGGAS
9/16	LONNIE MEARS, JR.
9/21	CHARLES RICHARDSON
9/23	NANCY DICK



9/2	GARY & CAROLYN POTTER
9/6	LARRY & MARY YRIGOYEN
9/10	JOHN & JAN BREFCZYNSKI
9/14	STEVE & RHONDA WEIBLE
9/16	GENE & MARTI PRICE
9/26	BOB & NANCY GREENE
9/27	RALEY & JO ANNE SMITH
9/28	DON & KARYN FOWLER

## VICE PRESIDENT REPORT



The Dog Days of summer are almost over and cooler fall weather will soon follow. Where has the year gone? As the old saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun!" I think we have had a lot of fun these past months and more is on the way. Twenty-nine members had fun at the Putt-Putt Golf Challenge on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Seven teams of 4 members each played 17 holes of golf. Plenty of OOH's, YEAH's, and OH-NO's could be heard as a hole-in-one or near miss

occurred. After totals were calculated, two teams had a play-off at hole #18 to determine the team with the best score. Rick's hole-in-one secured the win for Team 3 of Donald, Fred, Raley, and Rick. Second place went to Team 2 of Gene, Becky, Cydnie, and JoAnne. Third place went to Team 6 of Bob Geyer, Scott, George, and Cindy. George Aggas turned in the best score with a 37. Rick captured the win for most hole-in-ones with 4 during regular play and 1 in the playoff. After a brief cool down, several members raced the go-carts. As in autocross racing, not all cars are equal in performance capabilities. Round 1 had Bob Morrison, Candy Beck, and Raley Smith finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Round 2 was undecided. Round 3 ended with Cindy, Carlanne, and Bob Morrison finishing 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lunch followed at BJ's Brewery. After a morning of fun and good food, many members declared it would be time for a nap when they got home.

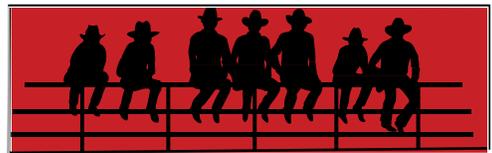
September's 100%-er is the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Speedway Weekend on September 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Texas Motor Speedway. If you are not racing you can still come out to the track and watch your fellow Cowtown members run the course against competitors from clubs in Texas, Oklahoma, and other states. Workers are still needed and no experience is needed to volunteer. Anyone can attend the catered dinner on Saturday night but must pay in advance. The cost is \$12.00/person and should be paid at the September meeting or a check made out to Cowtown Vettes can be mailed to me at 1901 Florence Ann Lane, Haslet, TX 76052. Those having paid in advance will receive a ticket for admission to the dinner. Entry forms and more details can be found on the website and in the newsletter.

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual All Corvette Car Show on October 19<sup>th</sup> will be the 100%-er for October. With over 100 Corvettes on display you can see a wide range of beautiful cars from early year models to new 2013 models. Maybe an even newer C-7 will appear! Bring lawn chairs and a cooler to sit and visit with other entrants. Volunteer workers are needed. Entry forms and details are on the website and in the newsletter.

North Texas Mustang Club has invited us to participate in their monthly car show as a "guest club". Their last show will be Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00PM to 6:00PM at the Cracker Barrel in Lewisville (I-35E at Fox Ave exit). It is a participant's choice car show with special awards for club participation and a Manager's Award. There are 18-19 classes with 9 possible choices for Corvettes. They also do a 50/50 raffle and door prizes. Cowtown has accepted the invitation as the 100%-er event for November. Who will win the Ford vs. Chevy Challenge?

It's hard to think of Christmas with 90+ degree days but the Cowtown Vettes Annual Holiday Party and Awards Banquet is fast approaching. Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 7, 2013 beginning at 6PM. The banquet will be held at the Radisson Hotel Fossil Creek located at 2540 Meacham Blvd, Fort Worth, TX. Attendance will be limited to the first 90 members/guests that have paid to attend. Cost is \$35.00/member and \$50.00/non-member guest. Payment will be accepted at the September through November meetings.

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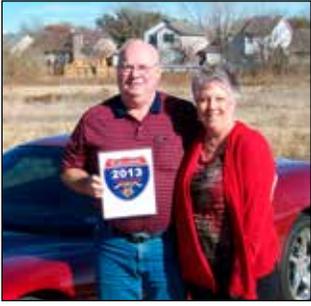
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# COWTOWN CRUISER



During August 10-18, 2013 Doug and Glenda hosted the BLUE-RIDGE MOON-SHINE DRAGON Cruise. The cruise was a blast for the twenty people and ten Corvettes that participated. Once again we want to thank Doug and Glenda for hosting the trip.

Upcoming cruises include:

September 07, 2013; Carol Savage and Jim Jones are planning a “Lonesome Dove” cruise focusing on historic sites of Charles Goodnight and Oliver Loving. The cruise will cover roads west of Fort Worth and include the community of Zion Hill (CTV cruisers can get the rare letter Z). More details to follow both on our website and by email.

November 16, 2013, Carlanne and I are working on a cruise to the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco. This cruise will take place after the 2013 Cruiser Program has ended but still should be good fun and another chance to drive our Vettes. We have yet to take the test drive and select the restaurant. If you have recommendations on the food let me know.

Please check the Cruiser Schedule <http://cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruisersch.html> for upcoming cruises and last minute changes and please remember that CTV guests and “tin cars” are welcome to join our cruises.

2013 Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP) is still running and you have until early November to collect points. The 2013 Cruiser Logo and log sheets are available at our meetings or you can email me and I will send you a copy along with an electronic log sheet (Excel spreadsheet) that keeps track of your points. If you have questions, information is available on the Cowtown website or please give me a call.

We need members to host a cruise and it is an easy way to pick up 5 cruiser points. Cruises can start with breakfast and then cruise to some interesting location or cruise to an interesting location and end with lunch or dinner. They can be from a full-day or half-day in length or up to a week of fun and travel and the object is to get together and have fun in our cars. I would be glad to help with the planning if needed.

2013 Annual Vette Photo Contest: The “What You Saw Along the Way” Photo Contest will end in November 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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DRAGON RUN CRUISERS ON THE ROAD



In lieu of a WebMaster Article, Doug has provided us with a great description of the Tail of the Dragon Cruise

*...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!*

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## The Blue Ridge Moonshine Dragon Run

August 10-18, 2013 – hosted by Doug & Glenda McMahan

This cruise is one that I have had on my so-called bucket-list for a couple of years now; even though we have been out to this area and had traveled and enjoyed some of the roads previously. So in late 2012, Glenda and I kicked the idea around again and decided it was time to make the cruise happen in 2013. After several months of planning, looking at routes, re-routing and tweaking details the 9-day, 8-night and 8-state cruise was finally roughed-out. Due to the timing required to finalize the lodging room blocks for 8 nights plus the minimum size group required for the Biltmore visit, a group size of 10 Corvettes, 20 Cruisers was selected. The slots filled up quickly even though a couple of participants later withdrew which opened up slots for cruisers on the stand-by list. Our final cruise group consisted of seventeen Cowtown Members driving nine Corvettes and three members from Tin Hall Toys (THT); another Southwest Region NCCC Club.

In regards to planning this cruise, we would personally like to thank David Goebel and Charlie Gates from the East Tennessee Corvette Club (ETCC) for assisting with some periodic updates on road closures and conditions. This was very important since that part of the country is fifty inches of rain over their normal. When you plan a long distance cruise with a group or individually, I would suggest that you remember your extended NCCC family. Not only did we have the NCCC Family Helping Family network in case of emergencies but David provided a list of several individuals including the contact information for their club's sponsor, Reeder Chevrolet.

Now back to the cruise recap; Saturday morning, the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, 2013, most of the cruisers met at 6:45am at the Cracker Barrel in south Arlington for breakfast. We held a quick driver's meeting at 7:45 prior to an eastward departure on I-20, a little before 8am. Today was a long route with our goal to travel as far eastward as we could stand to drive in one day; our destination was Meridian, MS. After a few pit stops we stopped for lunch at a highly rated local dive

called Hamburger Happiness in Minden, LA. It wasn't much to look at from the exterior but it was a good old-fashioned grilled-bun burger as stated in Yelp and Trip Advisor. After a long and boring 518 miles of I-20, we pulled into the Comfort Inn in Meridian, MS. Everyone enjoyed a little time to relax before we headed on out for dinner.

Sunday morning around 8:00 we headed out from Meridian, MS to get the second long day out of the way. A few pit stops later, along with a quick lunch stop in Attalla, AL, we were well on our way to Fontana Village Resort. We ended our run down I-20 at Cleveland, TN where it was time to head into the mountains. Come 1:30ish, we could see the rain ahead as we neared Wolf Creek, NC. We ran into a couple of areas with very heavy downpours where we couldn't see a hundred or so yards in down the road; most however was just light rain and drizzle. We stopped at a river rafting area to watch as raft after raft was being launching into the rapids. A short time later, we loaded back up and headed further east, then north on the Moonshine 28 to arrive at Fontana Village Resort; only 421 miles today. The area around Fontana is awesome to say the least and a welcome change of scenery for us to enjoy during our 3 nights at the resort and on day cruises. Dinner this evening was at the resort where we indulged in some awesome meals during our stay; followed by several of us sitting out by our rooms and the pool to un-wind (get it?) before retiring for the night.

Monday was our first "play day" with lots of fun on the road as our agenda. Due to road closure updates, we spent time Sunday evening re-routing our activities for the day. We departed at 8:30am and headed down a very small winding back road further south from the resort which eventually put us on Hwy 129 where we could head north. Up the road, we passed Deal's Gap as we continued north until we entered the south end of the Tail of the Dragon which is made up of 318 curves in just 11 miles. There was one short section that was under repair (one-lane) due to washout however, over 9 miles of the TOD was uninterrupted with minimal traffic. Once we arrived at the top, we made a pit...*continued on next page*

stop which also allowed driver's to swap seats before we headed back down the TOD. There were six of the ten Vettes that had driver changes! Once we completed the 2nd run slaying the Dragon we stopped at Deal's Gap for a group photo, a few souvenirs of slaying the dragon along with lunch.

We loaded up and headed on to our next fun and scenic road for today, the Cherohala Skyway. This provided some awesome scenic overlooks while riding along the top of the mountains; some breathtaking views into the valleys. Reaching the west end of the Cherohala we took a short-cut down to Bald River Falls. This is a waterfall that drops some eighty to one hundred down the mountainside; an awesome sight and of course another group photo opportunity. It was starting to drizzle and a little thunder so we loaded up and headed back up to the Cherohala where we headed east back towards the resort. Overall, today's cruise was ~160 miles of what can only be described as awesome curves and twists which go left to right and then back again. This was also while the road was going up and down the mountainside making the scenic grandeur even more awesome; overall, a total blast of a day.

This evening we had booked the Bear's Den for a group dinner; it was a private dining room at the resort restaurant. The room had a bar for adult beverages while we enjoyed visiting about the day's excursions while overlooking the Smoky Mountains. After everyone arrived, we seated ourselves at the large table for 20, where everyone enjoyed entrees of their choice. After dinner, we had a surprised Ted Molenda (THT) with a birthday cake since today was his birthday.

Tuesday unfortunately ended up being a "free day" due to some personal issues on my part, keeping me from driving / riding. Donald and Carlanne stepped up and took the majority of the group to do some cruising other than the cruise route I had planned for Tuesday. A few others enjoyed a relaxed day at the resort; which included us. We have learned that after a few days of hitting it hard, a slack day is well deserved and something that we should have planned up front. This evening after dinner, everyone re-grouped at the Gill's room (outside by the pool) where we enjoyed visiting and previewing some of the photos and videos taken up to this point – a mini-movie night so to speak.

Wednesday was our departure day from the resort; tough to leave such a relaxed and beautiful setting. Today's trip only had us traveling 124 miles across Hwy 19 over and up to the Blue Ridge Parkway; which then took us over to Asheville, NC. Once we arrived and checked into the hotel, we regrouped for lunch at a local walk-to restaurant. After lunch, a few members of the group stayed at the hotel, cleaning their Corvette for the photo on Thursday

morning.

Most of the group however climbed back in their Vettes and headed 21 miles south and east over to the Chimney Rock State Park. The small road up the side of the mountain was challenging however it wasn't anything like the 495 steps up to the top of "Chimney Rock". Normally you could have taken the elevator up to this level however it was out of service that day. After enjoying the awesome panoramic view along with snapping a group shot of the cruisers that conquered the challenge, four of us headed on up an additional 281 steps to the "Exclamation Point". There was a long waterfall we could hear from there however, it has been closed to the public (safety issues) so we were only able to view it from the road after departing the park. After returning back to our Vettes, we cruised on back to the hotel where small groups headed to some local restaurants for dinner. We opted to clean our Vette after dinner so it would be ready for Thursday morning's photo shoot.

Thursday morning looking out the window, we saw a beautiful morning with clear sky a few clouds here and there which was great news for our plans for today. This was the shortest driving day for the 9-day trip; only 15 miles roundtrip from and back to the hotel. We departed the hotel at 7:30am to reach the Biltmore Estate by 7:45am which our reservation time; due to traffic we almost cut this too tight. The estate grounds are massive and beautiful, covering over 8,000 acres, not to mention the drive in from the road is several miles. After winding thru the estate grounds we finally arrived at our destination, the Rampe Douce.

We had until 8:30am to take uncluttered photos in front of the estate, before the general public was allowed in. We had planned ahead (a little) so that we had separated like-color Corvettes and tried to alternate the light and dark colors. We took a group photo with all ten Corvettes in front of the Biltmore House, then we added the twenty cruisers into the photo; and of course we had to take another with everyone waiving. We then pulled all the Vettes out of the way and pulled them back in front of the house (one by one) to take individual Corvette & Cruiser photos. After the photos were finished, we pulled our Vettes into the adjoining lot while we rode the shuttle up to the house.

Over the next several hours the group spent time taking the tour of the awesome Biltmore House, the gardens and of course the souvenir and specialty shops. A Châteauesque-styled mansion was built by George Washington Vanderbilt II between 1889 and 1895. It is the largest privately owned house in the United States, spanning an enormous 178,926 square feet. ...continued on next page

It houses 250 rooms including 33 family and guest bedrooms, 43 bathrooms, 3 kitchens, 65 fireplaces and way too much to elaborate further; they even sell a book on it, imagine that. I won't spoil the rest of the history on the Biltmore; you should just put this on your bucket list. After the main tour and lunch we drove over to Antler Hill Village (on the estate) where we started with a tour of the Biltmore Winery; and of course wine tasting and you know what that leads to.

Some of us had plans to enjoy a Zip-Line after the Biltmore however, there were no openings at any of their locations until mid-day Saturday; so that added adventure was spoiled. We headed on back to the hotel where we spent time relaxing before dinner.

Friday was our departure day from Asheville heading east to end up west. Yes, no typo, the original plan was to leave Asheville heading up the Blue Ridge Parkway then over and up to enjoy the Diamondback. Due to road closures on the BRP, we had planned an alternate route that took us out I-40 (yuk) over to Old Fort, NC where we returned to the smaller fun roads.

Two of the Corvettes and cruisers on the trip were taking extended trips following this week of fun so one departed us at the hotel. The other stayed with us until we hit the top of the Diamondback where they turned back south to enjoy it again before heading on east.

Along the back roads (which we prefer for cruises), we enjoyed several quaint small towns and communities until we intersected with I-40 again; shortly after lunch in Newport, TN. Our final driving destination this evening was Nashville, TN, only 369 miles in length.

Once we checked into the hotel, we had time to relax before dinner. Next we headed to downtown Nashville (via shuttle) to enjoy some of the local nightlife with local music and entertainment. If you haven't experienced this, you should, even if it isn't your norm. The local talent is very good and it is where many get their start. The group dwindled as the night hours passed with only a handful of us left downtown around midnight. The shuttle ran on the hour so everyone could depart as they desired.

Saturday started our not-so-fun, get-it-on-home leg of the cruise which departed at 8am, heading west on I-40. After the laid-back days at the resort, the quiet towns and scenic areas, I-40 was sure NOT a welcome nor desired experience. After a long driving day of 502 miles, we reached Texarkana, and none too soon for most of us; we were so ready to be done driving and riding for the day! We

checked into the hotel, relaxed a bit then met up as a group for one last group dinner. After a great time visiting, recapping the trip while enjoying fine food we headed back to our hotel to rejuvenate for more driving tomorrow.

Sunday was an on-your-own day so by the time we left at 9am; there were only two of us still at the hotel. Some of the cruisers made their way back to the metroplex while grabbing some Cruiser stops (points) along the way; others just hauled it straight on home. For us, we took as much of the interstates as we could stand then headed off on back roads to relax more while also grabbing a few hard-to-get cruiser points.

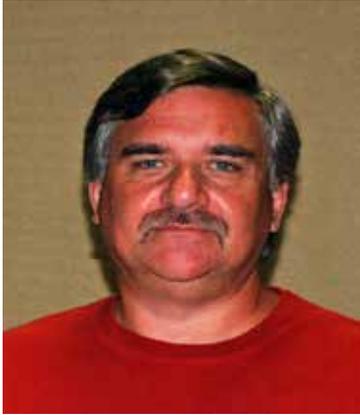
The 2,600+ mile, 9-day cruise was somewhat of a challenge to plan and execute however all went smooth, even with several unplanned adjustments as previously mentioned. If you are interested in planning an extended cruise, there were some lessons learned from this one which we would be more than willing to share.

From our perspective, the cruise was a blast and we enjoyed hosting it; all the planning and scheduling were well worth the experience. A few other participant comments provided include "This was more than a mere cruise (by Cowtown standards). This was a continuous, eight-day, non-stop, rolling party. This 'party' was held on a "train" of sorts whose cars were connected by our radios." More comments included "We had a wonderful time, it was a super vacation", "the trip enjoyable and interesting", "The cruise really was an entertaining, adventurous trip and I enjoyed spending time with all the participants of the ToD cruise" and some even enjoyed some photography and camera how-tos along the way."

Glenda and I would like to thank the group who joined us for this cruise vacation. We had lots of fun hosting, leading and experiencing this fun cruise to the Smokey Mountains with all of you. The cruise wasn't just about the roads (although awesome) or enjoying the various different planned activities but about spending time and sharing the experience with friends. The USA has a lot of awesome scenery and very neat places to visit; so get that Corvette out of the garage and go see the USA in your Chevrolet (Corvette that is ;) As I always say, it isn't always about the destination but what you see along the way; get off the interstates and see America!

FYI: If you have never planned and lead a cruise (even if just for lunch) you should consider it. There are several of us that have hosted cruises in the past and we are more than happy to share our knowledge and lessons learned.

# NCCC EVENTS



CTV's last NCCC event for this year is just a few days away. It's our 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Super Speedway Weekend on Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Texas Motor Speedway. Tech and Registration will be Friday evening, and we will run 12 autocrosses--usually 7 on Saturday and 5 on Sunday--so mark your calendars.

Friday night there will be an informal social at the Hampton Inn & Suites. Lost Oak Winery will have wine at the discounted Wine Club member rate for all participants from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM.

Saturday we will have a catered dinner starting about 7:00 p.m. The price is \$12.00 per person and the menu will be as follows:

Chicken Alfredo  
Mixed grill vegetables  
Garlic toast  
Salad  
Banana pudding and peach cobbler  
Sweet and unsweet tea

This event is what we are known for. The first two NCCC events were an overwhelming success due to all the volunteers who came out and worked to make it happen. I would like to see that same show of support and volunteerism at this two-day event so our racers from Texas and other parts of the country will be more than happy to keep coming back year after year because of you!

So, with that being said, I will have sign-up sheets for volunteers at the September membership meeting. Please sign-up and show support for your club. Remember: The best seat in the house to watch an Autocross is in the Corner!

## SWR 2013 Schedule

• September 21st & 22nd (Saturday & Sunday) – the *17th Annual Super Speedway Weekend* at Texas Motor Speedway  
– Location: Texas Motor Speedway

You can make your reservation with Hampton Inn & Suites for the September TMS event. Just go to the Club's website and click on the link. This is the hotel we have used for the past several years. We have a block of 60 rooms: 40 standard rooms for \$89.00 per night and 20 suites for \$109.00 per night. This is the same rate as last year. You must have your reservation in by September 8<sup>th</sup> for this rate.

*Rick Watson*

*NCCC Events Coordinator*

*rickandkaren@mindspring.com*

## *Dragon Cruise - Day One - Ready to Hit the Road*





# COWTOWN VETTES

## 2014 Membership Renewal Form



Primary: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Companion: \_\_\_\_\_

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eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail: \_\_\_\_\_

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Work (opt): \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent: \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Corvette Info: Year Coupe / Convertible / Z06 (please specify color)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

Our Areas of Interest (Cruise, Competition, Car Show, Socials etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

**Renewal Dues:** Primary Member: \$42.00 \$17.00 existing NCCC Lifetime Members ONLY  
Spouse / Companion: + \$20.00  
Each Dependent / Youth: + \$10.00  
NCCC Late Fee: + \$10.00 (required after 11/1/2013)

**TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_.**

Mail this completed form and your check payable to **Cowtown Vettes** and mail to:

**Glenda McMahan, CTV Governor**  
**2304 Forest Park Circle**  
**Mansfield, TX 76063**

**Or you may deliver it at the October or November Membership Meeting.**

**RENEWALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup> MEMBERSHIP MEETING** (or add the NCCC Late Fee Charge)

*Note: The above information will be kept private and used only for Cowtown Vettes Club and NCCC renewal purposes.*





## 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)**  
Oklahoma City, OK • SW-468

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Dallas, TX • SW-074

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

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

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

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

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

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

**OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB (OCCC)**  
Oklahoma City, OK • SW-131

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

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

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Graham, TX • SW-198

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

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

## 2013 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
<b>9/13-14</b>	<b>St Louis, MO</b>	<u><a href="#">NATIONAL MEETINGS</a></u>	<b>Nat'l</b>
9/21-22	Ft Worth, TX	<u><a href="#">1st CHOICE - LS Autocross Events @ Texas Motor Speedway - Laps on the Oval Sunday Morning</a></u>	CTV (BRCC)
<b>9/21</b>	<b>Ft Worth, TX</b>	<u><a href="#">SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 8 PM @ Hampton Inn on I-35 (just south of Texas Motor Speedway)</a></u>	<b>SWR</b>
9/28-29	OKC, OK <u><a href="#">Sheriff's Facility</a></u>	<b>1st Choice - 6 LS Autocross Events</b> <b>1st Choice - 7 LS Autocross Events</b>	CCOC SCCC
10/12-13	TBD, TX	<b>1st CHOICE Weekend</b>	CTCC
10/26-27	OKC, OK Noble, OK	<b>1st CHOICE - 7 Autocross Events at Sheriff's Facility</b> <u><a href="#">1st CHOICE - 3 Drag Events @ Thunder Valley in Noble</a></u>	COAST OCCC
11/2-03	TBD, TX	<b>1st CHOICE Weekend</b>	TV
<b>TBD</b>	<b>2-Nov</b>	<u><a href="#">SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD</a></u>	<b>SWR</b>
<b>11/8-09</b>	<b>St Louis, MO</b>	<u><a href="#">NATIONAL MEETINGS</a></u>	<b>Nat'l</b>

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

### BREAKFAST AND A MOVIE WITH CORVETTE FRIENDS



# GOVERNOR'S THOUGHTS



What a great weekend at Corvettes of Carlisle! Beautiful weather, lots of great cars, lots of vendor booths and nearly 20 new C7s on display. Chevy sent several Corvette specialists to talk and answer questions about the new C7. It included a NCCC car show and an auto-cross. If you ever get a chance

to attend this Corvette event, you should do it!

No event for the month of August, but September brings competition back to the Southwest Region, with Cowtown's Texas Motor Speedway event. All of Cowtown should consider signing up to assist in making this wonderful event a class act. If you have never experienced your Corvette in a controlled environment (you against the clock – not wheel-to-wheel) we would also invite you to sign up to run this event.

After the day Saturday, we will have a SWR Governor's meeting where several things are on the agenda. Bids for the 2014 first choice event weekends will be submitted. The region will be taking bids for the 2013 Southwest Region banquet which will be in the first part of 2014. The region is also seeking a nominee for the position of Regional Executive (RE) for 2014-15.

In brief, the RE duties are: Reside over 4 Region

*Glenda McMahon*

2013 NCCC Governor  
glenda-gm@att.net

Meetings a year. Attend 4 National Meetings a year - Friday night Regional Executive Meeting - Saturday -National Governors meeting representing and reporting back to Regions Governors. There are various minor tasks within these meetings you will need to do. Compensation: NCCC pays IRS mileage rate one way from your home to National Governors meeting site. SWR pays the difference between what NCCC pays and actual costs of hotel room and roundtrip transportation. If you drive the region pays on total gasoline costs. If you fly they pay for a roundtrip ticket. If you know of anyone who is interested, please let me know.

Cowtown Governor nominations will be taken at the September meeting from the floor only. The election will be held in October. I am interested in serving as your NCCC governor again for 2014, if nominated.

2014 RENEWALS START SEPTEMBER 1, 2013. Look for the renewal form in this Lowdown; I will also be emailing it to CTV-all list in a few days.

Regional Standings:

Cowtown #2

Men: Fred Proctor #2, Doug Shilen #4 and Kevin Anthony #9

Women: Cathy Anthony #4, Cindy Morrison #5, Donna Forsythe #8, Carlanne Hickman #9

Save the wave and come out and enjoy our TMS event, Sept. 21-22.





# COWTOWN VETTES CHARITY REPORT



James and I delivered the pet food, for the 4th annual drive, to the food bank this morning. The pet food weighed in at 704 pounds, so we broke last year's record! I ended up collected about \$150.00 from the members and I have the receipt for the pet food from the collected money. Below are a couple of photos taken we we made the delivery. The lady in the photo with me is Liesl Gray Manone. She is the Operations Director for Don't Forget to Feed Me organization. She was very grateful.

*Kim West*



*Jane Buehler*  
Charities Chairman



## 17TH ANNUAL SUPER SPEEDWAY WEEKEND

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



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*(2XL and up slightly higher)*
- Short Sleeve T-shirts ..... \$13.00
- Men's & Women's Long Sleeve Denim Shirts ..... \$25.00
- Polo shirts. All different styles ..... \$25.00  
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*2XL and up sizes are slightly higher)*

*If you want your name added to your shirt,*  
*it's only \$3 more!*

*Or if you want a Cowtown logo or a certain year*  
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- Name tags ..... \$ 12.00

We also have stickers, patches, koozies, and tumblers *(only two of these left!)*

So stop by the Logo table before and after the meeting to place your order. You'll get your order by the next meeting.

Thanks!

*Karen Watson*  
*Logo Merchandise Chairperson*  
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