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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



By the time you read this, 2014 will be upon us. I trust you will have had a very joyous Christmas with friends and family, rang in the New Year happily (and safely, too), and look forward to a successful year of good fortune and continued happiness. It is also my wish that Cowtown continues in its established precedent of providing you continued opportunities to enjoy your Corvette and the friends you have made in your club.

I want to congratulate and welcome our new officers as well as thank our outgoing officers for having served the club. We are starting the year with many of our committee chairs wishing to return. If a committee chair does not wish to continue serving, I understand. All I ask is for you to do what you can to assure the success of your successor.

This year, Cowtown will turn 40 years old. Our club is blessed with members from "day one" along with new faces that have recently joined. I believe it is this mix of knowledgeable veterans and innovative newcomers that keep our club socially relevant, financially healthy, and fundamentally fun. To commemorate the 40th anniversary, I have chartered a special committee to make sure that Cowtown's 40th is a year to remember. We will be paying our respects to current and former members, looking back in the history of the club to understand how Cowtown literally became Cowtown, and to celebrate the success and longevity of our club. If you would like to participate in the planning and coordination of the club, we would love to have you help us. Contact information is available on the website and in the Low-Down.

Due to the cancellation of our Christmas party, awards will be presented at the January 3rd membership meeting. As was the case in at the December membership meeting, the business agenda will be abbreviated to allow time for the awards ceremony. Please plan to attend this meeting. Many have worked hard, competed aggressively, and achieved success in the name of and in support of Cowtown Vettes. Please join me in recognizing these hard working people. There will be some fun, too.

If you need a New Year's resolution, why not pledge to wave at every oncoming Corvette. Of course, let's be practical. If you are heading West on I-20, for example, waving at oncoming traffic may prove impractical or downright unsafe. However, if you are sitting at a red light on Main Street in your home town, be sure and wave at that Corvette across from you. It might just make their day.

David Gill

2013 President

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Members: **Jack & Paula Winter**
2008 Red Vette

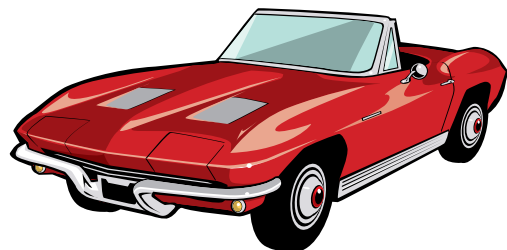
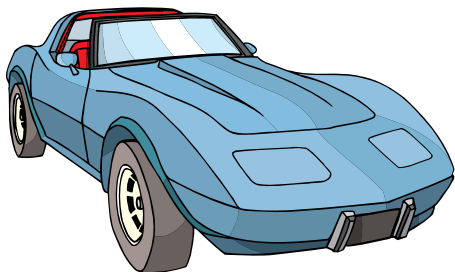


First Time Visitors: **Lance & Linda Vickers**
2014 Z51




To Anne Smith

Membership / Welcome Chairperson
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JANUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			 1	2	3 * <i>Membership Meetin</i> 7:30 Meeting	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Tour of Printing Facility - 3:30 pm; Dinner at BJ Brew- ery after tour	11
12	13	14	15 <i>Board Meeting</i> <u>LOW-DOWN</u> <u>DEADLINE</u>	16	17	18
19	20 	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Bold italic type denotes CTV events

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

FEBRUARY 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 * <i>Super Bowl</i> Party 5:00 pm - Papp's Burgers	3	4	5	6	7 * <i>Membership Meeting</i> 7:30 Meeting	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 	15 * <i>Valentine's Day</i> Social 6:00 pm - Radisson Hotel Fossil Creek
16	17	18	19 <i>Board Meeting</i> <u>LOW-DOWN</u> <u>DEADLINE</u>	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

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1/3 KELLY JOHNSON
1/3 DIANE YOUNG
1/4 TODD DALTON
1/10 DAVID GILL
1/11 DON WELLS
1/11 KEN SEGEL
1/12 CAROLYN ATKINS
1/13 BECKY CLARK
1/15 WILLIAM NOLAN
1/17 RED GREENFEDE
1/17 BARB GREENFEDER
1/18 LARRY SCHAAPVELD
1/19 WEDNY DALTON
1/20 INA KENNEDY
1/23 YVETTE LEWIS
1/27 LARRY HOALDRIDGE
1/31 SARAH WALKER



1/2 WALT & SHARON ZSCHIRNT
1/9 JOHN & NANCY DICK
1/10 PHILIP & INA KENNEDY
1/28 JERRY & DEBBIE LINDSEY

Tech Talk - C-4 Automatic Will Not Shift From Park

After I purchased my 1995 C-4 with an automatic transmission (my wife says I'm shiftless) that I use to autocross I began to notice I was having increasing problems getting the car to shift from park when the car was first started. At times it would take 5 or more minutes pushing the button on top of the shift lever while also pushing the brake before the car would finally shift out of park. Once you got it to shift you would have no additional problems shifting out of park unless the car sat for awhile.

Research on the Internet revealed that the most likely problem was the electric solenoid that is located just to the left of the shift lever under the center console.

To get to the solenoid you must first remove the four 7mm screws that hold on the center console cover and lay the cover aside. Then remove the small piece of carpet and remove the front two screws that hold down the rear of the center console shift cover. There is one more screw located in the bottom of the front cup holder that also must be removed. The shift cover should then be loose and you can lift it from the rear and slide it back enough to remove the wires that operate the rear glass release (on my coupe) and the shift indicator light. By carefully working the shift cover up you should be able to see the solenoid just to the left of the shift lever. Both ends are press on fittings and are easily removed with a blade screwdriver. Disconnect the wires to the solenoid and remove it. Now you just put everything back together in the reverse order. This would be a good time to replace the shift indicator light bulb if it has been failing to light.

I had no luck trying to find a replacement solenoid and my car no longer has problems shifting from park.

Warning and Disclaimer: The car will now shift out of park without having to press the brake and while this worked for me, it may not work for everyone.

Donald Hickman

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT



What a way to end the year 2013! After months of planning and promoting the Annual Awards Banquet and Holiday Party, Mother Nature decided to literally throw a major obstacle in our path---an ice storm. It briefly looked as if we might be able to pull it off but the weather took a turn for the worse. For the safety of our members and the financial interest of our club we had to cancel the event. At the last minute the Radisson came through for us and agreed to allow us to reschedule the event to February with

no penalties and no cost to the members that had paid to attend. All annual awards will be presented at the meeting in January.

To bring a little Christmas cheer to the rescheduled December meeting the club provided cookies, cupcakes, a fruit tray, and meat/cheese trays. Several members wore Santa hats and holiday shirts or sweaters. Our Toys for Tots collection was overwhelming and will certainly bring some cheer to children in families that are struggling to make Christmas a happy time. A big THANK YOU goes to everyone that donated toys.

As a new year begins I again want to thank you, the membership, for allowing me to serve you as Vice President/Social Chairman. I look forward to planning events that will be enjoyable or maybe even challenging for those that attend. Each year brings annual events that we look forward to having and new things to try. One of the ways we encourage you to get out of your comfort zone is to participate in the 100%er program. Cowtown Vettes offers a wide range of activities and this program allows you to experience all of the various aspects of membership. Activities include NCCC events such as autocross, funkhana, and rallye, club socials, charity walks, car shows, cruises, and club meetings. It may sound old but it's true---you will get out of your club membership what you choose to put in it. So be active!

Have you ever wondered how that dollar bill in your wallet was made? The answer can be found right here in Fort Worth at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing facility on 287N. There normally is no social event in January but I thought it would be fun to take a tour of this facility. Unfortunately the tours are only offered during the week until 4:30pm. I realize not many of you can make it but for those that can I have planned a tour on Friday, January 10th, at 3:30pm. Following the tour we will have dinner at BJ's Brewery.

February will have two 100%er events. It has become an annual tradition to meet at Pappas Burger on I-30 (2700 West Freeway) for a "come and go" Super Bowl Party. It is held in a private room with a big screen TV to watch the game, eat good food, and visit with friends. There is no set menu or cost to you but Pappas appreciates our food and drinks orders. We will again have the Charity 50/50 football pool for \$2.00/square. Maybe YOUR favorite team will be in the game!

The second event will be the rescheduled party that was cancelled in December. It will be Valentine's Social at the Radisson Fossil Creek on Saturday, February 15th from 6pm-10pm. After appetizers and drinks, an elegant dinner buffet will be served. During dessert and coffee some special awards will be presented and maybe some surprises too. To help celebrate this special day of love, I would like to receive some short stories about how you met your spouse, your first date, or a memorable act of love you have done or received. These will be shared with your fellow members so nothing too scandalous! I know there are some funny and interesting ones out there. I would also ask if you could bring a wedding photo to the social. It can be small or large, framed or unframed. These will be displayed on a special table. The cost is \$25.00 per person for members and \$35.00 per person for non-member guests. Payment can be made at the January and February meetings. Let the fun begin!!!

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COWTOWN CRUISER

CTV CRUISER PROGRAM



The Cowtown Cruiser Program (CCP) was started in 2005 for those who like to enjoy their Corvette in a relaxing yet adventurous way. It is an annual competition to see who will be the year's Top Cruisers. The program focuses on driving your Vette

to club, regional & national functions along with capturing places you have driven on your own. This can include places visited on vacations or just short weekend trips. For more information on the Cruiser Program, see our website or contact me to obtain your points sheet and log. Photo albums from past winners and other participants are available to view.

During 2013 CTV members and guests participated in five club cruises:

March 2nd we cruised the back roads of Parker and Palo Pinto Counties to Thurber, Tx with lunch at the Smokestack Restaurant.

May 17th-19th Doug and Glenda McMahan hosted the Hill Country Cruise that included driving the "Twisted Sisters" both ways and we got to see a beautiful part of Texas.

August 10th-18th Doug and Glenda hosted the Blue-Ridge Moonshine Dragon Cruise that took us through eight states. We got to see or run (1) the Tail of the Dragon, (2) the Cherohala Skyway, (3) the Biltmore Estate, (4) the Moonshiner 28 and (5) parts of the scenic Blue Ridge Parkway. This was a fantastic trip that I will remember the rest of my life.

September 7th Carol Savage and Jim Jones hosted the Lonesome Dove cruise that focused on historic sites of Charles Goodnight and Oliver Loving.

November 16th we cruised the back roads of Johnson, Bosque and McLennan Counties with lunch at the Quaker Steak & Lube Restaurant. We then toured the Texas Rangers Hall of Fame and Museum, Waco, TX and the Waco Mammoth Site.

COWTOWN CRUISER

The 2014 Cruiser Competition starts January 1st. New Cruiser Packets are available electronically or in paper form. Always remember the cruiser program is about getting out and enjoying your Corvette, seeing the countryside, going places you'd typically never see, and representing Cowtown. You can cruise on your own or on our sponsored cruises. To make the 2014 Cruiser Program a success, we need members to suggest places to go

...keep on cruisin'

Donald Hickman
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and to sponsor cruises for the coming year. The cruises don't have to be weekend cruises but can be short ½ day or all day trips for lunch, dinner, events, shopping, or just seeing something unique. If you have a destination in mind, we'll help you plan a route. As always, please check the Cruiser Schedule <http://cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruisersch.html> for upcoming cruises and any last minute changes.

Doug McMahan has again arranged for us to have Cruiser Shirts for 2014. The shirts are available in black or gray for the price of \$9.00. There will be a sign up sheet at the January meeting or you can email me with the number, size and color you need. If you are paying by check, please make the check out to me and you can pay me at the meeting. You are not required to have a Cruiser Shirt to participate for Cruiser points.

ANNUAL CRUISER PHOTO CONTEST

Don't forget to capture your Vette in interesting or unusual places for the "What I Saw Along the Way" photo contest to share the places and things you've seen and enjoyed over the year.

As always, we welcome any suggestions for improving the program and hope to see new participants in the year ahead.

Donald Hickman

2014 Cruiser Chairperson (donaldhickman@sbcglobal.net)



<Thurber, TX Cruise



Twisted Sisters Cruise>



<Moonshine Dragon Cruise

Lonesome Dove Cruise>



<Ranger Museum Cruise

WEBMASTER



2013 was a busy year – seems the more years that fly by, the busier they get. We do have several events already on the 2014 calendars; which are up to date thru November of 2014 at this time. We have started updating various other pages in the website, like cruiser pages, car show, NCCC events, etc. If you see a page that you feel has been overlooked, please don't hesitate to contact me about it.

Webmaster monthly recap: Things have been a little slower this month, partially due to the bad weather that we all enjoyed – NOT! Since my last report, the only event coverage that has been added (due to cancelled events) was the Cook Children's Christmas Party. However, with that said, it has been a busy month since there have literally been over one hundred pages already tweaked, replicated, modified for the 2014 year and more being worked on daily.

We did have five events in 2013 that our members participated in that we have ZERO photos from multiple events in 2013; with 2014 being an NCCC Website Contest year that we can compete in, we would like to obtain photos from all events. So, don't forget your camera when you go out to enjoy Corvette

Fun, regardless if it is a club event or something you went and participated in. Most importantly, after you take the photos – please send them to the webmaster so that we can share them with our members and the world-wide-world of Corvette owners out there.

Cowtown's 40th Year is taking place in 2014; you can find the home page for this activity. Already, there have been lots of activities discussed and planning has started on the big 40th celebration; you aren't going to want to miss out on the fun. You can find this page just below the Cowtown Low-Down image on our home page.

As you browse around the website, if you spot something on a webpage which appears to be incorrect or needs attention, please contact the webmaster so it can be validated. Maybe you have an idea for something that would make our website better; we would like to hear about it. This is yours and the club's website, which is viewed from all over the world – so we want it to be always up-to-date and correct. Additionally, in 2014, Cowtown can participate in the NCCC Nat'l Website Contest again; the webmaster needs your assistance to make it as great and perfect as it can be!!!

Cowtown Sponsors; know a business that might like to sponsor Cowtown at some level? Remember, if you have potential business that would like to see become a sponsor, please provide them with a sponsorship brochure or have them contact one of the elected officers. At the bottom of every page you will find a link for the Cowtown Sponsors page – on that page you will find a link for the sponsorship brochure which can be shared.

If you have an interest in assisting with Cowtown's website, please contact the webmaster – 2013 was my 10th year as webmaster for Cowtown and it has been a pleasure although lots of hours at times. The webmaster would really appreciate members to assistance with parts of the website. This has been a goal for some time now; even if only to handle areas such as the Misc. Car Show or Competition Calendars – maybe even a particular event page, or social media, etc. Think about it and give the webmaster a shout.

Facebook: Are you a Cowtown Vettes friend on Facebook? If not, please do so you can see the many comments that we receive from some of our teaser photos. When you "like" an event and/or photos on our Facebook page it also helps promote and make Cowtown more visible. The more visible we are, the more potential members we reach for club membership and even with our event invites like our NCCC events and the annual car show. NCCC also has a Facebook along with some specific pages around conventions each year; we would invite you to become a Facebook friend with NCCC as well.

Cowtown Email Distribution Lists: We continue to maintain a couple of dozen email distribution lists; these go beyond the Entire-Club list and the Officer list. Most of these are special interest such as Car Show committee, NCCC Events, specialty Cruises, Convention, etc. Our hosted distribution lists, we cannot add anyone to a list without them accepting it – so if you have requested to be added to a list, you will have an invite in your email inbox – you will have to accept it to be added to that list. I would like to remind the Chairpersons that some of these lists (along with webpages) fall within your functional responsibilities so if you are a new chairperson, your email will be added. If you have questions around the distribution lists, getting yourself added to any specific one, etc. then please get in touch with me. Members, 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. 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 shout. I also encourage you to shout if you find any pages that have issues or if there is something you would like to see or things you dislike; after all this is your website and I am only the caretaker of your website.

Doug McMahan
2013 CTV Webmaster
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...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!

COOKS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY



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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



CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS (CCT)
Dallas, TX • SW-074



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



TEJAS VETTES (TV)
Plano, TX • SW-163



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



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



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

2014 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
1/1/2014	Your Club	Nat'l Club Website Contest - Contest Opens	Nat'l
2/21-22/2014	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
3/1/2014	Your Club	Nat'l Newsletter Contest - 1st Issue DUE	Nat'l
TBD	OKC, OK	SWR Awards Banquet, host: Oklahoma City Corvette Club Banquet Registration Deadline: TBD (rec'd) Hotel Deadline TBD (block will be released) Evening Meal Menu Hotel Deadline \$TBD + tax	SWR
TBD	OKC, OK	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 9 AM at TBD	SWR
4/6/2013	TBD	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	TOCC
4/12-13/2014	Waco, TX	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses 1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	CTCC MCCC
4/25-26/2014	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
5/1/2014	Your Club	Nat'l Club Website Contest - Contest Closes	Nat'l
5/3-4/2014	TBD	1st CHOICE - TBD	LCC
5/10-11/2014	Hallett, OK	Driving School / Track Day (non-sanctioned) Friday the 9th 1st CHOICE - 7 High-Speed Events 1st CHOICE - 7 High-Speed Events	???
5/17-18/2014	TBD	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses 1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	CTV/CCT (BRCC)
5/17/2014	TBD	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD in TBD	SWR
5/24-25/2014	OKC, OK Noble, OK	1st CHOICE - 7 Autocross Events 1st CHOICE - Drags @ Thunder Valley in Noble, OK	OCCC
6/7-8/2014	OKC, OK Sheriff's Facility	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses 1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	TVS SCCC
6/14-15/2014	TBD, TX	1st CHOICE - TBD 1st CHOICE - TBD	CTV (BRCC / CCT)
6/15/2014	Your Club	Nat'l Newsletter Contest - Final Issue DUE	Nat'l
8/25-29/2014	Savannah, GA	NATIONAL CONVENTION 2014 & NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
8/29/2014	Savannah, GA	National Club Newsletter & Website Contest Winners Announced	Nat'l
9/12-13/2014	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
9/20-21/2014	Ft Worth, TX	1st CHOICE Weekend - 7 LS Autocross Events 1st CHOICE Weekend - 5 LS Autocross Events Texas Motor Speedway - Laps on the Oval Sunday Morning	CTV (BRCC)
9/20/2014	Ft Worth, TX	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 8 PM @ Hampton Inn on I-35 (just south of Texas Motor Speedway)	SWR
9/27-28/2014	OKC, OK Sheriff's Facility	1st CHOICE - 6 LS Autocrosses 1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	CCOC SCCC
10/11-12/2014	Houston, TX	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses 1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	SJCC CMCT
10/18-19/2014	Waco, TX	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses 1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	CTCC TCCC
10/18/2014	TBD	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD	SWR
10/25-26/2014	OKC, OK Noble, OK	1st CHOICE - ? Autocross Events at Sheriff's Facility 1st CHOICE - ? Drag Events @ Thunder Valley in Noble	COAST OCCC
11/7-8/2014	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l

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

GOVERNOR'S THOUGHTS



It is 2014 already! Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season!

We had a great 2013 and looking forward to another great year, with this being Cowtown's 40th anniversary. Cowtown has 165 members and still growing. It is a good group of people and lots of events,

there is always something for everyone to participate in.

Remember we will be able to sign up for National Council of Corvette Club's annual Convention on Feb. 1st. This is going to be an exciting, fun filled time in Savannah, Georgia, taking place August 25th-29th. Lots of history and things to do in and around Savannah. The host hotel is the Westin Savannah Harbor Resort and looks to be a wonderful place to stay, with a water taxi that shuttles between River Street shopping, restaurants and entertainment and the hotel. So make this one of your vacation destinations. Renew old friendships and make new ones with other corvette loving people. There will be some competition and non-competition events, check them out on the national website; linked from CTV's website. I am looking forward to this being a great convention.

The 2014 SWR competition schedule is in the LowDown and on the Southwest Region website.

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It looks to be a full year again packed with lots of fun. You will also find a calendar on the SWR website that lists some non-NCCC sanctioned events (like car shows) which are hosted by other NCCC clubs around the region. You will also find links to the National Competition database to find events out of the Southwest Region. If you are on a vacation and want to participate in a car show, rallye, etc, this is a great place to find them listed.

Due to the Annual Awards banquet being cancelled because of the ice storm, the January meeting will be where we do the honors for our 2013 competitors. We hope you will make an extra effort to be at the January Meeting and please take time to congratulate these people, encourage them to continue to represent Cowtown and give them your support. Congratulations to all of you took part in an event of any kind in 2013. Anyone can come out and support Cowtown at an event (worker, spectator and even a passenger) to witness how much fun you can have in a corvette.

For 2014, the NCCC Rule Book has not changed from 2013, so if you are interested in competing or just knowing more about competition and the events, please visit our NCCC website (linked from Cowtown's) and look under the Competition Manual.

Save the wave!



NCCC EVENTS



I hope everyone had a good Holiday Season.

We will start out the 2014 NCCC season with a practice autocross at Mineral Wells on Saturday, March 29th. This will be our first practice autocross that we've held in the last three years. This is the perfect time for anyone wanting to try autocrossing. I will have an event planning meeting in the Coors Boardroom on January 22nd at 7:00

PM.

In May we will have our No-Frills autocross with CCT at Mineral Wells. We will run our event on Saturday, May 17th and CCT will host their event on Sunday, May 18th. In June we will have the third annual Summer Scramble

tentatively planned at Fat Daddy's in Mansfield on Saturday, June 14th. This is a fun event for the club because there's something for everyone to participate in.

In September we will host our 18th annual Super Speedway weekend at TMS September 20th and 21st.

If anyone is interested in co-chairing the NCCC events with me this year just let me know.

SWR 2014 Schedule:

- March 29th Practice Auto Cross. Location: Mineral Wells
- May 17th & 18th CTV / CCT (BRCC) No Frills Autocross. Location: Mineral Wells
- June 14th CTV (BRCC/CCT) Summer Scramble. Location: Fat Daddy's in Mansfield.
- Sept. 20th & 21st CTV (BRCC) 18th Annual Super Speedway Weekend. Location: Texas Motor Speedway



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COWTOWN VETTES CHARITY REPORT



The Toys for Tots toy drive was a success. Thanks to everyone who brought toys to the December meeting! A \$500 check from our charity fund was also presented to purchase more toys. It's always great to celebrate the season by helping others and you made that possible through your donations to our 50/50 raffle at each meeting. Thank you so much!



Here are the lucky 50/50 winners for 2013:

January	Chris Malcolm	April	Dennis McMahan
February	Ina Kennedy	June	Raley Smith
March	Gene Price	August	Virginia Littlefield
May	Larry Schoapveld	October	Don Segreti
July	Barb Greenfeder	December	Tony Sokoloski
September	Raley Smith		
November	Wendy Dalton		

Thank you in advance for your contributions in 2014! We do make a difference in other's lives!

Jane Buehler
Charities Chairman

The Cook Children's Hospital Christmas party was, once again, a successful event thanks to our volunteers and all the folks who contribute to make the party fun for the children. There were fewer children attending the party this year, which is great news to know that fewer children were in the hospital during this holiday season.

Thanks to Barb Greenfeder and Bill Buehler for leading our group of volunteers and to Doug McMahan for taking our pictures. Although, the tables and much of the setup was already done before we arrived, I know the gifts that were handed out and the crafts that we helped the children make were really appreciated.

Thanks to these folks for coming out to help:

Red & Barb Greenfeder
Ronnie & Connie McCrary
Walt Zschirnt
Scott Wheeler
Steve Weible
Carol Savage
Jim Jones
Doug McMahan
Cassie Randlin (Doug's daughter)
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The following members who joined in 2013 will be eligible for the Rookie of the Year award for 2014.

Marsha Alton
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Hello everyone. Welcome to the Logo Merchandise store. There are lots of great things for sale with the Cowtown logo on them. Here's just a sampling of some of the things we have for sale:

Caps.....	\$ 7.50
Visors.....	\$ 7.50
Sweatshirts.....	\$20.00
<i>(2XL and up slightly higher)</i>	
Long Sleeve T-shirts.....	\$15.00
<i>(2XL and up slightly higher)</i>	
Short Sleeve T-shirts	\$13.00
Men's & Women's Long Sleeve Denim Shirts	\$25.00
Polo shirts. All different styles.....	\$25.00
<i>(Please note that on all shirt orders,</i>	
<i>2XL and up sizes are slightly higher)</i>	

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
Corvette on one of your own shirts it's only \$5!

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!

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