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ALL CTV MEMBERS

During their meeting on April 1st 2014,
Fort Worth City Council
will present a proclamation declaring April 6th
to be

COWTOWN VETTES 40TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

We are asking for a large turnout of CTV members in support of this Special event!!

Please arrive early at approximately 6:45pm, as the doors open at 7:00 pm

Wear your blue 40th anniversary shirts.

City Hall is located at 1000 Throckmorton Street in downtown Fort Worth,
and the Council chambers are on the second floor.

Parking is limited, however meters are free after 6:00 pm



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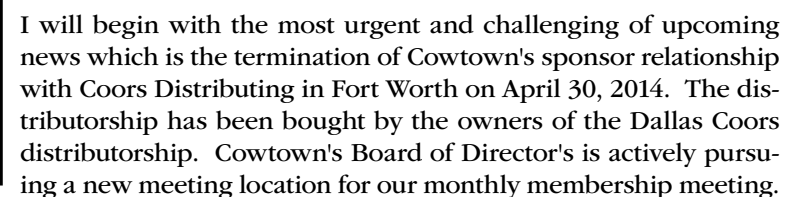
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Although we have a few "warm" leads and a list of possible opportunities, we are open to any workable location. If you know of a place that may be able to accommodate us, please do not hesitate to contact me at my email address posted elsewhere in this publication and include sufficient contact information. The club's media outlets will keep you informed of meeting locations beyond April, 2014.

Several near term events are beginning their planning activities and can always use your creativity. NO ONE is unqualified to participate in any of these events. Although my article is the first, be sure and read the rest of the Low-Down for articles that provide specific detail on Cowtown's upcoming activities. Those experienced in these various activities will be quite helpful in making sure you know what must be done and how to help achieve success. Even if an activity is fully staffed, that "staff" might want an occasional substitute. Your Cowtown website and Low-Down are committed to keeping you up to date on all events. In addition, watch your email for occasional notices.

For those of you who are interested, Cowtown is now supporting Fisher House (<http://www.fisherhouse.org/about/>) which is Cowtown's way of supporting our veterans and their families. Cowtown has already sent a donation that was earmarked for the Dallas facility and we have received a letter of thanks. THANK YOU, Cowtown!

As always, **SAVE THE WAVE.**



MEMBERSHIP REPORT

New Members

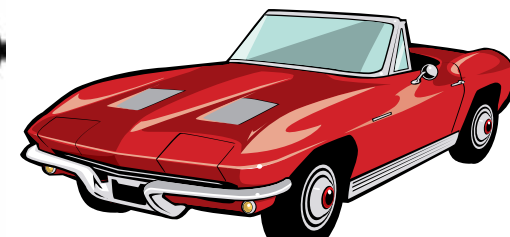
Lance & Linda Vickers
2014 Z51 Coupe





Dennis & Vickie Johnson
2006 Convertible

1st Time Visitors

Barbara Cole-Martin
2000 Red Coupe
Gary Monigold
67 Torch Red Convertible




**MARCH 2014**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31					1
2	3 IF PETS HAD THUMBS DAY	4	5	6	7 * Membership Meeting 7:30 pm	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	NCCC SWR Awards Banquet in OKC 15
SWR Governors Meeting in OKC 16	17	18	Board Meeting 19 <u>LOW-DOWN DEADLINE</u>	Extraterrestrial Abductions Day 20 	21	22
* 40th Anniversary Group Photo Shoot 23	24	25	May NCCC Event Planning Meeting 26	27	28	29 Mineral Wells, TX Practice Autocross

Bold italic type denotes CTV events

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

APRIL 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>Fort Worth City Council Meeting</i> 7:00pm	2	Texas 500 Weekend at TMS 3	Texas 500 Weekend at TMS 4 <i>* Membership Meeting</i> 7:30 pm	Texas 500 Weekend at TMS 5
 6 Official Cowtown 40th Anniv Day	7	8	9	10	11	NCCC - CTCC/ 12 MCCC Events : LS Autocross in Waco
13	14	15	16 Board Meeting <u>LOW-DOWN</u> <u>DEADLINE</u>	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	Pig in a Blanket 24 	25	26 <i>* Bruce Lowrie Exhibit</i>
<i>Vines & Vettes at Lost Oak</i> 27 <i>Winery Bureson</i>	28	29	30			

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03/13 - Lance Vickers
03/14 - Bruce Lewis
03/15 - Donna Rosett
03/16 - Dollie Hunley
03/17 - Jack Gandy
03/18 - Donald Rankin
03/26 - Karen Phillips



03/16 - John & Cory Armes
03/15 - Donald & Carlanne Hickman
03/30 - Kerry & Alaine King
03/03 - Ronnie & Connie Mccrary
03/10 - Joe Rosales
03/05 - Larry & Kaye Schaapveld



Take a Lifesaving Step...**SIGN UP NOW!!**...as a member of Team CORVETTES FOR NKF and walk with me and your fellow CTV members on Sunday, April 6, at Trinity Park in memory of, or in celebration of a friend, co-worker, relative or self.

I wish to extend my heartfelt Thanks for the following members who have joined Team CORVETTES FOR NKF: DAVID GILL, LARRY HOALDRIDGE, WILLIAM NOLAN and CAROL SAVAGE.

The NKF generates their Walk funds through the fundraising of Team members; there is no Registration Fee. Here are some fundraising ideas: (1) Pull your holiday card list and send a letter to all your friends and family (NOTE: A sample fundraising letter can be found on the kidney.org website for your convenience.), (2) contact the businesses you frequent, as well as clubs and organization to which you belong, family doctors and dentists, and your child's or grandchild's teachers. Also, when preparing your fundraising letter, please remember to mention that Doubling One's Donation with Matching Gifts is always welcome (through employers).

REMEMBER...It is easy to sign up as a Walk Member or to make a Donation. Go to www.cowtownvettes.org and click on 'April, 2014' under Events Calendar; then click on Walk Info under April 6. This link takes you to the Team CORVETTES FOR NKF Walk page at the FW Kidney Walk website. (Please note that at this writing Team CORVETTES FOR NKF is currently Top Team fundraiser with \$1559.) If you have any questions about signing up, donating, etc., please contact me. As of this writing, we have 42 DAYS until the Fort Worth Kidney Walk.

Sylvia Hoaldridge

Captain, Team CORVETTES FOR NKF

Remember: "A short walk can help someone take a lifesaving step."

NOTE: Don't forget to bring your pennies to the March & April membership meetings. The person donating the most pennies will receive a \$30 Starbucks gift card.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT



On February 2nd, thirty-six members and five guests met at Pappas Burger at I-30 and Forest Park to watch the Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks in the 48th Super Bowl. Those cheering for Denver rapidly became disappointed as Seattle dominated the game from start to finish. This did not stop the food and fellowship from being the highlight of the evening. The 50/50 Charity Football Pool generated \$125 for the charity fund with \$25 being donated back to the fund by Lance and Linda Vickers, the first quarter winners. They also won the second quarter. The third quarter was won by Allyssa Hill, a guest of Tony Sokoloski. Donn and Candy Beck were the final winners of the night.

The Valentine's Day Dinner held on Saturday, February 15th was attended by sixty-five members and one guest. Drinks and appetizers were enjoyed while waiting for everyone to arrive. At 7 P.M. a bountiful buffet was offered. Amazing and decadent desserts followed. Throughout the evening love stories were read and door prizes were awarded. A special thank you goes to David & Becky Clark, Don & Karyn Fowler, Fred & Margaret Proctor, Murphy & Laura Randall, Mike & Rachel Toombs, and Judy & Allen Shanholtz for submitting their stories. Members brought photographs from their wedding, honeymoon, or other special days for all to enjoy viewing. These generated several questions regarding who was in the photo since those in the photos just might have changed a little since they were taken. Awards were given to the couple married the shortest length of time, Ray and Denice Kaspar, and to the couple married the longest, Tom and Donna McHenry.

After everyone was satisfied they had eaten enough, it was time to play the Not So Newlywed Game. A BIG Thank You goes to our contestant couples: Kevin & Cathy Anthony, P.J. & Deborah Jackson, and Bob & Cindy Morrison. After all of the questions were answered, a panel of three judges declared the Morrisons as the winners. Thanks goes to Donna Forsythe, Jack Gandy, and Robert Geyer for being on the distinguished panel of judges. The final hour of the evening was spent visiting with old and new friends.

The 100%er event for March will be the 40th Anniversary Photo Shoot to be held on Sunday, March 23rd. The location is the northeast parking lot next to Cooper's BBQ on N. Main St. in the Fort Worth Stockyards. Cars will be lined up beginning at 1:00PM. Those choosing to arrive earlier can enjoy an optional lunch at Cooper's BBQ. Food is served through a serving line with seating in the building or on the patio. If you want to have lunch, you might want to arrive between 11:30AM and 12:00PM to have plenty of time to eat and move your car into position for the photo shoot. Wear your 40th Anniversary shirts and big smiles.

At the monthly meeting in April you will have the first opportunity to vote for Outstanding Male and Female Members for 2014. Any member is eligible to be selected. If you are not sure of a member's name, ask another member or look in the Lowdown. You can also meet that person and notice their nametag. There will be two more ballots cast in July and November. This selection honors those members that consistently go above and beyond to make your membership as memorable and enjoyable as possible. April's 100%er event will be the Bruce Lowrie Exhibition on Saturday, April 26th. More details will be given at the meeting in April. Bruce Lowrie Chevrolet is our Platinum sponsor and provides financial support for Cowtown Vettes. This exhibition is one way we show our appreciation for all they do for us.

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COWTOWN CRUISER



Upcoming cruises include:

Date to be Determined, Robert and Cydnie Geyer are working on a cruise to Nocona, Texas and a private tour of the Horton Classic Car Museum. The museum contains over 120 classic cars including more than 40 Corvettes.



June 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2014, Mark Kirby is planning a cruise to Jefferson, Texas and the Big Cypress Classic Car Show. Jefferson is located near Louisiana and Mark advises that the Big Cypress Classic is a first class car show.

July 12th, 2014, Mark Kirby is planning a "Peach Cruise" to Terrell, Texas for lunch with desert, peach ice cream, at Ham's Orchard. We did this cruise 3 or 4 years back and it was great fun.

The 2014 Cruiser Competition started 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 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 at <http://cowtownvettes.org/CCP/cruisersch.html> for upcoming cruises and any last minute changes.

The 2014 Annual Vette Photo Contest has also so started. 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. You will find rules for the Photo Contest on our website.

We welcome any suggestions for improving the program and hope to see new participants in the year ahead.

Donald Hickman

...keep on cruisin'

2014 Cruiser Chairperson
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WEBMASTER



It has been a busy few months getting all of the hundreds of "core webpages" updated to include the 40th logo along with a special 40th anniversary background. I am also looking to see what else we can do to spruce up the website – any thoughts or suggestions, let me know. If you are interested in the NKF or Susan G. Komen walk in Ft Worth this April & May check out our website, the links will take you directly to the Cowtown Team pages; from their you can sign up to participate and/or donate.

All of our 40th Anniversary events are posted on our website (and Facebook); the main 40th link under the Cowtown Lowdown logo or on the monthly pages. There will be more information posted on those pages as it becomes available. Likewise, our three NCCC events that we host each year also have pages on our website. While some do not have all of the information available at this time, there is enough to mark your calendars so you can be a part of them.

Webmaster monthly recap: Since my last report, we have added coverage for two events; the Super Bowl & Valentines Socials. I would like to thank Jo Anne & Raley Smith for the SB photos; ours were used for Valentines. Starting in March we should see an increase in activities as the weather gets more desirable to take that Corvette out to enjoy it. So, Please DO NOT 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.

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.?

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...whatever your Corvette interest is, pursue your passion, keep the spirit

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

Many of us are members of the National Corvette Museum (NCM) in Bowling Green, KY, so the recent natural disaster that impacted the Skydome hit home. Additionally, NCCC is a partner with the NCM and I (as Director of Public Relations) manage the NCCC Kiosk Display in the hallway between the main building and the Skydome; only ~30 feet from the edge of the sinkhole.

The NCM received a call at 5:44am on February 12, 2014 from their security company stating that the motion detectors were going off in the Skydome area. Upon arrival and inspection it was discovered that a sinkhole had collapsed inside the Museum Skydome. There wasn't anyone in or around the NCM at the time of the collapse. The Fire Department arrived and secured the area; estimating the size of the hole to be ~40 feet across and ~25-30 feet deep (at the top of the caved in debris). Since that date, an assessment of the Skydome as confirmed that the perimeter is structurally sound. The other Corvettes in the Skydome have been safely removed to allow for continued assessment of the facility and to aid in the facility restoration. Unfortunately the sinkhole took eight collector Corvettes down, as the floor collapsed under them; two were on loan from GM* the other 6 were owned by NCM (some donated by individuals):

*1993 ZR-1 Spyder

1962 Black Corvette

1992 White 1 Millionth Corvette

2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Corvette



*2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil"

1984 PPG Pace Car

1993 Ruby Red 40th Anniversary C

2009 White 1.5 Millionth Corvette



In a press conference on Thursday, February 13, GM / Chevrolet announced that they would help the National Corvette Museum recover from the massive sink hole; that Chevrolet will be overseeing restoration of the Corvettes damaged. They stated that the process will be managed by General Motors Design in Warren, Mich. "The vehicles at the National Corvette Museum are some of the most significant in automotive history," said Mark Reuss, executive vice president of General Motors Global Product Development. "There can only be one 1-millionth Corvette ever built. We want to ensure as many of the damaged cars are restored as possible so fans from around the world can enjoy them when the Museum reopens." The restoration will be overseen by Ed Welburn, vice president of GM Global Design. When the cars are recovered, they will be on display

in the museum for a period of time; then they will be shipped to the Mechanical Assembly facility, a small specialty shop within GM Design, where the best restoration approach will be determined. Mechanical Assembly has been part of GM Design since the 1930s, and today maintains and restores many of the vehicles in the GM Heritage Collection and GM's historic concept cars.

Also during the same press conference, Mike Murphy, CEO of Scott, Murphy & Daniel Construction, shared that sinkholes are very common for this area, but that what is not common is for one to swallow eight Corvettes. He stated that it is repairable and the building foundation and structure is in good condition. He stated that it will take 2-3 weeks for them to stabilize and secure the area (the red spire, the walls of the sinkhole); once that has been accomplished, the process of recovering the eight Corvettes will begin. He stated that the vehicle recovery process is anticipated to take 4-6 days after the stabilization. Once the Corvettes are removed, they will replace the earth and floor system.

According to an update from Gary Cochran (NCM) gave us an update on 2/21/14, stating that the NCM building and cars were insured however the remediation to get the whole filled was not, along with a few other incidentals. They were anticipating that the cost of those gaps would be between \$200k and \$1M. They will be doing seismic tests in the rest of the building and property to make sure they don't have other unknowns that could cause issues like this in the future. If you are not a member of the NCM, this would be a great time to join and show your support for their efforts to preserve the history of the American Sports Car – the Corvette.

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We would recommend that you visit the National Corvette Museum's website for full authoritative details and information around the sinkhole, the Skydome rebuild, Corvette removal and restoration. Additionally, you can find some videos taken inside the sinkhole using a drone.

<http://corvettemuseum.blogspot.com/2014/02/sinkhole-collapses-at-national-corvette.html>

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT 1974?

Way back in 1974 a group of folks got together and formed a Corvette Club that we know today as “Cowtown Vettes”. That original club has evolved into the fun group of folks we have today. Lots of things have changed over the last 40 years, hair color, waistlines, styles, attitudes, and much more, but we are still a fun group of folks.

Below are a few things you may have forgotten, or never knew, about our namesake car. Below them is a brief trivia test you may want to take.

1974 CORVETTE “FUN FACTS”



1. There were several “Lasts” for Corvette in 1974:
 - a. Last true dual exhausts, catalytic converters in later years
 - b. Last year for leaded gas
 - c. Last two piece rear bumper
 - d. Last 454 engine in a Vette
 - e. Last year for standard “point type” ignition
2. The FE7 Gymkhana Suspension package was first introduced in the 1974 Corvette.
3. From 1963-1996, 1974 is the only year that the Corvette emblem is NOT on the Gas Door.
4. First ever drop in base horsepower occurred in 1974
5. Appears 1974 was one of the few years GM didn’t keep quantity records on paint color

1974 TRIVIA QUIZ

Write out your answers to the questions below, bring to the March meeting and turn in for “grading”. Or pick up a copy of the quiz at the meeting to fill out. Highest score wins, drawing in case of ties.

1. What was the most popular TV show in 1974?
2. What was the most popular song the week Cowtown Vettes started (April 6 – 12)?
3. What was the most popular song for the entire year 1974?
4. What significant political event occurred in 1974?
5. What team won the 1974 World Series?
6. What team won the 1974 Super Bowl?
7. What team was the 1974 NBA Champs?
8. What international crisis ended in 1974?
9. What game/puzzle was invented in 1974 that is still popular?
10. What popular TV show began an eleven year run in 1974?
11. Who else is celebrating a 40th anniversary or birthday in 2014?



Thanks to *Bill Buehler* for this!

CTV 40TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Plans are moving ahead quickly toward several events to celebrate our club's 40th Anniversary. If you haven't already put these on your calendar be sure to make note of these dates and plan to attend.

Sunday, March 23 - we will gather to take the commemorative photo of our club. This photo will go in the NCCC Blue Bars magazine. You can see previous photos from years past on the website. We will be using the parking lot at Cooper's Barbecue in the Stockyards district. The address is 301 Stockyards Blvd. and it is right across from Billy Bob's Texas. Cooper's is allowing us to use their lot at no charge, so we are encouraging everyone to get there around 12-12:30 in time to eat lunch. We will begin the staging process around 1:00 and hope to be ready to take the photo by 3. Wear your 40th anniversary shirt. Doug and Glenda McMahan are in charge of this event.

Tuesday, April 1 - FW City Council Meeting - The City Council will be presenting a proclamation declaring April 6 as Cowtown Vettes Day. Everyone is invited to attend. Wear your anniversary shirt and arrive at 6:45 PM for the 7:00 meeting. The meeting is in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 1000 Throckmorton in downtown Fort Worth. Carol Savage is in charge of this event.

Friday, April 4 - Cowtown Vettes Membership meeting - There will be a special recognition and refreshments at the membership meeting to celebrate our 40th Anniversary. Carlanne Hickman is in charge of this event.

Saturday, May 31 - Celebration Party at Red's Roadhouse - We will meet at Red's Roadhouse, 1170 E Kennedale Pkwy, Kennedale, beginning at 6:00. Tickets will be \$15.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. Final details of food and entertainment are still being worked out, but save the date for what will be a fun evening.

To Anne Smith
40th Anniversary Chairperson

Watch the newsletter and the website for more details on each event.



**“SIGN-UP AND BE A PART OF IT;
SEND YOUR INFORMATION TO DOUGLAS MCMAHAN (MACSVETTES@ATT.NET).”**

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 SANCTIONED COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
Mar 15	OKC	Hotel Deadline 2/22/14 (block will be released) Hotel Room & Info \$112 + tax Evening Meal Menu	SWR
Mar 16	OKC	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 8:30 AM at Embassy Suites (in the Exec Board Room)	SWR
Mar 29	Mineral Wells, TX	Practice Autocross	CTV
Apr 06	TBD	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	TOCC
Apr 12-13	Waco, TX	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses 1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	CTCC MCCC
Apr 25-26	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
May 01	Your Club	Nat'l Club Website Contest - Contest Closes	Nat'l
May 3-4	TBD	1st CHOICE - TBD	LCC
May 10-11	Hallett, OK	1st CHOICE - 7 High-Speed Events 1st CHOICE - 7 High-Speed Events	???
May 17-18	Mineral Wells, TX	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses 1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	CTV / CCT(BRCC)
May 17	Mineral Wells, TX	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD in TBD	SWR
May 24-25	OKC, OK Noble, OK	1st CHOICE - 7 Autocross Events 1st CHOICE - Drags @ Thunder Valley in Noble, OK	OCCC
Jun 07-08	OKC, OK Sheriff's Facility	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses 1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	TVS SCCC
Jun 14	TBD, TX	1st CHOICE - Spring Scramble, Car Show, Funkhana & 2 Rallyes	CTV
Jun 15	Your Club	Nat'l Newsletter Contest - Final Issue DUE	Nat'l
Aug 25-29	Savannah, GA	NATIONAL CONVENTION 2014 & NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
Aug 29	Savannah, GA	National Club Newsletter & Website Contest Winners Announced	Nat'l
Sep 20-21	Texas Motor Speedway Ft Worth, TX	1st CHOICE Weekend - 7 LS Autocross Events 1st CHOICE Weekend - 5 LS Autocross Events	CTV (BRCC)
Sep 20	Ft Worth, TX	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 8 PM @ Hampton Inn on I-35 (just south of Texas Motor Speedway)	SWR
Sep 27-28	OKC, OK Sheriff's Facility	1st CHOICE - 6 LS Autocrosses 1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	CCOC SCCC
Oct 4-5	Houston, TX	non-sanctioned DE Lapping Event on Friday the 3rd CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses 1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	1st SJCC CMCT
Oct 18-19	OKC, OK Noble, OK	1st CHOICE - ? Autocross Events at Sheriff's Facility 1st CHOICE - ? Drag Events @ Thunder Valley in Noble	COAST OCCC
Oct 25-26	Waco, TX	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses 1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	CTCC TCCC
Oct 25?	TBD	SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD	SWR
Nov 1-2	TBD	1st CHOICE - 7 LS Autocrosses	TV
Nov 7-8	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l

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

GOVERNOR'S THOUGHTS



Spring is on it's way! Everyone will want to get the Corvette out and enjoy the warmer weather. A good opportunity to get out in your Corvette is practice autocross in Mineral Wells, March. 29th. You can just drive out and visit with other members or you can take your car out on the track, just you and your car running against the clock to see what both are capable of. It is always a good time.

The Southwest Region Awards Banquet is set for March 15th in Oklahoma City. The Oklahoma City Corvette Club invites you to come and help 2013 competitors celebrate. It is a great party to see old friends and make new ones. There will be a catered dinner and awards followed by music and dancing. The regional governor's meeting will be the next morning. It will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel. You can find the flyer on the website : www.ncccsregion.org/schedule.html

The Southwest Region and National Scholarship Programs are taking applications for 2014 now. You can find requirements and forms are on the websites that are linked off cowtownvettes.org

The 2014 National Convention registration is open and I am sure several have already signed up. Lots of things to see and do at The Westin Savannah Harbor Resort. Make plans to come and join us August 24-29, 2014

If you have any questions about any of these activities or want to know about competition contact me and if I don't know the answer I will find someone that does.

Get the Vette out and come play!

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NCCC EVENTS



We start the 2014 NCCC season with a practice autocross at Mineral Wells on Saturday, March 29th. There will not be an organized lunch so please bring a picnic, or there are several places in Mineral Wells to get a quick lunch. This will be the first practice autocross we've held in the last

3 years, and it's a great time for anyone wanting to give it a try. Track set up will start at 0700, followed by the drivers/workers meeting. Then it's on to the racing. Cost is \$10.00 per CTV member and \$15.00 per non-member. We will run until everyone has had their fun or until 3:00 PM, whichever the sooner. If you have never volunteered as a worker at one of our events this is the perfect time to come out and learn what we do. There are several positions for volunteers, and current chairpersons will gladly welcome and teach what they do. I will have sign-up sheets at the March meeting. Right now there are not many signed up to work. This has to be a club effort to put on. I will not be renting radios, so ask everyone who has radios they use when we cruise to bring them so we can have communications better than Pony Express or smoke signals. I have had several non-Corvette types ask if they can race their car, so it looks like we could have a good turnout. Hope we have more Vettes than other cars. In May we will have our No-Frills autocross with CCT at Mineral Wells. We will run our event on Saturday 17th and CCT will host their event on Sunday 18th. We will once again be using the Holiday Inn Express in Mineral Wells as the host hotel. Rooms for this year's event are \$72.00 per night. The group room block is under COW.

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We have 10 one-bed rooms and 10 two-bed rooms in this block. Lunch will be from Mesquite Pit BBQ at \$6.50 for both participants and racers. In June we will have the third annual Summer Scramble tentatively planned at Fat Daddy's in Mansfield on Saturday 14th. This is a fun event for the club because there's something for everyone to participate in. It's still a few months out but I am looking for 3 chairpersons: one for the car show (nothing like our October show), one for the Funkhana (someone with a warped mind for this), and one for the rallyes. If you would like to chair one of these events please let me know.

In September we will host our 18th annual Super Speedway weekend at TMS on the 20th and 21st. Hampton Inn & Suites will again be the host hotel for the weekend. We have a block of 30 rooms here. 10 standard double, 10 standard king, and 10 king suites. The cut-off to make a reservation in this block is September 5th.

SWR 2014 Schedule:

- March 29th Practice Auto Cross. Location: Mineral Wells
- May 17th & 18th CTV / CCT (BRCC) No Frills Autocross. Location: Mineral Wells
Event meeting will be Wednesday April 23rd in the Coors board room at 7:00 PM.
- June 14th CTV (BRCC/CCT) Summer Scramble. Location: Fat Daddy's in Mansfield.
Event meeting will be Wednesday May 28th at 7:00 PM (location TBD).
- Sept. 20th & 21st CTV (BRCC) 18th Annual Super Speedway Weekend. Location: Texas Motor Speedway
Event meeting will be Wednesday August 27th at 7:00 PM (location TBD).



2014 SUSAN G. KOMEN RACE FOR THE CURE



The 2014 Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2014, in the Ridgmar Mall area in Fort Worth. Good news, we will be walking the route backwards so we'll be going DOWN the big hill instead of UP the big hill! Details are listed below:

Date: Saturday, May 10, 2014
Time: 7:30 A.M. (see below for where to meet)
Place: Ridgmar Mall area

Click [here](#) to register online

Our team name is "Cowtown Vettes".

Email me at karynfowler14@gmail.com if you have any problems registering.

Instead of driving down into the mall parking lot, you may want to consider parking on the east side of Green Oaks in the lot where Albertsons and Best Buy are located where many of us parked last year. Best Buy won't be open this early. You can park there and walk across Green Oaks down into the mall area. Please plan to meet about 7:30 am at the east entrance to the mall in front of Neiman Marcus (where we have met for the past three years). It's impossible for all of us to stay together during the walk but we will meet up again for brunch between 9:45 am and 10:00 am (after the walk) at the IHOP at the Cherry Lane exit off of IH30, just west of the mall where we went last year. Our group will be in the back room. Just remember not to take the first right out of the Best Buy parking lot at the light at Green Oaks. That will just take you into the mall parking. You need to cross IH30 and take one of the streets back towards IH30, go west, then take the Cherry Lane exit and the IHOP is on your right, look for their sign.

I know I gave you this history last year but for the newbies, here it is again.

I wanted to give you all a little history of this event so you'll understand why I'm so passionate about it. Lois Beck, Donn Beck's wife, passed away in 2004 from lung cancer as a complication of breast cancer, after thirteen years of fighting this disease. Lois was a dear friend of mine and was a former President of Cowtown. Donn was Treasurer for several years. In addition, Mo Wheeler, Debbie Linsey, Nancy Greene, Barb Stage, Chelsi Potter, Linda Lummus, Darlene Sullivan, Anne Krull, and Barb Greenfeder are all survivors and current and former members of Cowtown. In addition to Lois Beck, Brenda Renfro and Linda Griffith have passed away from breast cancer or complications therefrom and were former members of Cowtown.

Here are a few statistics for you:

According to the National Cancer Institute (NCI), one in eight women who live to be age 80 will develop breast cancer in her lifetime. This makes the disease the second most commonly diagnosed cancer among American women, after skin cancer. One in four cancers diagnosed in the United States is breast cancer, yet women are not the only ones receiving the diagnosis. Although the incidence of breast cancer is much less common among men, approximately 1,700 American men learn they have breast cancer each year.

If you've already registered for the walk, THANK YOU SO MUCH! If you haven't registered, BE THERE OR BE SQUARE!

Remember, even if you don't walk, you can meet us for brunch afterwards.

See you May 10, *Karyn Fowler*



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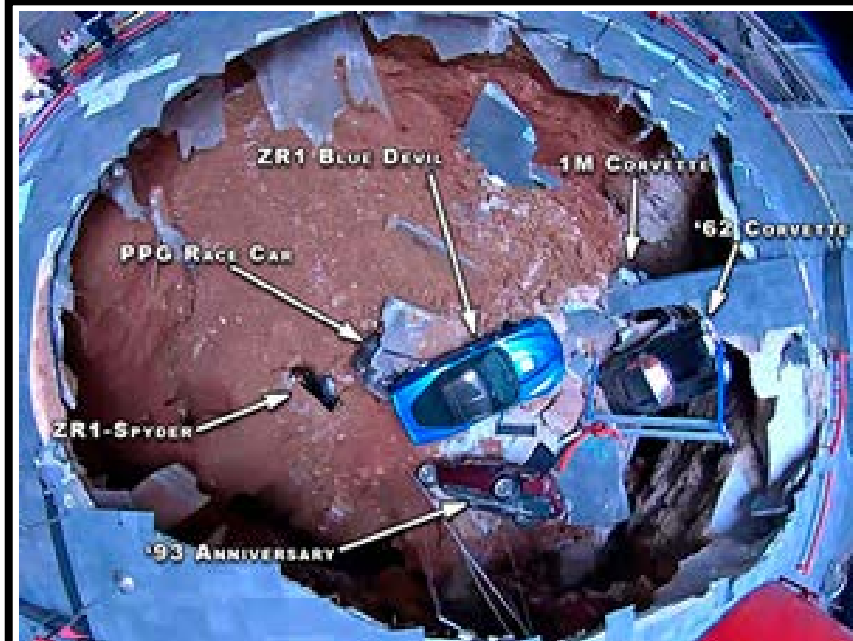
... with Donald Hickman



What is this and why is it sliding around in the door of my C4?

After we began to autocross our 95 C4 Corvette last season it developed a loud banging noise while being driven at the track. With the help of Fred Proctor the offending item was removed from the door before it broke the window glass. The pictured item is the power window spring and it helps the electric motor raise the window. Failure to have the spring in place will cause the motor to fail early requiring a replacement window regulator with motor (approximately \$280.00 plus shipping). Returning the spring to its proper location required the removal of the door panel. The only trick I found to removing the panel is GM locates 3 screws in the door panel insert that frames the door handle. One screw is visible but a second is located behind the panel light and the third is located behind the manual door lock knob. Failure to remove all 3 will result in a broken insert (\$59.99 plus shipping). The service manual for my Corvette did not list information on installing the power window spring but a phone call to Frank in Mid America Motorworks Tech Department provided the needed information. You install the spring with the window in the up position and once the door panel is off, there is access to the window regulator and the proper location for the spring. Once the spring is installed, you reinstall the door panel.

Warning and Disclaimer: While this worked for me, it may not work for everyone. If you have any questions please give me a call.



**NCM Sinkhole
Wednesday February 12th 2014**



**CTV Logo
Merchandise**

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
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<i>(2XL and up slightly higher)</i>	
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<i>(Please note that on all shirt orders, 2XL and up sizes are slightly higher)</i>	

**If you want your name added to your shirt,
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**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!

Karen Watson

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The couple married the longest and shortest were recognized

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