

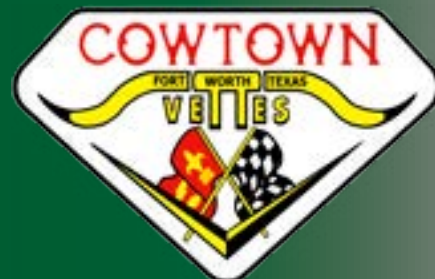


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Cover photo - Robert & Cydnie Geyer's 2011 C6 Z06 Coupe

Membership Meeting Location and CTV Sponsor

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CALENDAR

Space constraints mean it is not always possible to show everything on this calendar. Please check the [website](#) in addition!!!

August 2016 NATIONAL EYE EXAM MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Nat'l Ice Cream Sandwich Day	3	4	5 CTV 101 6:30 pm * Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 NCCC - CTCC / TCCC Events; LS Autocross @ MSR Cresson
14 NCCC - CTCC / TCCC Events; LS Autocross @ MSR Cresson	15	16	17 Board Meeting Lowdown Deadline	18	19	20 NCCC - SJCC / TCMT WkEnd; Autocross @ Bowling Grn, KY
21 * Day In The Stockyards 4.00pm	22	23	24	25	26 National Dog Day	27
28	29	30	31			

September 2016 ADMIT YOU'RE HAPPY MONTH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 * Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm	3 NCCC - TV Events; LS @ Mineral Wells
4 NCCC - TOCC Events; LS @ Mineral Wells	5 LABOR DAY	6	7 Purple Heart Day	8	9 NCCC - National Committee Meetings	10 NCCC - Nat'l Committee & Governors Meetings
11 9/11 Events	12	13	14	15	16	17 * NCCC - CTV / BRCC LS Events; @ Mineral Wells
18 * NCCC - CCT LS Events; @ Mineral Wells	19	20	21 Board Meeting Lowdown Deadline	22	23	24 NCCC - COCC / TVS / SCCC LS Events; @ Sheriffs Facility
25 NCCC - COCC / TVS / SCCC LS Events; @ Sheriffs Facility	26	27	28	29	30	

Bold italic type denotes CTV events

** Denotes required attendance and participation for 100%er Award eligibility
♦ Members attending these Events receive 100%er credit in lieu of Cowtown Events*



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WORDS FROM OUR PRESIDENT



I would like to thank Carol Savage for hosting the July 4th parade, and thanks to all of the members who attended. Also, many thanks to William Nolan and Mary Pittman for hosting the backroads cruise to Loco Coyote.

Please remember, our monthly Membership Meeting is a business meeting to apprise you of important information from your Board and Committee Chairs. As such, please pay full

attention during these times. Before and after the meeting is the time to socialize and visit with fellow members you may not have seen since the last meeting or social event.

As always, I thank you all for your continued support!!!

Don Wells
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WANTED - For Our Website and The Lowdown

Veteran Photos – share photos from your service as a veteran

Member Car Photos – share photos of your ride on our website

FCOA Member Photos – do have Future Corvette Owner Assn Members in your family? ...if so, we would like to share those on our FCOA page.

Articles - anecdotes, stories about life with a Corvette, technical details, jokes.....

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT



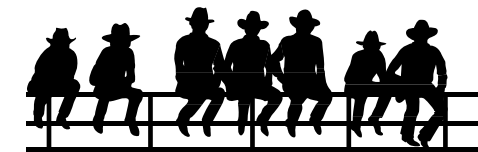
August Events - Our August 100%er event will be a **Day in the Stockyards on Sunday, August 21**. Meet along Exchange Street in front of the visitor's center prior to 4 PM to watch the **4:00 Long-horn Steer Cattle Drive** wind its way along the street. Immediately afterward, we head down to the Cowtown Coliseum to watch the 4:30 performance of **Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show**. The group price is \$11 for adults and \$8 for children (if you want to bring kids and grandkids). The show will be over by 5:30, just in time for dinner at **Cooper's Barbecue** which is within walking distance. If you want to come out to the Stockyards earlier to shop, eat, or play, feel free. There is now a virtual shooting range in the Stockyards Station that some might enjoy called Stockyards Gunfighter. You can sign up at the next membership meeting.

September Events - Our September 100%er event is the **CTV/CCT Autocross Events at Mineral Wells**. This is the event we usually host in the Spring that has been changed to **September 17-18**. CTV is hosting the event on Saturday, so we are responsible for having all our volunteers in place on that day. And of course, you are welcome to race on either day. In order to get 100% credit, you will need to volunteer or race (or both) on either day. More info is available in the NCCC article and at the meeting.

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Frank & Jo Anne Myers – 2007 Machine Silver Coupe
Randy Romack & Dependant Son Adam – 2013 Red Z06 – 1973 Coupe

2nd Time Visitors

Neal Seidner – 2016 Black Convertible – 1999 White Coupe

1st Time Visitors

Rusty Kirby – 2015 Coupe
Willie Owens – 2014 White Coupe – 2001 Red Coupe
Bob & Jo Smith – 2016 White Coupe



08/08 - Richard & Carol Downing
08/12 - Harry & Anne Rumzek
08/18 - Jack & Billie Rogers
08/26 - Mike & Rackel Toombs
08/30 - Fred & Margaret Proctor
08/31 - Johnny & Anna Shotwell

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08/09 - Bobby Gorman
08/11 - Donald Blythe
08/15 - Lei Testa
08/16 - Nancy McGovern
08/17 - Gwynne Hanna
08/18 - James West
08/22 - John Morton
08/23 - Lana Gales
08/26 - Mike Toombs
08/27 - Linda Blythe
08/27 - Debra Myers
08/30 - Cory Armes
08/31 - Doug McMahan



WEBMASTER



Sixteen new event pages this month include the Swiss America Cruise and two 4th of July events. We would like to thank Fred & Margaret Proctor, William Nolan, Mary Pittman, Raley Smith, Steve & Rhonda Wieble, Doc Lambert, Robert & Cydnie Geyer, David & Becky Clark and Jason Blocker who provided photos and videos for these events; along with our photos. Please don't forget to keep your cameras handy – you never know when you might capture a once in a lifetime shot. We can always use more photos and most everyone has a different type of photo they like to capture which makes the event pages so much better. For any photo provided, I resize them for use on the web, the Low-Down and the slideshows at our membership meetings. Recognition is provided to the photographer on each photo, prior to them being used.

The NCCC National Website Contest ended on July 6th and at the time of this article, we don't know if we placed at all. Unfortunately, with the Swiss America Cruise, I was gone June 18th thru the 26th – yep, smack dab in the middle of the contest. Hopefully 9 days of inactivity did not hurt our chances too much.

Please don't hesitate to shout if you have suggestions, questions or comments about your Club's website, Facebook account or eMail distribution lists. Likewise 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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NCCC EVENTS



Cowtown's LAST NCCC Event for 2016 is on the Southwest Region Schedule, along with flyers. We

would ask that you please mark your calendars to assist in hosting and participating in this final 2016 events. Our website also has information pages around the event, click on the event on the calendar page or off our home page.

longer and different than it was at practice since I never design and use the same course. If you enjoyed the Practice Autocross, I would invite you to participate in this event – you will have just as much fun; remember, it is still you against the clock.

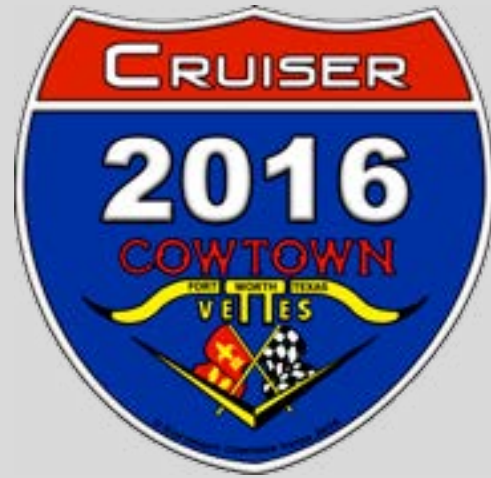
We will also have our fourth SWR Governor's Meeting of 2016 that evening. It is an open meeting if you'd like to sit in and see what we discuss and accomplish in them.

If you have questions around NCCC, our events or competing, please don't hesitate to contact myself, Donald or your NCCC Governor – Glenda.

Doug McMahan & Donald Hickman
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- ***September 17-18, 2016:** Our [annual No-Frills Autocross Scramble](#) held jointly with CCT; 14 autocrosses over the 2-day event. Our part of the event is on Saturday; CCT's on Sunday. This event is out at the Mineral Wells Helipoint, the same place as our Practice Autocross earlier this year. The course will be slightly

COWTOWN CRUISER



Oh, my goodness!! How can it be August already?? Where has the year gone!!! It seems the older we get the faster the time flies by, so take some time to stop and smell the roses and snap some photos of your Corvette for either the cruiser program or the photo contest. There is still approximately 3 & 1/2 months left to collect those cruiser points or to take a photo of your Vet in a scenic or unique setting. Steve Weible took a stellar photo of their car in the parking lot at Royal Gorge on the Swiss America Cruise. So be on the look out for those great spots.

Last month the cruiser chairperson, William Nolan and the Vice President, Jo Anne Smith combined their efforts for a 100%er cruise. Even though it was July in Texas the back roads of Hood and Somervell counties were still pretty and showing some green. If you are counting, we wound in and out of 5 counties (Tarrant, Parker, Hood, Somervell and Erath). Lunch was on the patio of Loco Coyote, a local biker bar just out of Glen Rose known for attitude and generous portions of great food! After lunch, participants were free to pick their own route home hopefully enjoying the sites and activities as well as several cruiser points available for the taking.

There are currently no organized cruises on the schedule, but it would be great if someone is interested in planning something for the fall. Share your favorite curvy road, great restaurant, scenic byway or fall activity with some of your fellow club members.

If you are competing in the cruiser program remember that the deadline for submitting your point log to the cruiser chairman is Sunday, November 6, 2016 and the photos are due by Sunday, November 13, 2016. The photo contest will take place at the monthly meeting on November 4, 2016. Photos for that will need to be turned in to the cruiser chairman before the start of the

meeting at 7:30pm. Participants can submit 3 photos per CTV member. As always check the CTV website for specific details in regard to the rules and requirements.

HAPPY CRUISING!!!



*article and podium scripts by Mary Pittman
secretary and general factotum to...*

William Nolan
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CHARITIES

Thanks to everyone who supported the Cook Children's "Christmas in July" party on Friday, July 22nd. The kids enjoyed it and I know we did too.

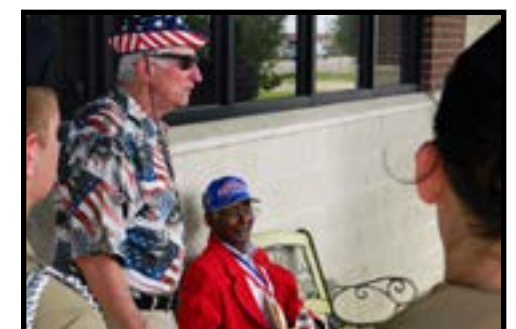
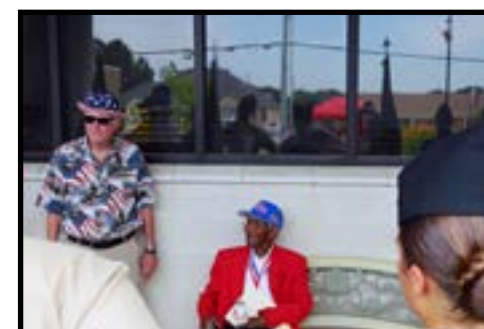
We will support the "Don't Forget to Feed Me" pet food program in August. Don't forget to purchase some pet food and bring it to the meeting. Kim and James West will be outside after the meeting to collect the food. They will also accept donations of money and coupons.

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FOR SALE



1995 Admiral Blue Coupe
modified 1996 LT4 (approx 5k mls)
high performance automatic transmission (approx 2k miles)
DeWitt 4-core aluminum radiator
Corsa exhaust, Ikerds 4.11 rear end Hyperco springs and Bilstein shocks. 4 ZR1 9.5" replica wheels with good street tires. Power and Air. Texas inspection and registration good until Feb. 2017. Set up for NCCC Group IIIE autocross with rollbar; camera mount and harness bar with fire extinguisher mount and RCI 5-point harnesses. Extra set of ZR1 9.5" front wheels & 11" rear wheels included for race tires. \$10,500.00



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Cruise Sponsors: Doug & Glenda McMahan

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This cruise was one we had originally planned back in 2015 however work prohibited that happening. We planned it as a nine-day cruise; it could have been much longer. We had limited participation to 15 Corvettes for logistical reasons. We ended up with 14 Corvettes and 27 participants for a little over 2,100 miles. In this article, we can't possibly share all that we enjoyed so it will be a focused to provide a recap only. We would invite you to visit the Cowtown website for more detail and lots of photos and videos. There you can start viewing from day 1 and continue navigating thru day 9 or you can select specific activities to directly visit.



Day One we focused on getting across Texas while also enjoying a few Route 66 stops, such as the Conoco Station in Shamrock, TX. Today, our destination of 381 miles would end in Amarillo. It was an on-your-own (OYO) night

with some that enjoyed the Texan Steakhouse (home of the 72 oz steak), while others grabbed lunch at a local pub followed by visiting Cadillac Ranch.



Day Two, consisted of 275 miles, with additional Route 66 stops, including the mid-point of Route 66 in Adrian, TX. Here we even met the lady that was the voice of "Flo" from the Disney movie Cars; she gave us a postcard with her autograph. Other well-known sights along the route included the Blue Swallow Hotel and the Silver Moon Restaurant. We also stopped at the Route 66 Auto Museum in Santa Rosa, NM, before heading to lunch at the Comet II Drive In, an original Route 66 building.



We headed up the road to Santa Fe where we visited the Loretta Chapel which was constructed in 1878. Here we found an amazing staircase that is still a mystery today; it was constructed without any visible means of structural support. Afterwards, we checked into our lodging, the El Rey Inn, an original motel from the Route 66 era; started with 12 rooms. That evening we had patio dinner reservations at the Second Street Brewery.

Day Three started out with a visit to Taos, NM, where we enjoyed some OYO time to shop and explore Taos. We met back up for our lunch at Bella's which treated us to upscale chef selections and totally awesome service. After lunch, we headed out and across the Rio Grande Gorge for a sight-seeing stop.

Our next venture was into Colorado where it was finally getting pretty. We skirted the edge of Pagosa Springs as we headed up Wolf Creek Pass to stop at Treasure Falls. Most enjoyed the short hike to enjoy the falls before we headed on up the pass to the Great Divide. At an elevation of 10,856' there was still snow on the ground. Of course heading back down Wolf Creek Pass, we had to play the Wolf Creek Pass song (by C.J. McCall) on the FRS Radio ☺. We then headed on into Pagosa Springs where we checked into the hotel and freshened up after our activities over the 264 mile day. Tonight we enjoyed our dinner reservations at the Pagosa Brewing Company; enjoying the mountain air under their American Flag tent.



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Day Four was a shorter driving day with only 154 miles and one focal destination, Mesa Verde National Park. We left Pagosa Springs and cruised west along Hwy 160 thru the edge of Durango and out to Mancos, CO. Here we enjoyed lunch reservations at Millwood Junction. Jack & Karla caught back up with us here after dealing with some tire issues. Even though they were in a Mustang rental, we let them cruise with us. We stopped at the visitor center where the afternoon became OYO allowing everyone to spend the time and visit sites of their interest. Two of the popular cliff dwellings we visited were the Spruce Tree House and the Cliff Palace. After several hours at Mesa Verde, we headed back to Durango where we checked into the General Palmer Hotel. We had time to freshen up, enjoy a cold one and visit, while we watched several D&SNG trains arrive from Silverton. We walked next door for our dinner reservations in the Grand Room at the Palace Restaurant.



Day Five was a long day, although there were no miles driving in our Corvettes. The full-day adventure included the Mild to Wild Company, contracted thru the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge (D&SNG) train. After a short



walk from the hotel we met Frank, our bus tour guide who drove us to our destination. This included a couple of scenic stops along the way along with numerous stories, finally reaching Silverton. Here, we started the off-road part of our adventure. Our group took up three off-road vehicles which we didn't have to drive; that way everyone could enjoy the sight-seeing. We headed up the mountain where we visited a historic abandoned house, saw wildlife, waterfalls, an old silver mine, awesome views and snow when we reached the 11k+ elevations. We did reach a point where we had to turn around since the snow was still 3-4' deep over the road. About this time, our guides received a storm warning so it was time to head back to Silverton. We did get a little wet even after we put the canvas tops back on the vehicles. The cold rain shower dropped the temperature a noticeable 20-25 degrees.

The rain had pretty much quit by the time we arrived back into Silverton. Everyone had some OYO shopping and lunch time before our time to board the D&SNG train for the 3-1/2 hour ride back to Durango. We had booked a 1st Class and Presidential Coach, both which were luxurious and provided attendants to provide beverages of your choice; along with sharing history and other information. We were able to walk between the coaches and it was really nice that our coaches were at the back of the train where we could enjoy seats looking off the back of the presidential coach. Our train arrived back in Durango around 6:30. So that everyone could enjoy shopping and dinner as they desired (for our last night here) it was an OYO evening.

Day Six was our departure from Durango with only 76 miles planned for today. We started our adventure with a visit to Honeyville, a honey manufacturing plant outside of Durango. Here we enjoyed samples of pure honey, honey whiskey, honey vodka, etc. We departed to head up a few miles where we stopped at the Purgatory Ski Resort. Activities here included scenic chair lift to take the Alpine Slide back down the mountain. They had a Zip-Line to zip thru the air overhead while others enjoyed a scenic trip roundtrip on the chair lift.

We headed on up the Million Dollar Highway (MDH) heading to Silverton. Unfortunately, road construction stopped us for ~40 minutes on the highway. While stopped on the highway, we visited with some cyclist from Germany & Switzerland. They were cycling a long route from Denver thru southern CO and back to Denver. Jack took this opportunity to clean the rain sludge off their Vette. Which was obviously the the result of the rain and hail that



we experienced as we pulled into Silverton. Interestingly, this historic town only has one paved street. After the delay and the storm slowed, we still had time to walk around the stores and grab lunch before heading on up the MDH to our next destination.

We pulled into Ouray, CO, nicknamed as the Switzerland of America. After a quick cruise thru town, we headed to our lodging for the night, the Ouray Victorian Inn. Some relaxed and visited out by the river until time for dinner while others went shopping and exploring downtown. Our dinner reservation tonight was at the Outlaw restaurant, a short four+ blocks from our lodging.

Day Seven was our departure from Ouray, with 127 miles ahead of us. Our first stop was to be the Syracuse Mine. Unfortunately the county ripped up the road to replace culverts this week and we couldn't drive the 2-1/2 miles up to the mine. It was too short of notice to arrange shuttles although we along with Stan (from the mine) tried.

Our second planned stop was at the *Box Canyon Falls*. It is a very unique waterfall that comes down thru the mountain, through a channel in the rocks. The entire waterfall cannot be seen from any one location. A few of us hiked up to the top where we viewed as the river went into the mountain and then saw its return; from the top you couldn't tell there was a vertical drop.



Next, we headed on up thru Montrose and a quick stop for lunch. Our next adventure was at the Black Canyon of the Gunnison. This is a very impressive canyon which sported walls that looked like a huge uncut marble counter top; the pictures really don't do it justice. Each of the three overlooks provided unique views and rock formations; one overlook wouldn't have been enough. We then headed on down the road to our evening destination on the far side of



Gunnison. We checked into Tomichi Village and enjoyed time to relax and visit before dinner. Most of us even cleaned or had the hotel staff clean their Vettes, prepping them for tomorrow's adventure.

Tonight at the Blue Table was the special meal of the trip. It was a plated dinner in a semi-private room where a long table seated all of us. It started with your choice of an iceberg wedge or caesar salad, the main course of Filet Oscar or Chicken Piccata, bread, drinks of your choice. After dinner they treated us to over a half-dozen trays of different and amazing deserts. After dinner some of us enjoyed visiting while sitting around the campfire.

Day Eight was the last day of our organized cruise, with 270+ miles on today's schedule. We departed *Tomichi Village* early, with our first adventure taking place at the Royal Gorge Bridge (RGB); a little over 100 miles away. We had made a reservation for our group to drive our Corvettes across the bridge. The fire in 2013 destroyed over 20 buildings and only 32 planks of the bridge. Afterwards, the entire park was closed until 2015 when it finally reopened. Today it takes an approved exception to drive across the bridge, it is only available to groups and it is not open to the public to drive across. Glenda & Mary rode a golf cart across the bridge so they could take photos as we drove across the suspension bridge. Once on the other side, we turned around and waited while they rode back to the other side. We then drove the return route across the bridge; just a mere 1,053 feet above the water on what was once the largest suspension bridge in the world. We parked our Vettes



and were shuttled via golf carts to the visitor center. Everyone enjoyed OYO time to explore the park and to grab lunch. Most enjoyed riding the gondolas across the gorge; some rode it back while others walked the bridge.



A few miles down the road, we took in the scenic Skyline Drive; a 3-1/2 mile one lane, one way road built in 1908 across the top of a mountain ridge. Fred and I left early from the RGB to drop Fred off on the road so he could video us driving across. I then went back down to pick up the rest of the folks so we could drive across as a group. Glenda (driving Fred's Vette) picked him up at the end of the caravan to drive on across and down. The other end of

Skyline Drive drops you into Canyon City where we stopped briefly to regroup before our next adventure.

A little over forty miles down the road we came to our last adventure of the cruise, Bishop's Castle. No, this isn't a castle you would think of in the normal term of "a castle." This is a bizarre castle which Jim Bishop has taken several decades to construct. It is continually being added to, modified and expanded with several changes since our last stop here over ten years ago. Unfortunately a storm (with lightning) blew in and we were restricted to the inside of the castle and we couldn't experience the walkways or metal features which you can explore; all way above the ground.

The rain finally let up enough that we were able to get back to our Vettes, to head on down the road.

Our final destination today was Raton, NM, where we pulled in and checked into the Best Western. Our dinner reservations had been made with Mulligan's (in the hotel) which fell through at the last minute. We called to confirm with them about 10 miles out, they stated they didn't really want a large group. So tonight unfortunately became an on-your-own dinner night.



Day Nine was an on-your-own day, as we typically plan on these long cruises. One couple was heading on north for more adventures before returning home. Others wanted to leave really early to start tackling the ~575 mile drive home. Some of us that departed later in the day did encounter a few storms on our way back. However in doing so, we did enjoy coming across a highboy roadster, a model A and a few

other cars on the road. Some cruisers gathered cruiser points on the way home while others stopped back along the Route 66 in Adrian and Amarillo for more shopping.

This was a busy cruise with almost everything you could think of in the agenda, as you have noticed. There were a few minor bumps along the way however that is fairly normal with a trip of this length which encompasses so many activities. During the cruise, we were only able to hit highlights in some areas, due to time constraints. Our desire was to share these awesome areas of the country so that cruisers might have a desire to visit them again someday. We do want to thank those that joined us for the cruise and hope that you enjoyed it and the many adventures as much as we did.

Regards,

Doug & Glenda McMahan



SWISS AMERICA CRUISE - JUNE 18-26 2016

Day 1 - Saturday June 18th



14 Corvettes & 27 People ready for the adventure



Conoco Rt 66 Station in Shamrock TX



stopped at the Groom Cross



One group out to dinner - other group went to the Texan



parking to go markup the Caddy's



making sure Cowtown was represented

Day 2 - Sunday June 19th



Adrian, TX is the exact mid-point for Route 66



.... and of course they have a sign to take a photo with



A Rt66 Auto Museum



a '54 Corvette - they had 4 Vettes



El Rey Inn, a Rt66 Inn - our home for the night



at the 2nd Street Brewery

SWISS AMERICA CRUISE - JUNE 18-26 2016

Day 3 - Monday June 20th



first stop - Taos, NM



New Mexico food - great service



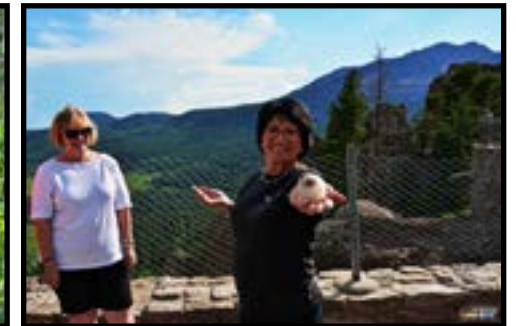
driving across the Rio Grande Gorge



Treasure Falls - heading up Wolf Creek Pass



a short hike up to the falls



Mary Anne playing in the snow

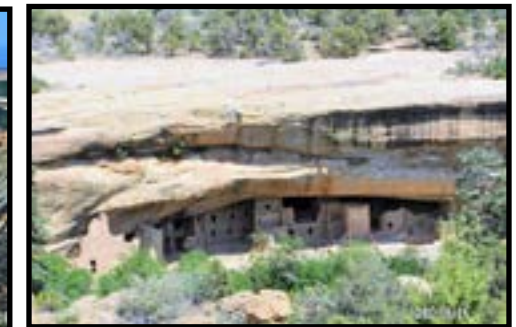
Day 4 - Tuesday June 21st



Lunch stop at Millwood Junction in Mancos, CO



view from atop on of the Mesa Verde roads



Spruce Tree House cliff dwelling



the largest dwelling, the Cliff Palace



heading out of Mesa Verde, then back to Durango



Dinner Reservations at the Palace Restaurant

SWISS AMERICA CRUISE - JUNE 18-26 2016

Day 5 - Wednesday June 22nd



Outside of the D&SNG train station



.....a few stops along the way



Some amazing views.....



..... of the area.....



saw a young moose on the way out



the narrow gauge train is awaiting

Day 6 - Thursday June 23rd



Welcome to Switzerland of America!



David zip lining.....



Jack, have you ever cleaned your car on a major highway?



lots of switchbacks on our way to Ouray, CO



relaxing by the river after arriving



heading on up the Million Dollar Highway

SWISS AMERICA CRUISE - JUNE 18-26 2016

Day 7 - Friday June 24th



Arrival at Box Canyon Falls



a long walkway into the falls



awesome views.....



the Black Canyon of the Gunnison



the Switzerland of America mountains in the rear view



arrival at our home for the night - Tomichi Village

Day 8 - Saturday June 25th



the Royal Gorge Bridge



driving across is closed to the public unless you have a reservation



a narrow road built in 1908



one lane, one way, 3-1/2+ miles long



next stop, Bishops Castle.....



.....the group.....

SWISS AMERICA CRUISE - JUNE 18-26 2016

Day 9 - Sunday June 26th



getting back to flat land



rain ahead - and a Corvette



heavy rain ahead

CROWLEY JULY 4TH ON THE 9TH



SATURDAY
JULY 9TH
2016



INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

Monday July 4th



SW Region Clubs

- BRAZOS RIVER CORVETTE CLUB (BRCC)
Granbury, TX • SW-540
- CEN-TEX CORVETTE CLUB (CTCC)
Waco, TX • SW-200
- CORVETTE CLUB OF OKLAHOMA CITY (CCOC)
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- CORVETTE CLUB OF TEXAS (CCT)
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- COWTOWN VETTES (CTV)
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- 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



2016 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
08/13 - 14	Cresson, TX	Motorsports Ranch - 1.3 Mile Lower Track	CTCC
		14 Low-Speed Autocrosses	TCCC
08/13	Cresson, TX	3rd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD	SWR
08/20 - 21	Bowling Green, KY	NCM MotorSports Park	SJCC
		10 High-Speed Events	CMCT
09/03 - 04	Mineral Wells	Mineral Wells Heliport	TV
		7 Low-Speed Autocross Events	TOCC
09/09 - 10	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l
09/17-18	Mineral Wells	Mineral Wells Heliport	CTV /
		7 Low-Speed Autocross Events	CCT(BRCC)
9/17	Mineral Wells	4th SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ Comfort Inn Suites	SWR
09/24 - 25	OKC, OK	Sheriff's Facility	CCOC
		7 Low-Speed Autocross Events	TVS
10/01 - 02	TBD	Houston Police Academy	SCCC
		10 Low-Speed Autocross Events	CMCT
10/22 - 23	OKC, OK	Sheriff's Facility	COAST
		7 Low-Speed Autocross Events	
10/29 - 30	Noble, OK	Thunder Valley in Noble	LCC
		3 Drag Events - MT, Record & ET	
11/11 - 12	Kyle, TX	Central Texas Speedway	10 Low-Speed Autocross Events
11/11 - 12	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l



Complete schedule and flyers for these events can be found at <http://www.ncccswwregion.org/schedule.html>

NCCC GOVERNOR



The heat is on! Summer is here and hot as it is every August!

Nothing much is going on with NCCC at this time of the year. Convention has been wrapped up and is in the books as a success! I haven't heard about all of the awards but I do know that.

Cowtown LowDown won 2nd place in the NCCC National Newsletter Contest, and the CTV Website won 3rd place in the Website Contest. Congratulations to all of Cowtown, however special thanks goes to PJ Jackson and Doug McMahan for all the hard work they put into getting the news and word out about Cowtown. People look to these tools to find out about what a great club we are and how involved this club is in so many different things.

There are two competition events in August on the Southwest Region competition schedule, check the website for a complete schedule. I've recapped them below:

August 13th-14th is a low-speed autocross event at Motorsports Ranch in Cresson, just right outside of Fort Worth. It looks to be hot but a great event. Come run the two days or a single event, it is close to home. This event is being put on by CenTex Corvette Club and Texas Competition Corvette Club. If you aren't into pushing yourself and your car come out and check out what it is all about. There is the 3rd governors meeting at the Scottish Inn hotel in Cresson @ 7:00 pm, and we will be bidding on next year's events. Come sit in on the meeting and find out how the region is run.

The other event of the region is a bit further away but looks to be lots of fun. It is at the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park and takes place on August 20th-21st. There are ten high-speed events so if you are interested you need a high-speed license.



See me if you are thinking about this event and we will check and see if you are qualified for a high-speed license.

September brings Cowtown to our last competition event that we host for the year; a low-speed autocross event in Mineral Wells. Let's make this a great event. It is our 100%er for September but you must either enter or work the event. Mineral Wells is always fun. This is the place we did our practice this year and several new members came out and ran, let's do it again!



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Glenda McMahan
2015NCCC Governor
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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, 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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Logo Merchandise Chairperson
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Website: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html>



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