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Cover photo - Gary & Gwynne Hanna's babies....

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!!!

	February 2018 CANNED FOOD MONTH							
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
				1	2 *Membership Meeting - 7:30 pm	3		
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4	5	6	7	8	9	NCCC SWR Awards Ban- quet - Blanco, TX			
NCCC SWR Governors Meeting	12	13	14	15	16	NCCC CTCC/ MCCC 14-LS Autocrosses - Waco, TX			
NCCC CTCC/ MCCC 14-LS Autocrosses - Waco, TX		20	Board Meeting Lowdown Deadline	22	23	Practice Autocross Burleson HS			
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* 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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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Hello Cowtown,

What a great start to this New Year. It was so nice to

see another full house at our Monthly Meeting in January and look forward to continuing that this Month. I would like to welcome our new members who joined us in January, and so glad to have them as part of this club. We have a couple of opportunities to enjoy some time together in February as our amazing VP has scheduled a Super Bowl Party as well as a Mardi Gras celebration. These are great times to get together and just enjoy the company of others without having a formal meeting. I hope you will all attempt to come to one or the other. Look forward to seeing you all soon.

Tohn Armes
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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT





February

Our first 100%er will be a Super Bowl Party on February 4th at the Fox and Hound Sports Tavern, 6051 S.W. Loop 820 (off Bryant Irving) in Fort Worth. We will have a private room with a big screen TV, pool table and shuffle board. Come out and eat and visit with friends. Regular menu. Kick off is scheduled for approximately 5:30. http://www.foxandhound.com/locations/fort-worth.

There is a second opportunity to qualify for 100% in February. On Saturday 24th we will have a **Mardi Gras Dinner at Boo Ray's of New Orleans, 5728 Boat Club Road, Fort Worth**. (They have moved to a new location.) We will have reserved tables for our group and be able to order off the regular menu. Dinner will be at 5:30 PM but feel free to arrive earlier for cocktails. Feel free to wear Mardi Gras masks and/or your Mardi Gras beads. Deadline to sign up is the Feb. 2nd Membership Meeting. http://www.booraysofneworleans.com

March

On March 24th we will hold a practice autocross as our 100%er for the month. It will be held at the Burleson High School parking lot. To qualify for 100%er for this event you must either work at the event or enter to autocross. More details coming in next months article.

Got any questions?

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MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Paul & Pat Gray – 2004 Commemerative Convertible Bill & Darlene Hornback – 2007 Black Convertible Craig Plunkett – 2015 Black Z06 Coupe

Visitors

None that did not become members



02/01 - Linda Benware 02/02 - Dale Thompson 02/04 - Tamra Novak

02/07 - Chad Martin 02/09 - Mo Wheeler

02/11 - Debbie Collier

02/12 - Bob Pressler

02/13 - Lonnie Williams 02/17 - Chervl Hunt

02/18 - Don Fowler

02/19 - Bob Smith

02/20 - Doc Lambert

02/21 - April Smith

02/24 - Bud Nice

02/24 - Kim West





02/06 - Don & Nancy Wells

02/09 - Mickey & Patricia Rigney

02/14 - Bobby & Debbie Murphy

02/14 - Murphy & Laura Randall

02/14 - Alan & Judy Shanholtz

02/15 - John & Nancy Moulton

02/27 - Bud & Ruth Marie Nice

02/28 - Larry & Janice Dyer 02/28 - Doug & Glenda McMahan

Gwynne Hanna

Membership / Welcome Chairperson vettelady67@sbcglobal.net



WEBMASTER



BBBBRRRRR – ok, it has been long enough, the COLD can GO AWAY NOW!!!

The latest event pages from events are posted, sharing the fun our

members had participating in the Jim Jones Exhibit. I would like to thank Raley Smith & Mary Pittman for stepping up to provide us with photos for these events.

So – have you thought about stepping up to be Cowtown's Webmaster? A reminder that this will be my last year; it has been fun and rewarding however I feel that it is time for someone else to step in and take over. If you have an interest I would welcome you to contact me. I'll be more than willing to share what the position entails and what I've learned during my time as webmaster. When I redesigned our website last year, I did make several design changes that makes the site easier to maintain; along with switching things over at the end/beginning of each year. I am sure that someone in our club has an interest and possess more skills in this area than me:)

Social Media: Do you have an interest for Social Media activities (Facebook in specific). If so, would you like to be on CTV's Social Media committee? For Facebook it is simple, when you post from a club or NCCC event, tag **Cowtown Vettes**; it is that simple. If **Cowtown Vettes** isn't on your friend list; send an invite.

We would also request special attention to what you post on social media; please DO NOT post photos of Vettes competing (at least racing) that might jeopardize the owner's insurance (i.e. sharing photos is fine – don't share ones with the license plate visible). For other aspects of the Social Media committee it involves scouring our website for faux pas, helping to set direction for the website and Facebook, and last but not least helping to shape our external communications / promotional documents.

Photos: We always welcome you to grab that

camera (or your smartphone) every time you head out with your Corvette. We can always use more and different styles / views of high-resolution photos for our website & newsletter. Please try to take your photos in the largest format and resolution that your camera and/or smartphone can capture. Hint: smartphone / tablet photos are typically marginal – unless you change the settings to the device's highest resolution. For any photo you provide, I take and resize them for use on the web along with the larger format for the Low-Down and the slideshows shared at our membership meetings. Your initials are added to the photos, to provide recognition to the photographer on each and every photo.

The club has a couple of dozen email distribution lists which are maintained by the webmaster. If you change your email address, mailing address, your Vettes, etc., please let membership know so that your information can be updated. 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 mailing address updates to: ctv-membership@yahoogroups.com.

NOTICE: When you are added to any distribution list, you will receive an email asking you to accept and join. You MUST accept it in order to be added to the distribution list; the invite (from yahoogroups) will time-out after several days, as well so don't delay.

In closing, 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. Remember, it is your website and it is Cowtown's image on the world-wide-web and it needs to be the best it can be.

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COWTOWN CRUISER



For those of you that are new to the club and/or new to the Cruiser Program, I am going to repeat a portion of our article from the 2016 Low-Down.

"What I Learned Cruising"

William and I joined Cowtown Vettes in March 2013. The cruiser program seemed like a good place to get involved...no special equipment or skills required, just the car, a camera and the cruiser logo. We later learned a good dose of common sense would be helpful! Cities and counties matching the letters of the alphabet seemed like a good place to start. Later we could add a few parks or historic churches, how hard could It be...so we set out...a city limit sign seemed like a good option, well, not so much if you are on a busy road and you need to get the sign, your car, the cruiser logo and yourself in the picture. First of all, city limit signs are much taller than they appear and cars are passing by much closer and much faster than one would think. So after this activity was determined to possibly be hazardous it was on to plan B. We learned that courthouses could be a bonanza of points with the county name, sometimes the city name, historical markers and veterans memorials.....

The 2018 Cruiser Program if off and running. Hopefully before long we will have some weather pretty enough for cruising....not too cold, not too hot, but just right. The 2018 Cruiser logo, rules and log sheets are available from the Cruiser Chairpersons, William Nolan and/or Mary Pittman. As mentioned above no special equipment is required for this function....the camera can certainly be your cell phone. The photo should include your car, yourself, the 2018 logo, and the official designation for the location. Points can be accrued on individual travels or on club sponsored events. Point totals required to earn an award are 100 for gold, 75 for silver and 50 for bronze. Take a minute to read over the rules to see what will count toward your points total. If you have questions about how to count your points or any other part of the program, please feel free to ask.

There are several cruises in the planning stages for 2018. Gwynne and Gary Hanna are considering the possibility of a return to the Red River Depot near Texarkana. Robert and Cydnie Geyer are working on a couple of great ideas and Becky Clark is looking



into another combination 100%er/cruise with William Nolan. Hopefully Doug and Glenda McMahan will be planning a fun route to get us to the NCCC convention in New Orleans in July.

Also, remember to be on the look out for interesting, scenic or unique settings to capture a photo of your Corvette for the Cowtown Cruiser Photo contest showing "What I Saw Along the Way". Anyone is eligible to participate in this contest. You do not have to participate in the cruiser program to enter.

The Cruiser Program is a great way to get off the interstate, travel the back roads and see those "jewels" you've been missing.

HAPPY CRUISING!!



William Nolan Cruiser Chairperson

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JIM JONES EXHIBITION



January 19th 2018 **Public Library** Fort Worth, TX





















JIM JONES EXHIBITION

January 19th 2018

Public Library Fort Worth, TX









Everything Old is News Again

Jim Jones was a reporter for the Fort Worth Star-Jelegrem from 1957-20 He grew up in Bowie, Texas and graduated from high school there in 1 Jones attended Arlington State College before transferring to North Te State University. After he graduated in 1957, he was hired by the Star-Telegrand where he covered obituaries, business feature stories, and the hotel Chamber of Commerce beats, Jones briefly left the paper after less that year to join the Air Force Reserve, where he was assigned to informs services. He was honorably discharged in 1963, the same year that he w appointed Suburban Editor of the Star-Tologram. While covering the Mid-Cit Jones explored his passion for local history by writing stories on interest people and places in his regular column, "Here and There in Tarrant Count Jones also covered several big stories, including the assassination of John Kennedy and 1976 murder trial of Fort Worth oliman T. Cullen Davis.

Jones was fascinated by religion. Although he began writing about religio early in his career, it was not until 1978 that he was appointed religion editor of the Star-Telegram. In 1982, the Rockefeller Foundation awarded Jones . fellowship in religious studies for journalists at University of North Carolin Chapel Hill. As an award-winning professional religion journalist. Jones covered international religion issues. He often wove travel in with religion to provide better understanding of issues. Though religious topics can be controversial at times, and Jones was known for his unbiased coverage of subjects such as the decades-long Southern Baptist Convention controversy between conservative, moderate, and liberal factions; the recent Episcopal Church schism; and the admission of a Muslim student into the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

During evaluation of the items in this archives collection the archivist observed a theme: many of the topics mentioned in Jones' papers are making news again; smoking, plastic bags, hate graffiti, claims of irresponsible s, and tragically, another mass shooting in a church.







"The Forgotten Dallas Motorcade"

Jim Jones was a great fan of John F. Kennedy, shown here in a motorcade passing through Arlington on Abram Street during his 1960 campaign against Richard Nixon. (Credit: Star-Telegram)

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JIM JONES EXHIBITION



January 19th 2018 Public Library Fort Worth, TX























2017 Cowtown Awards

January 5th 2018

Buffalo West

Fort Worth, TX



Events, Raley & Jo Anne Smith (F/M) and Doug McMahan & Taylor Forsythe (M/F)



Doc Lambert, CTV's 2016 NCCC Top Competitor was presented with his Permanent Award





New Members - Paul & Pat Gray - 2004 Commemorative Convertable

A two-way tie for 1st Place Funkhana



Norman Walker, CTV's 2017 NCCC Top Competitor was presented with his Permanent Award



NCCC Travel AwardsKevin & Cathy AnthonyRed GreenfederDoc LambertRonnie McCraryDoug & Glenda McMahanWilliam Nolan & Mary PittmanLarry ShaapveldNorman & Ann Walker



New Member - Craig Plunkett - 2015 Black Z06 Coupe



A 3-way tie for 1st Place Men's Car Show was Doc Lambert, Doug McMahan & William Nolan



Glenda McMahan (CTV's NCCC Governor) presented the 2017 NCCC awards this evening.





New Members - Bill & Darlene Hornback - 2007 Black Convertible

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FOR SALE





My 2004 Yellow Coupe is now for sale. It has 76,7XX miles, automatic transmission, new Goodyear F1 run flat tires (approx. 1,000 miles since install), cold air intake, Borla cat-back exhaust, LS2 water pump and LPE (Lingenfelter) GT1 cam. Cam added slight lope and provides increased power throughout the RPM band. Cam and water pump installed July 2012 by Joshua Dodson, a former CTV member and LSx specialist. Black and Silver strips by VetteStripes.com installed (by me) in Feb 2014.

Asking \$15,000, or best reasonable offer; is very comparable to 2002- 2004 C5's currently on the market. Direct all inquiries to me at rsmith1203@att.net

Raley Smith





NCCC EVENTS





Winter is now upon us but with this being Texas, it will not stay around long. This is a great time to start planning for the 2018 events and working on any changes or upgrades you plan for your Corvettes.

Our first event will be the Practice Autocross held Saturday March 24th at the Burleson High School parking lot. If you have not been to this location, it is a big open parking lot with very few things to watch out for and a great place to practice or learn what you can do in your Corvette. Please consider coming out as there will be numerous club members present to either



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Doug McMahon

Co Event Coordinator

ride with or who would be willing to ride with you to show you the ropes.

Here are our 2018 event dates so far:

- Practice Autocross March 24th, 2018
- TMS April 28-29, 2018
- Fat Daddy's June 2, 2018
- Joint Event w/CCT September 15-16,
 2018

A complete schedule and flyers for these events will be coming soon at www.cowtownvettes.org.

We continue to look for new locations to hold autocross events. If you know of a location that might work please contact me or Doug.

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



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

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CORVETTE CLUB OF OKLAHOMA CITY (CCOC)
Oklahoma City, OK • SW-468

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

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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



2018 SWR Competition Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB		
TBD	Your Club	Nat'l Club Website Contest - Contest Opens			
02/23-24	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l		
03/10	Austin Area	SWR Awards Party & Banquet, hosted by Longhorn Corvette Club Banquet Registration Deadline: 2/24/18 (postmarked) Location: Austin TX area Banquet Menu - Maps Regardless if you compete, work or just support a club that hosts an event come join us! Room & Cost: Various options - see flyer - NO BLOCK			
03/11	TBD	1st SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 9:00 AM at TBD			
03/17-18	Waco, TX	Baylor Stadium Parking Lot or TSTC? 4 Low-Speed Autocrosses ◊ 10 Low-Speed Autocrosses ◊			
03/24	Burleson, TX	Practice Autocross - non-sanctioned	CTV		
04/21-22	Waco, TX	Baylor Stadium Parking Lot or TSTC? 4 Low-Speed Autocrosses ◊ 10 Low-Speed Autocrosses ◊	СТСС ТССС		
04/28-29	Ft Worth, TX	Texas Motor Speedway - 22nd Annual Super Speedway Weekend 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ 5 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ Laps on the Oval Sunday Morning	CTV (BRCC)		
05/04-05	St Louis, MO	NATIONAL MEETINGS	Nat'l		
05/26-27	?, OK Noble, OK	Edmond Fire Academy? - 49th Annual Southern States Corvette Festival 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊ Thunder Valley in Noble 3 Drag Events - MT, Record & ET ◊	occc		
06/02-03	Mansfield, TX	Fat Daddy's Bar & Grill Spring Scramble, Car Show, Funkhana & 2 Rallyes ◊ PROMO FLYER			
TBD	TBD	2nd SWR GOVERNOR'S MEETING - 7 PM @ TBD	SWR		
06/23-24	<u>OKC, OK</u>	Edmond Fire Academy? 7 Low-Speed Autocross Events ◊	TVS ETCC		

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

NCCC GOVERNOR



Last month I was speechless and I won't let that happen again in the near future! (referring to no article in the LowDown) If you know me you know that never happens, I always

have something to say!

At the January meeting I presented the Cowtown NCCC awards (National Council of Corvette Clubs). To recap the winners and Cowtown was a very active club this past year!

Travel Awards: you attended as a spectator, worker or a competitor 8 non-Cowtown NCCC events.

Workers: William Nolan #217 pts, Ann Walker #155 pts and Mary Pittman #89 pts.

Competitors:

Red Greenfeder #323 pts
Ronnie McCrary #473 pts
Doc Lambert #936 pts--#7 In SWR
Larry Schaapveld #961 pts—#6 in the SWR--first
full year to compete
Cathy Anthony #989 pts --#5 in the SWR
Kevin Anthony #1008 pts --#5 in the SWR
Doug McMahan #1203 pts--#2 in the SWR
Glenda McMahan #1259 pts--#1 in the SWR
Norman Walker #1264 pts--#1 in the SWR

First Place in events that are not autocross *Rallyes*

Kevin and Cathy Anthony

Funkhana

Raley and Jo Anne Smith Doug McMahan and Taylor Forsythe





Car Show

Doc Lambert William Nolan Doug McMahan Glenda McMahan

Drags

Doc Lambert Glenda McMahan

Top Competitor

Norman Walker

Cowtown is the #1 Club in the Southwest Region for 2017 with 10,581. We have worked hard to be #1 Club. This is the first time since 2000. **Way to go Cowtown!**

The Southwest Region Awards Banquet is set for March 10, 2018 in Blanco, TX. I emailed you a save the date and emailed the flyer as soon as it was approved. Plan on being at the fun-filled day of cruising, whiskey tasting and a nice dinner and dance with awards to the competitors. This will be a great party, followed by the first governor's meeting on Sunday morning. Everyone is invited!

Check out the 2018 Competition Schedule on the website.

SAVE THE WAVE!

Glenda McMahan 2015NCCC Governor glenda-gm@att.net

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Caps. Visors, Sweatshirts, Long Sleeve T-shirts, Short Sleeve T-shirts, Men's & Women's Long Sleeve Denim Shirts, Polo shirts Name Tags

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

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

Or if you want a Cowtown logo or a certain year Corvette on one of your own shirts it's only \$5!

We also have stickers, patches and koozies

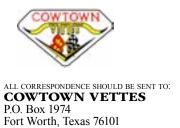
So stop by the Logo table before and after the meeting to place your order. You'll get your order by the next meeting.

Thanks!

Donna Forsythe Logo Merchandise Chairperson



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Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA)

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

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





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