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From the President

Summer is here once again and, despite the inevitable “lawn care” duties, we are in prime time for enjoying Corvettes. Whether you “wax” them, “race” them, or just “trip o ver them” in the garage is not important. **YOU**, my friend, have a Vette (maybe more than one)! This did not happen to you by accident. Corvettes are rarely inherited or purchased with the “I had to have *something* to drive” mentality. At some point, you set out to have a “special” car that reflected your zest for life, and the Corvette filled the bill.

Congratulations #1!

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Congratulations #2!

It is my hope as NCCC President that the overall Corvette experience is always positive and that it is enhanced by your participation in local Club and Regional NCCC activities, and through your membership in the National Council of Corvette Clubs. This is **YOUR** Organization. It has been built and I hope, administered on my watch from the bottom up, always mindful of the expectations of the members in our Corvette community. If you have “pitched in” with us in Council (or are planning to)...

Congratulations #3!

You're the BEST!

Roger



From the Vice President Competition

I just got back from a great weekend with the Indiana and West Ohio regions at always fun Putnam Park Roadcourse. Now I guess I have to get back to work, since there are several sets of results to process in my mail. This tells me that the competition season is in full swing. I'm sure you can find some great events in your neighborhood. Watch the web sites for points updates. Our Webmaster always posts updates that I send her within a couple of days, so please don't bug her for them.

The Competition Committee is working on tweaking and adjusting the rulebook for 2008. We are working hard to make the rules reasonable, fair and easy to understand. If you have any thoughts, discuss them with your RCD.

By the time you read this, we should be back from Orlando and exhausted from all the fun we had at the 2006 NCCC convention. There is still a good three or more months of competition left, so take advantage of it. And save the wave!

Mike

From the Vice President Membership

May 20, 2006

Well, it is finally spring up here in the North Country. We have our Vettes out and we have already had some great events. It should be another great season of NCCC events.

I would like to devote this report to talk about our membership process. As you may or may not know, our membership process is largely paper-based; hence, it is not real fast when it comes to processing membership applications. We have a team of Regional Membership Directors who are currently working on ways to speed up and improve the current system. We also have a team of computer and software experts working on improving the current database system. These two teams have already come up with ways to eliminate the mailing of applications between my office and that of Rose Schmitt, National Distribution Manager. This results in a savings of a minimum of three days in getting the new member packets in the mail. Applications that I e-mail to Rose at the Distribution Center are sometimes processed in just a few hours and in the mail the same day, which is a tremendous improvement over the way we were doing things. It will also result in a significant savings in postage costs, which means less of your dues money is being spent on operations. Improvements also need to be made in the time it takes to get applications from the clubs to the Regional Membership Directors. Implementing some of these improvements will mean that clubs will have to invest some of their time and money, much the same as they did when they made the move from stopwatches to timers and computer timing programs. Improvements in systems do not usually come free of any cost or effort. If you have ideas on improving our processes in NCCC, please talk to me, other National Officers, your Regional Officers or your Club Governor. One-way conversations do

not achieve the necessary results; however, engaging your officers in conversation may surprise you as to the good that can come out of these conversations. Are you ready to help?

I would like to thank all of the RMDS for their continued support of these process improvements and their participation on the process improvement teams.

Don't forget to read your Regional Officers' reports that can be found elsewhere in this issue of *Blue Bars*, as well as my membership reports.

Have you signed up your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews in the Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA)? The one-time \$5 fee is a real bargain and it keeps our children involved in the Corvette experience. Get those kids signed up today; there is an application in every *Blue Bars*.

Until next time,

Bob

From the Secretary

Governors' Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2006

Roger Mitchell – President— Roger called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. welcoming all to the National Governors' Meeting with the first point of business the Pledge of Allegiance.

Deaths of members that occurred since the last meeting were announced: Pam Best, with Pacific Coast Corvettes; Liz Sawickis with West Coast Region; Andy Knebel with Orange County Vettes and formerly with Corvettes of Southern California who passed away on his 50th anniversary cruise; Carol O'Brien with the Las Vegas Corvette Association, however, her NCCC# was with the Windy City Corvette Club; Mark Hathaway from Hellgate Corvette Club, Rocky Mountain Region; Robert (Joe) Pickelsimer from the Sunburst Corvette Club, Midwest Region; and Alan Swift from the Jackson Corvette Club. A moment of silence in remembrance was taken.

Roger introduced the Executive Board and welcomed our newest member of the E-Board, Gary Foster. The introduction of the Regional officers, Regional officers-elect and proxies were then made. A special welcome was made to the new officers of the Northeast Region, John Backman, RCD; Nina Foxenberg RMD; and Thomas Gee, proxy RE. Roger also recognized the Convention Director for 2006, Larry Beebe; 2006 Convention Treasurer, Betty Parks; and the 2007 Convention Director, John McGee.

Roger reminded all that at the end of this year the following offices are open - President, Treasurer, Director of Public Relations, VP of Membership and Parliamentarian. Roger cannot run again as he has had two terms and this also applies to Jerry Limpach. Campaigning will be in full progress by the September meeting, so be thinking about this if you are interested in one of the openings.

Roger asked for a motion to pay the proxy officers; motion was made and seconded; motion carried with no discussion.

OFFICER REPORTS

Carolyn Montgomery – Secretary— No corrections to the February minutes. No comments or questions. Motion made and seconded to accept the minutes as written; motion passed with no discussion.

Patrick Dolan – Director of Charity— There is a Club charity page on our website, so if your club is doing a charity event please send in pictures, articles, etc.

They will be doing the 100% Club again and Windy City just joined the ranks again for this year so their support is really appreciated.

The raffle car for this year is a Velocity yellow coupe, 6-speed, preferred equipment group package.

The transplant games will be in Louisville, KY starting 6/17, and he will attend as a representative of the NCCC charity.

Green sheets are available; one sheet can be used for the primary and the spouse.

June is the Bloomington show; Charity and Membership will be sharing a booth and they could use some workers. If you are thinking of going and would be willing to volunteer a few hours, let Patrick know. This is 6/16-6/18/06.

The deadline for the scholarships is 6/1/06; this means a completed scholarship application must be received by John Osborn by this date. Patrick read an invitation from one of our past recipients, Ashley Rhodebeck, from the Indiana Region, who is graduating from the Indiana University with highest distinction.

Patrick then covered the Treasurer's Report and Deb covered the Grants Report, as she will be handling the Grants side of the financials.

Patrick then announced Windy City donated \$25,000 to Spina Bifida in IL.

Pat Kelly – FCOA Director— Pat has received a lot of applications lately and has received eleven today at the meeting. She recently assigned FCOA #3200 to Ashley from the Buckeye Corvette Club.

Pat shared information about FCOA membership. Her email is FCOAKids@aol.com.

With funds received from the Cedar Rapids CC and Oklahoma City CC she bought some really cool mood pencils. These are for the packets and the kids should really like them. Thanks to these two clubs. The packets will also include a dash plaque donated by Desert Corvette Association, and notepads donated by Windy City Corvette. Each of these three items are spotlighting FCOA's 15th anniversary. The notepads and dash plaques feature a 91 and 2006. In mentioning the 15th anniversary she would like to acknowledge Don and Betty Parks, as they were instrumental in starting FCOA at convention in 1991.

FCOA currently has the tire raffle; the tickets are \$5.00 each, or 5 for \$20. This is for a set of 4 Goodyear tires, and the drawing will be held at Convention.

Rose Schmitt – Distribution— she is working on the design for next year's card, nothing else to report.

Joan Thomas – Webmaster— There have been 22,500 hits thus far this year on the National website. She is pleased with this, however not quite as pleased with the number of entrants for the website contest for 2006, but there is still time as deadline for the 1st step is 6/10. Some new clubs are entering this year, which is good.

A caution she would like to make to all clubs and regional websites is to know who hosts your website as situations have arisen that the person who started the website is no longer active. The people that are active cannot get on the site, as they do not have the username or password. She encourages that someone else in your organization have access to this information, so that in case something like this happens there will not be a major problem.

Last night she met with Cal Camp from Midwest Region, Cindy Urenda from Rocky Mt Region, and Jerry and Janet Limpach to initiate a

committee that the intent is to form guidelines for any type of media communication within NCCC.

Debbie Lindsey – Director of Sponsorship— Debbie updated us on the sponsors for this year and how they are involved with NCCC:

- Eckler's will be at Convention.

- Mid America Motorworks will be helping at Convention and they are also helping with day planners, FCOA, the Charity program, Membership awards and pins for 2007.

- Goodyear Tire and Rubber will be sponsoring the party Thursday night at Convention and will pay for our membership envelopes.

- Kumho will sponsor the high speed, Hoosier will sponsor low speed, Bridgestone/Firestone will sponsor the banquet, Chevrolet will be a general sponsor and will also sponsor the membership cards for next year, Corvette Central will sponsor the party Monday night at Convention, Zip Products will sponsor the Rallye and also sponsoring the website award, Parish Heacock, which is an insurance company out of Florida, will be at Convention as a sponsor, as well as Langka Products, and Paragon Corvette Reproductions.

As mentioned at the last meeting, Firestone would like more involvement/participation at the regional level so at the E-Board meeting she had asked Mike and others the best way to disseminate this information. The suggestion was that she have the RCD's fax, email or mail a copy of their events with a calendar of the dates, location, and contact person name and information. In many cases Firestone will come out to support your event, may give away tires, products etc., which can benefit your club.

She reminded all to use your MBNA card for purchases so we can continue to get a rebate.

When looking at sponsorships or discounts, be sure to check the special discounts page on the website. Recently there was a new change in the helmet requirements and some people have bought helmets from Extreme Supply and received a 10% discount and free shipping. There are other discounts, which can be used for traveling needs with hotels and rental cars.

As mentioned at the last meeting, the Eagle One award was given to Corvette Club of Naples. A suggestion has been made that NCCC enter with our charity program so she will be getting the information from Patrick and the charity committee to provide what we need in order to enter.

Eckler's rebate is continuing however the program is a little bit different this year. It is the same principal, but with a change in that the bar has been raised on our purchases for rebates. She encourages you to check Eckler's prices when shopping and if they are competitive buy from them, which benefits your regions.

Gary Kelly asked if a representative from Langka would be at Convention as he would like to see a before and after demonstration of their product. Debbie will mention this to Langka to see if they would be interested in coming. She also mentioned Langka has offered a program, which is mentioned in *Blue Bars* that if your club is putting on an event, and you want goodie bags with samples send an email to Debbie with your club name and email address for your website and they will provide you with products for your club. At this point the only presentation she has set for convention concerns the tire pressure monitoring system.

Jim Harris – Convention Steering Committee— Jim thanked Debbie for her efforts with getting sponsorship.

2009 Program— Have a couple of groups looking at putting a program together, one is the Rocky Mountain Region and the other is the Michigan Region.

2008 Program – Have received the completed bid proposal and this is out of the Southwest Region from Ron Ruston and Dale Acker; any questions, see them for information. The dates are June 20-27, 2008 and will be in the Tulsa, OK area. They will make their bid to the E-Board at the August convention.

2007 Program – Convention to be held in Nashville, TN. Convention director is John McGee and co-director Jim Krebs. The dates are 6/16-22/2007. There are three candidates for Convention Treasurer: Mary Bellamy, Peg Quine, and Jay Hommer. The resumes will be reviewed at the September meeting.

2006 Convention – Larry Beebe gave an update of this program. Thanked all that has so far registered but would like to see more. A big item is the practice day at Sebring, which is the Friday before convention. He has received a really good response to this event. He encourages all that even if you are not involved in the competition come on down and watch, as it will be a fun day. He has some good entertainment planned for Convention. There were no questions. Thanked the Florida people for their help.

Roger commented regarding people that are going to convention but not staying at the Convention hotel. This is where the members can really help us as NCCC has obligated to a certain number of rooms. If it were not a deal breaker for you or your family you would be doing NCCC a great service if you would stay in the host Hotel. You would be closer to the activities and all the fun around the host hotel. Additionally when we have the parties and the celebrations with the drinking etc it would be better for you to be in the host hotel, so he encourages you to not try to save in the area of the hotel.

Sylvia Hoaldrige – Publications— The last issue was mailed 4/17/06 and all should have received. If you have not received your issue, check with your RMD or with Sylvia.

The deadline for the summer issue is 6/1/06. As a reminder, please tell your members to consider the advertisers in *Blue Bars* and on our website. Some of these advertisers are sponsors and some are paid ads. We want them to come back and support us, so please remember them when purchasing items.

When making reports to your members, either in person or in a newsletter, every time there is an issue of *Blue Bars* ask them if they have received it as she is getting more emails than ever before about mailings.

Gary Foster – Sgt. at Arms — Thanked the West Region for the munchies and helping him put it all together. He mentioned the starting time for the hospitality room as he had some people questioning the starting time, hoping it could be opened earlier. The consensus is that it will continue to be opened from 8 to midnight. The following have submitted door prizes and he asks that we consider these people when buying:

- Dennis and Jeanine Patrick contributed a T-shirt.
- Debbie Lindsey donated 6 gift certificates.
- Florida Region donated a gift certificate.
- Patrick Dolan donated raffle tickets from the NCCC charity
- Dave Heinemann donated some car care products.
- Additionally he received products from Jags, Corvette America, Electronic Engineering, Mid America Motorworks, Zip, O'Reilly's and Ozzie's restaurants. He would appreciate your remembering these contributors as you make purchases.

The providers of the munchies for the next meeting for the hospitality room will be the candidates. He will be looking for volunteers for the following meetings.

Jerry Limpach – Public Relations— The traveling NCCC displays are traveling, if you need one please let Jerry know. NCCC pays the

expenses for shipping. If you want to see what the display looks like there is a section on the NCCC website. The display goes out complete with membership applications and a supply of *Blue Bars* so pretty much everything you need is there to set up.

He is contacting some of the national magazines to see if they want to send someone to the Convention, hopes to get some press coverage.

Allen Morris had a question – In the latest issue of *Autoweek*, it states that if you are going to buy a Z06 next year or the Blue Devil that is coming out, General Motors is saying you have to take a driving school. As an NCCC member, to do high speed events, one of the driving criteria are you have to have a high speed license. Is there any chance that you can contact GM, maybe put a plug in for NCCC that if you are a member of NCCC and have a high speed license you would not have to go through another driving school? This would be a way to get NCCC out there. Jerry commented we have helped them in the past in putting on driving demonstrations when the C4 was winding down, maybe we could work something out.

Hal Bellamy – Business Manager— Hal reminded everyone there is a great opportunity going on right now as there are five elected offices coming open and 9 or 10 appointed offices that you can have. This is an opportunity for you to find out what the officers are thinking about.

There has been one claim since the last meeting.

He has added the charity treasurer to the bonding.

He introduced the two representatives from K & K, Dennis Liggett and Jason Mowery, who were available for a question and answer session. Jason is the main contact for us. They indicated this visit for them was two-fold; to share with us that it has been a good relationship between K & K and NCCC, and to answer any questions.

Dave Heinemann – Parliamentarian — Dave has received nine entries for the Newsletter contest. This will continue to be a mailed copy for judging. He does realize a lot of the newsletters are now electronic, however please print a copy for the judging. The winners will be announced at Convention.

Last November there was an election of officers with no contest and the E-Board challenged him to look into some other method of voting when there is uncontested voting. He put this before the RE's and asked them to take this back to their regions for discussion. The RE's have come back with a unanimous decision that we will continue to send mailed ballots for voting as the governors do not want to lose their ability to vote and also want the ability to have a write-in vote.

Carolyn has been sending the minutes out by both mail and email. Last night the RE's discussed this issue and he then brought to the E-Board this morning. Everything we do is being done online, everything is going electronic and it is time NCCC moves up to the age of electronics. The RE's voted unanimously that they want to see all mailings sent electronically. This will be a cost savings to NCCC in postage, printing, and time to the secretary. This will be effective 1/1/07. If you are currently getting minutes mailed and you have electronic means, get to Carolyn and provide her with your email address. If you don't have email, it is time to step up. If you don't want to step up, it is time to get somebody to step up for you.

The RE's worked on several by-laws that were presented and also had several standing rules and plan on putting out a proposal that the RE's voted on with 100% agreement that they will put something on the floor in September that anything submitted will have to be submitted by the 1st meeting of the year. Part of the reason for this is sometimes a by-law comes in that is a very simple by-law and can be dealt with quickly; however, many other times by-law proposals come in and they affect other committees such as finance, membership, and competition and

after they review they then have to send to the other committees. Then once everyone involved has reviewed, and if everything fits, then it will be presented on the floor at the September meeting for consideration on the November ballot.

Roger added a comment to Dave's report.

Deb Murphy – Treasurer — Deb went over the reports for the Convention.

Bob Bowen – VP of Membership — Bob was not in attendance; however, his report was provided by Nina Foxenberg. The nomination committee will consist of Diane Bowen, Pat Brown, and Terry Brennan. Motion was made to accept the nomination committee and seconded; motion passed with no discussion.

Mike Godfrey – VP Competition — Mike welcomed the new Northeast RCD, John Backman.

Had one record drag event since the last meeting and no record set, so no new drag records.

National points have been updated with all information received as of May 4, 2006.

Clubs

5. Carolina Autocross Team - 1200 pts
4. Nashville Corvette Club - 1330 pts
3. Corvette of Naples - 1652 pts
2. Corvette Atlanta - 1963 pts
1. North Fl Corvette Assoc. - 2032 pts

Ladies

- 5 Betty Parks, Southeast Region –219 pts
4. Janet Wilson, Midwest Region - 258 pts
3. Claudia Stouffer, East Region - 284 pts
2. Debbie Simmons, Carolina Region - 302 pts
1. Donna Littlejohn, Carolina Region - 401 pts

Men

5. Dave Septon, Florida Region - 250 pts
4. Don Parks, Southeast Region - 272 pts
3. Pancho Thompson, East Ohio Region - 276 pts
2. Mark Stouffer, East Region - 277 pts
1. John Haskell, Carolina Region - 288 pts

Clarifications

Had two clarifications presented last night:

- Can I run a non Z06 transmission in a regular C5 coupe in IJJ? Answer-to preface this, the IJJ class was created by this committee at the beginning of this year. Since it is a new class that was created felt we had some latitude in how that class would operate. So, this clarification is only toward IJJ. Any C5 with an y Z06 specific engine, transmission, or differential parts will be put in IJJ class. One consequence of this, the second clarification that was made in February is superseded by this clarification. In other words that clarification was about a Z06 cam in an LS1 engine and that would be in IJJ and not in group III.

- Three parts to this and only had to answer two. Can the Power Brake Vacuum system be replaced by a Hydra tech high performance hydraulic brake assist retrofit system and be installed on a group IIB car? Answer – No. If no, can the system be installed on a group III B modified car? Answer – Yes and this effectively answers whether it can be installed on an RP car.

Discussion ensued from question by Arnie Bailey re the clarification made at the February meeting.

Several hours at the Friday night meeting were spent on the new rulebook. The RCD's have made some progress, the goal is to produce a rulebook that is not only fair to all the competitors, trying to make it simpler and easier to read and able to quickly find answers. They will have a complete new rulebook for 2008. He is also looking at making the rulebook available electronically at some point in the future.

OLD BUSINESS

Pat Kelly announced she received the first rebate check from the sale of the FCOA T-shirts that was \$63.00, and she appreciates everyone's support. Manny modeled one to point out they do come in tent sizes.

Per Roger regarding the NCM expansion program, they have applied for a 2.5 mm grant for the expansion. The stipulation might be that they may have to begin construction in order to receive grant money. To do this they may have to borrow some money to begin the construction in order to get the grant money. For example if they need 5-6 million and they get 2.5 mm they may have to borrow 1mm to get that. From his perspective as a board member he has always been against borrowing money for this expansion however if in order to get money you borrow money this is a little bit of a different deal. The board has given tentative approval to at least consider some credit in the application of the grant in order to get this construction underway. It is stipulated only if it is demanded by, or constrained by the grant monies. If they do not get any grant money, there will not be any borrowing of money.

Re the ALMS race in Mid Ohio, several members helped them last year in supporting the museum by running the corvette corral. This was headed by Jerry Limpach, and members of his club and Bill and Peg Quine and members of their club. We had asked at the time that was completed if this was going to happen again this year and the answer was no. Roger asked again as late as November and was told that Chevrolet had contracted with people to do those things; they did not need car clubs to help. Now Roger has received a note asking for our help, as the contractors have not worked out. Unfortunately the time is too short to prepare and we are unable to accommodate them.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

Roger mentioned that for the officer candidates that run and are successful, they would be invited to the November E-Board meeting to sit in and see what happens.

50/50 Raffle was \$170.00 to the winner, Cindy Urenda.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Montgomery, Secretary

From the Editor...

These minutes are an abridged version of the actual minutes that were distributed by the NCCC Secretary. Please contact your Club Governor or Regional Executive for a complete set of these minutes.

From the

Treasurer

Here we are in the throws of summer starting to look at the 2007 budget already. It seems like we just finished the 2006 budget. This year we will have a couple more items to look at since I separated the Convention and Grants/Scholarships budgets out of our General Fund. That should give us a better picture of what we have to spend and also the obligation the General Fund may need to support either of the other two programs. Anyway, that is what I have been doing.

I would still like to have someone step up to run for Treasurer soon. If you are interested, please contact me soon. It would also be a good idea if you would plan to attend the September National Governors' Meeting that would include the Finance Committee meeting that is held on Friday night. I won't kid you...there are lots to do with this position; however, if you are familiar with income statements and balance sheets and have some expertise in using computer programs, you are there. Many of us have been around NCCC for a long time and have volunteered our time to "give a little back" to the organization. Think about it...there are several other positions open for next year.

Since the financial health of our organization is doing very well, I don't have much to report. Let me know if you need any information concerning the National financial reports or if there is something you do not see reported and I can fix that!

Deb

From the

Director of Publications

Keep up the good work, everyone! You have done a great job keeping me supplied with items for *Blue Bars*. Please keep in mind that I'm just the artist who creates a publication four times a year with the articles, photos and various items of interest that come my way from you and other members of our Corvette family. I'd probably be out of a job if not for you.

By the time you receive this issue, Convention in Orlando will be history, and the deadline for the Convention issue of *Blue Bars* (September 1) will be looming on the horizon. If you are considering submitting articles and/or photos of your Corvette club's activities or other Corvette-related events, don't wait too long to send them to me. My current backlog of articles and photos for *Blue Bars* should take us through the Winter 2007 issue. The earlier you submit items for our publication, the sooner your contributions will appear in *Blue Bars*.

As I was preparing this Summer issue, I was notified that Beth Heck, CEO and owner of Kennedy Printing Company, had passed away from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. Beth and her husband, Jim, have been members of NCCC for many, many years. Under Beth and Jim's guidance, Kennedy Printing Company has maintained a professional relationship with NCCC off and on for decades as the printer of *Blue Bars*, the Convention program book and numerous printing projects. Beth will be missed by her many friends in the West Ohio Region and throughout NCCC.

Sylvia

From the

Director of Sponsorship

The 2006 NCCC Convention is just around the corner. Or, dependent upon when *Blue Bars* actually arrives at your house, we may have passed the corner and are heading home. Either way, it is going to be a GREAT event, or I am sure that those who attend will have had a GREAT time!!

What is so GREAT about this convention?? GREAT location, GREAT hotel site, GREAT racing sites, the renewal of GREAT friendships and, of course, GREAT sponsors. Check out this lineup. General convention sponsors are **Chevrolet/Corvette**, and **Langka Products**. **Paragon Corvette Reproductions** will be handling some registration materials for us. **Eckler's** will start the week with sponsoring our hospitality on Saturday and providing some special souvenirs for the week. **MidAmerica Motorworks** will be a sponsor for the concours. **Parish Heacock Insurance** will be providing support for the car show. **Zip Products** will be our rallye sponsor and, at the end of this busy day, **Corvette Central** will be hosting our Monday night entertainment that will include some prizes for the "best, old" convention T-shirt. For the speed events, our support will come from **Kumho** for the high speed event and **Hoosier** for the low speed event. Both of these activities will be run at Sebring. On Thursday night, we can expect some special entertainment that will be sponsored by **Goodyear**. When Friday rolls around, **Firestone** will be sponsoring the banquet to end a GREAT week for those in attendance. We are expecting a few special vendors, lots of goody bag items and door prizes, and possibly a few surprises, so this should be a fun, GREAT week.

Since my last article, I have learned that **MidAmerica Motorworks** will be able to help provide our membership pins, as well as our day planners this next year, so we are thankful to them for this additional activity. **Chevrolet** will also help sponsor our membership cards and **Zip Products** plans to produce the high speed certification cards, as well as the novice license cards, so we are greatly appreciative to these two companies as well. Support for these items helps our organization in many ways.

Don't forget to contact me by email or phone if your club is interested in linking your club web site with **Langka Products**. You can receive some samples, as well as door prizes, for your club activities.

Rebate, rebate, ka-ching!!! Hopefully, your Regional officers have explained the **Eckler's** Rebate Program to your club Governors and you are participating in this opportunity. Your support for this program will support your region, which can help with your regional activities. All NCCC members have the opportunity to participate in this program to purchase products through **Eckler's** and help their region. It can be a win-win situation. Mike Wilson, Vice-President of **Eckler's**, plans to be at convention to answer any questions you may have about this program.

Need a hotel for your summer travels or a rental car? Hopefully, you have checked out the rates for the variety of **Choice Hotels** and **Avis** or **Alamo Car Rentals** available on our Special Discounts for Members page of the NCCC web site and are booking through them.

NCCC will host membership booths at the Corvettes of Carlisle event in August, Mid America FunFest in September and the Eckler's Reunion in October. Stop by and visit with fellow NCCC members, purchase raffle tickets for the NCCC/NKF Raffle car and show your support for NCCC and its activities!

Hope you have a safe, GREAT summer!!

Debbie

From the

Webmaster

Have you thanked your Webmaster recently? I mean your Club Webmaster and your Regional Webmaster, silly...not me! As a Webmaster, I realize the time, thought and effort put in by all of the Webmasters who maintain NCCC related Web Sites. There are over 200 of them and they deserve some applause for a job well done.

I have taken a trip around most of the Club Web Sites and I am amazed at the variety of creation put forth by the Webmasters. No two are alike and no one can be said to be perfect. I am concerned, however, about the ones that seem to have gone by the wayside and do not contain current information. I have had e-mails from Club Members who would like to take over and update their Club Web Site, but they cannot find out any information from the previous Webmaster for various reasons. Together we have solved some of those issues and they are in the process of resurrecting their site. If any other Club is in this situation, please contact me and we can work together to get things rolling. And, while I am on the subject, do you know that anyone can become a Webmaster. Not all of the Webmasters are computer gurus (I know I am not one) or know everything there is to know. We all started somewhere and got where we are today by being willing to learn something new and to ask questions of those who we think might know the answer. Growing in our knowledge is how we got all of those cool things on the Web Sites...and became addicted to the process!

The NCCC 2006 Club Web Site Contest is now closed to new entrants. Governors from eight of the Regions have applied to have their Club's Web Site be judged. After the judging is completed on July 15, 2006, I will post on the NCCC Web Site a link to each of the sites, so you can take a look for yourself. Winners will be announced and Awards presented at the 2006 Convention in Orlando.

Joan

Listed below are the 2006-2007 meeting dates for the National Governors' Meetings at the Sheraton West Port (not the Chalet) in St. Louis, Missouri. This will allow you to plan ahead. For reservations, please call (314) 878-1500.

September 8-9, 2006
November 10-11, 2006

February 23-24, 2007
May 4-5, 2007
September 7-8, 2007
November 9-10, 2007

Hot off the Presses...

November, 1969

DECISION MADE ON PORPOISE...

Governors Approve "Vette" as NC Mascot

At the Convention at Daytona this summer, the members attending visited Marineland for an Aqua Show. Shortly after the group departed, a baby porpoise was born, which was named "Vette," in our honor by the officials at Marineland. At the September governors meeting, it was decided that this porpoise be the NC Mascot.

Here's where you get to do your part: It was decided that a special commemorative jacket patch be made for the occasion. The N.C. member who submits the patch design approved by the Executive Board will receive a grand prize of two free registrations at the 1970 NC Convention at Louisville. Submit sketches of your ideas (in color) to John Palladino before the governors' meeting in January.

Suggestions of what your patch should include are: a picture of a porpoise, a picture of the Vette, mention of NC mascot, mention of the Convention or location, etc. (These are merely suggestions and not requirements.)

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NCCC OFFICIAL DRAG RECORDS 06 MAY 2006

Index time indicates record is retired. # - Indicates Index frozen until broken. * - Indicates change since last printing.

CLASS	TIME	INDEX	RECORD HOLDER	CLUB	EVENT	DATE
Group III						
DPA	9.01	9.10	# John Sharp	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-2 Oklahoma City, OK	10/19/03
DPB	9.84		Bill Panzer	Northern Rays, Ltd	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2004	05/30/04
DPC	7.66	8.66	# Carl Moyer	CC of Iowa	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-1990	09/03/93
RPAF	9.52	9.62	# Pancho Thompson	N.E. Ohio Vette Club	NCCC Convention	06/28/01
RPA	9.78	9.88	# Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
RPB	9.97	10.07	# Doug Seredich	Tiretown CC	WR-56 Cornhusker CC	08/31/03
MA	9.98	10.08	# Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	NCCC Convention	06/28/01
MB	10.20		Jim Benedict	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04
ME	10.90	11.01	# Gary Pennington	Cowtown Vettes	SW-01 Oklahoma City CC	06/06/00
MH		11.20	#			01/01/97
MK		11.20				12/10/05
CLM	10.12		Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-88 Crossroads CC 2005	10/15/05
LDPA	9.83	9.93	# Delores Barncord	Cornhusker CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
LDPB	9.41	10.41	# Karen Clevenger	C.O.A.S.T.	SW-52 Cowtown Vettes-1990	10/27/93
LDPC		11.08	#			01/01/93
LRPAF		10.00	#			01/01/97
LRPA	10.26	10.87	# Linda Garvin	Mid Texas Cust CC	SW-03 San Jacinto CC-1997	11/02/00
LRPB	10.50	10.61	# Sylvia Hoaldrige	Cowtown Vettes	NCCC Convention	07/11/02
LMA	10.60	10.71	# Loretta Spinrad	Capital City CC	MI-051 Capital City CC-2000	05/20/02
LMB	10.31	11.31	# Linda Williams	San Jacinto CC	SW-37 Oklahoma City CC-1993	06/12/96
LME	11.09	11.71	# Kathryn Pennington	Cowtown Vettes	SW-01 Oklahoma City CC-1997	06/07/00
LMH		11.20	#			01/01/97
LMK		11.20				12/10/05
LCLM	11.01	12.01	# Sara House	Longhorn CC	SW-57 Mid Texas Custom CC-1996	08/24/99
GROUP II						
A	10.90	11.01	# Stan Dedrickson	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/11/02
B	11.35	11.46	# Jerry Benedict	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00
C	11.81	11.93	# Jim Benedict	Cornhusker CC	MI-153 Royal Corvettes-1999	09/25/01
D	11.76	11.88	# Dick Smith	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC-1999	09/06/01
E	12.69		Dale Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05
F		12.00	#			01/01/93
G		13.00	#			01/01/93
H		12.85				12/10/05
J	12.41		John Oder	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04
K		12.50				12/10/05
M		11.20				12/10/05
CLA	12.92	13.05	# Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
CL	13.42	14.42	# Ron Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99
LA	10.61	11.61	# Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	WR-06 Cornhusker CC-1994	09/05/97
LB	11.70	11.82	# Patty Wilson	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
LC	12.65	13.28	# Linda Benedict	Cornhusker CC	WR-39 Cornhusker CC-1997	09/01/00
LD	11.92	12.04	# Sharon Smith	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00
LE	12.69		Amanda Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05
LF		12.00	#			01/01/93
LG		13.00	#			01/01/93
LH		12.85				12/10/05
LJ	12.49		Angela Oder	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04
LK		12.50				12/10/05
LM		11.20				12/10/05
LCLA	14.28	14.42	# Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
LCL	13.67	14.67	# Jeannie Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99
GROUP I						
A	13.35		Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/28/05
AA	13.13	13.77	# Bob Holliday	Tiretown CC	MI-100 Royal Corvettes-1997	09/20/00
B	13.45		Doug Shilen	Cowtown Vettes	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2004	05/30/04
C	13.07	13.71	# James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	SW-02 Mid Texas Custom CC-1997	08/23/00
D	13.96	14.10	# Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	SW-02 Sanjacinto CC-1999	11/14/01
E	13.45	13.58	# Dale Acker	Competition Corv OK	SW-02 Sanjacinto CC-1999	11/14/01
F		12.50	#			01/01/93
G	13.18		Kevin Anthony	Cowtown Vettes	SW-02 Competition Corvettes of OK	04/17/05
H	12.94		Gary Foster	CC of Iowa	WR-054 CC of Iowa 2005	07/16/05
J	12.55		Dave Hawks	Cornhusker CC	WR-88 Crossroads CC 2005	10/15/05
K		12.65				12/10/05
M		11.50				12/10/05
CLA	14.65	14.80	# Jim Schwent	Boone Trail CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00
CL	14.81	14.96	# Fred Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
LA	13.39	13.52	# Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
LAA	14.73	14.88	# Merrilyn Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
LB	14.10	14.24	# Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-15 Boone Trail CC-1999	05/15/01
LC	14.11		Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04
LD	14.08	14.22	# Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	SW-02 San Jacinto CC-1999	11/14/01
LE	13.67	13.81	# Debra Acker	Competition Corv OK	SW-02 San Jacinto CC-1999	11/14/01
LF		12.50	#			01/01/93
LG		13.50	#			01/01/93
LH		13.30	#			01/01/97
LJ	12.86		Lee Ann Kneifl	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04
LK		12.65				12/10/05
LM		11.50				12/10/05
LCLA	15.44	16.44	# Sue Schwent	Boone Trail CC	WR-05 Cornhusker CC-1991	09/02/94
LCL	15.31	15.46	# Terri Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01

To receive a patch and/or certificate of a record, send \$1.00 to the VP Competition for each patch or certificate requested.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

May 6, 2006

REGION	CLUBS	MEMBERS	MAL	L/T	FCOA	LARGEST CLUB IN REGION	MEMBERS
Carolina Region	18	337	8	16	33	CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	63
East Ohio	16	803	31	31	149	BUCKEYE CORVETTES	119
East Region	31	2585	75	34	211	CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	238
Florida Region	21	1075	28	10	80	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	214
Honorary members	0	7	7	0	0	N/A	
Indiana Region	18	810	11	22	130	CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	123
Michigan Region	15	1278	23	18	286	CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	248
Midwest Region	32	1954	43	17	463	SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	158
Northeast Region	10	486	18	5	49	SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	145
Northwest Region	1	102	2	0	1	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	100
Rocky Mountain Region	13	608	11	4	63	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	105
Roadrunner Region	15	872	22	29	86	DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	227
Southeast Region	15	900	18	4	92	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	222
Southwest Region	18	1322	37	33	137	TULSA VETTE SET	321
West Coast Region	26	2274	28	2	153	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	249
West Ohio	8	412	20	18	78	CORVETTE TROY	136
West Region	24	1548	15	19	380	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	337
TOTALS	281	17373	397	262	2391		

CLUBS WITH 300+ MEMBERS				CLUBS WITH 100+ MEMBERS - CONTINUED			
WR 095		CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	337	MW 277		SUNBURST CORVETTE CLUB	115
SW 248		TULSA VETTE SET	321	SW 131		OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	115
CLUBS WITH 200+ MEMBERS				WC 397		CORVETTES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	112
WC 202		LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	249	ER 357		NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB	111
MI 006		CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	248	WC 325		ORANGE COUNTY VETTES	110
ER 098		CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	238	WC 420		RED LINE CORVETTES	107
ER 266		LANCASTER COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	235	EO 005		CORVETTE CLEVELAND	106
MI 488		AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	228	MW 075		WISCONSIN CORVETTE CLUB	106
RR 303		DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	227	RM 183		COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	105
SE 073		NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	222	WC 336		PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES	104
WC 302		CORVETTES WEST	219	SE 142		CORVETTE ATLANTA	102
FL 276		CORVETTES OF NAPLES	214	EO 068		TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB	101
SW 207		LONGHORN CORVETTE CLUB	203	WC 299		CORVETTES OF FRESNO	101
CLUBS WITH 150+ MEMBERS				NW 483		TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	100
ER 263		BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	197	CLUBS WITH 75+ MEMBERS			
ER 038		FREESTATE CORVETTE CLUB	180	FL 186		CENTRAL FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	98
ER 108		YORK COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	173	MW 054		MIDWEST CORVETTES	98
ER 001		CORVETTE CLUB OF AMERICA	170	ER 366		BEACHCOMBER CORVETTE CLUB	96
WR 015		CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	167	ER 118		ALLENTOWN AREA CORVETTE CLUB	95
SW 063		SAN JACINTO CORVETTE CLUB	159	IN 133		TRI-STATE CORVETTE CLUB	95
MW 051		SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	158	MW 004		CHICAGO CORVETTE CLUB	95
CLUBS WITH 100+ MEMBERS				RR 452		SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB	95
NE 105		SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	145	ER 430		ACQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB	94
WC 340		PALM SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	144	RR 241		EL PASO CORVETTES	94
SW 055		COWTOWN VETTES	143	NE 157		VETTES IN PERFECTION, LTD.	93
ER 196		CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVETTE CLUB	139	WR 022		CORVETTE CLUB OF IOWA	92
WC 500		CORVETTES OF TEMECULA VALLEY	136	WC 326		CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	91
WO 027		CORVETTE TROY	136	WR 529		GREAT PLAINS CORVETTE CLUB	91
MI 041		GRAND VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	134	FL 058		NORTH FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	90
MW 391		MID-ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	134	SE 499		TRI-CITY CORVETTE CLUB	86
WC 447		CORVETTES LIMITED	133	MI 136		CORVETTE COVENTRY OF SW MICHIGAN	85
MI 003		CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	132	MW 526		R.A.C.E, INC	84
MW 351		WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	132	SE 239		MIRACLE STRIP CORVETTE CLUB	84
MW 167		NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	128	SE 253		EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	84
WR 126		SIoux FALLS CORVETTE CLUB	128	EO 257		COMPETITION CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	83
IN 281		CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	123	ER 372		CORVETTE ANNAPOLIS	83
MI 047		KALAMAZOO CORVETTE CLUB	123	SE 348		VALLEY VETTES	83
WC 401		THE VETTE SET	122	WC 434		POMONA VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	83
EO 010		BUCKEYE CORVETTES	119	FL 076		GULF COAST CORVETTE CLUB	82
IN 115		FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	119	MW 465		MAD CITY VETTES	82
RR 331		TUCSON CORVETTE CLUB	116	ER 999		MEMBERS AT LARGE	75
FL 032		CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB	115	RR 530		SONORAN DESERT CORVETTES	75
				WO 039		GLASS CITY CORVETTE CLUB	75

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	FCOA white T-shirt	Infant 6 month	\$13	\$
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	FCOA white onesie	6-12 month	\$15	\$
	FCOA white onesie	18-24 month	\$15	\$
	FCOA white T-shirt	Toddler 2T	\$15	\$
	FCOA white T-shirt	Toddler 3T	\$15	\$
	FCOA white T-shirt	Toddler 4T	\$15	\$
	FCOA white T-shirt	Youth small (6-8)	\$16	\$
	FCOA white T-shirt	Youth medium (10-12)	\$16	\$
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Make check payable to Dennis Patrick for the total amount.

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BLUE BARS SUMMER 2006

ATTENTION NCCC MEMBERS!!

Have you moved? Has your name or address information changed?

If you can answer "YES" to any of these questions, it is important that you notify NCCC of these changes. You can do that two ways: by going to the NCCC website and clicking on Address Change Form and making your changes directly online or by notifying your Regional Membership Director or, in the case of members-at-large, the Vice President-Membership Bob Bowen. *(Bob Bowen's contact information can be found on page 3 and RMD contact information can be found in the "Regional News" section of this magazine.)*

It is important that the NCCC membership database be kept as up-to-date as possible, because this database is used to generate labels for each issue of *Blue Bars*, as well as for mailing membership packets and other pertinent information that NCCC mails out to the membership.

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Destiny Corvette Club At Watkins Glen



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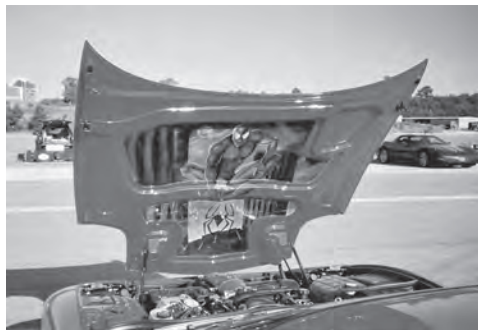
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Hal Bellamy, Business Mgr, flanked by Jason Mowery and Dennis Liggitt, both with K&K Insurance



The Pat Kelly clones invade the May National Governors' Mtg



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Tombstone Event Weekend



Tombstone Event Weekend



The Beebes manning the Convention sales items at the National Governors' Mtg
Va Beach ~ October 2005



The Northern Virginia Corvette Club holds its 1st “Sir Isaac Newton’s Totally Awesome Driving School”

In the years 2004-2005 there were over 25 traffic deaths involving teenage drivers in the Washington D.C. Metropolitan area. On March 4, 2006, the members of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club (“NVCC”) decided “enough is enough” and held their first teen driving school for young drivers in the Northern Virginia area.

This was not your typical Driver’s Ed class. The young drivers were put through a series of real life situations in a controlled environment that tested their thinking, reflexes, reactions, and actions throughout the day. The school was set up with five different stations that the drivers rotated to throughout the day then met back in the class at the end of the day for a short debriefing and class certificate presentation. The five stations included:

- 1) Classroom instruction (2 sessions);
- 2) Braking exercises – threshold braking, accident avoidance, and using ABS to maximum benefit;
- 3) Egg-shaped oval – proper cornering, looking ahead, distractions, and proper breaking in turns;
- 4) Slalom – weight transfer, cornering left to right, and being smooth; and
- 5) Wet skid pad – forced oversteer and understeer, getting control of slides, and modifying driving to deal with slippery driving conditions.

As an added twist to the school, we allowed the parents to sit in the back seats so they could see first hand what their children were being taught, so they could learn also, and to gain confidence in their teen’s ability to drive safely. From the testimonials that we have received from the parents, they learned just as much, and had just as much fun as their teens did. Most asked if we could set up a class for the parents!

All students and parents received goody bags that included safety items for them to keep in their car including first aid kits, ice scrapers, and tire pressure gauges. Everyone also received a free lunch.

This school, which was limited to 50 students, was a mass effort by a lot of people to keep it free for all the students. Without the support of the members of NVCC, Howard Snook of Long & Foster Realtors, Koons Chevrolet, Discount Tire Center, and Crossroads Online, this school wouldn’t have happened. It also drew the attention of several county school systems, Chambers of Commerce, and businesses that came out to observe the school and offer their support for future teen driving events.

In short, everyone involved walked away with their head held high, a smile on their face, and proud that what they taught may prove to save the life of one of these young drivers one day. NVCC is looking at doing 2-3 of these events a year.

George Kerns, President of Northern Virginia Corvette Club



Parent Testimonials

Subject: Isaac Newton Driving School 3/4/2006

Dear Mr. Snook, (Howard):

I thought that I’d drop you a short note this evening to express our thorough enjoyment today of the ‘Defensive Driving School’, sponsored by you, Long & Foster and the Northern Virginia Corvette Club. Please pass along my thanks to Mr. George Kerns, President of the NOVA Corvette Club, all the pro drivers, and staff who put this event together. It was ‘Outstanding’!! Most importantly, you are to be thanked for your ‘personal’ efforts to make this happen. It was very clear after the first meeting this morning with both parents and students, what you have accomplished!

Howard, my 17-year-old daughter didn’t want to come all week long, as she said that she already had her license and is a ‘good driver.’ She put her selling hat on and tried all types of creative ways to get me to change my mind. She really knew in her heart that this would be impossible. I wanted to give her an invaluable experience that could save her life and anyone riding with her. What more can a parent do than to prepare their children in every way possible to properly handle any and all situations in life that they can. This skill is an absolute requirement for all drivers, especially those that are inexperienced (teenagers etc.).

Well, the good news is that she gave the highest ratings (10) ten in all categories on the course end survey! This was a very ‘eye-opening’ experience for her. As further testimony, she reminded me how she used what she learned in class today to handle the off-ramp curve off I-66 on to the Fairfax County Parkway as we headed home. That was evidence that learning took place (transfer of skills & knowledge). She also said that she hardly remembers what she learned in Drivers Ed.

I will recommend this course to family, friends and business associates, as it will prove to be a ‘difference maker.’ Please pass along our thanks to Mr. Wesley Foster and our appreciation for his support and backing of this very important intervention.

Sincerely,
BJ

George,

My husband and I cannot thank you and everyone who made this event possible enough! Christina called me 3 hours into the training to tell me what a great time she was having. She said that she learned so much. We have all had to adjust our car seats to the proper distance away from the steering wheel and hold the steering wheel properly, and pivot between the gas and brake pedals (because every second counts)! She was not too excited about attending, because she had to get up early, but she LOVED it! She said that she was so glad that she went. Your efforts may one day prove to save her life.

THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sandy S

Dear Mr. Kerns,

I can’t thank you enough for sponsoring this driving school. I feel so much better with Mike’s ability to drive safely. This is by far the best thing that could be done to prepare him for driving. With God’s help he will never find himself in a situation where any of this is needed, but if he does need to use the skills he learned Saturday I have both God and the Northern Virginia Corvette Club to thank for his safe return home.

Sincerely,
(a very thankful mom!)

George,

My son and I attended the Teen Driver’s Training class sponsored by the Northern Virginia Corvette Club last weekend. It was a great experience for both of us and well worth the time.

Thanks again for your time in preparing and teaching this course. My son and I thoroughly enjoyed the course, which made a positive, lasting impression on him. He continues to practice the lessons and skills that he learned. As far as auto cross is concerned, I think he finally found a motorsport that he enjoys. Time will tell.

Regards,
Shawn B

NCCC's TOP 15 CHAMPIONS ~ LADIES

#1 - Maxine Person

North Florida Corvette Association
Florida Region



I've been an NCCC member since 1997.

I became interested in competing:

Competition was the farthest thing from my mind; however, my husband decided to encourage me in a racing endeavor, somewhat akin to birds being pushed from the nest to see if they can fly. Mark placed the car in line, borrowed a helmet and with a smile on his face said, "Maxine you need to get in the car; you are holding up the start!" Needless to say I was not overly pleased with Mark at that moment and was petrified of the sea of cones I was about to tackle. However, Mark and the rest of our NFCA family said, "Don't worry about going fast; just have fun and be safe."

In 2001 our club decided to run for the National Championship and mid-year I began to race more frequently. The more I raced, the more fun I had racing. As Manny Montgomery says, "You just need seat time."

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

Road Trips...towing the trailer through extremely narrow construction zones...Mexican restaurants...racing in the rain, bitter cold, and extreme heat. Seriously, 2005 was a wonderful racing season. I even enjoyed the few car shows we attended, especially the one put on by the Naples club, and I'm not much of a car show person.

NFCA's 2005 goal was to win the National Championship. Objectives to achieve our goal included: (1) attending lots of events; (2) being safe; (3) having fun; and, (4) winning! The fourth objective proved most difficult since NCCC has so many exceptional women drivers. I learned so much

from Betty Parks, Nelda Mitchell, Pat Brown and other women from different regions. In my own club, Carolyn Montgomery, Teresa Way, and Priscilla Sandefur are all ways providing helpful tips and encouragement. I appreciate all of the mentoring I received from these women and value their friendships as the most important part of the season (besides spending extra time with my husband in the truck!) They are a fun group of people.

In traveling to so many different regions, I gained even more appreciation for the hard work clubs put into events to ensure their guests have a great time. We had fabulous meals prepared and served by club members, went to excellent restaurants, and enjoyed nice accommodations at discount prices. When I think of the workers in places like Gwinnett, GA and Sanford, NC (where it was so hot the AC in the car wasn't enough to cool you) or in Huntsville, AL in the cold, driving rain of December, and our own NFCA club members who work virtually every event, it makes me thankful that we are blessed with so many NCCC members who are willing to selflessly give of their time for the rest of us to enjoy this sport.



My plans for the future are:

I enjoy the competition and will try to attend some of our favorite past events in 2006, plus maybe some new ones. I will also serve as Mark's "go fer" before and during Convention 2006, since he is the Low Speed Chairman. He wants to race his '57, but he has some work ahead and I am the resident flunky on those jobs as well. Additionally, I'm going to spend more time this year with our two grandsons (both are FCOA members and future racers), and enjoy life at a somewhat slower pace.

#2 — Betty Parks

Corvette Atlanta
Southeast Region



I've been an NCCC member since 1974.

I became interested in competing:

When we went to low speed autocross events at the entrance to Atlanta Motor Speedway. After watching a few people run the course, the urge to join them was overwhelming. They were having so much fun and were encouraging us to take the plunge. It was a blast – and has continued to be fun after all these years!!

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

2005 was packed with competition in all our usual places (generally in the Southeast, Florida, Carolina, and Indiana Regions). It was fun to run with the folks from North Florida as they campaigned for the number one club position. The added bonus for the year was the return to racing at The Rock (Rockingham, NC) and Darlington (SC) as well as finally competing at Brainerd.

My plans for the future are:

To continue to compete in all our usual places (as explained above). As I have recently retired after 35 years with BellSouth, I'm still trying to figure out how to spend my time. It will be great to have plenty of time to travel to and from events instead of hurrying to get back to work!!



#3 - Teresa Way

**North Florida Corvette Association
Florida Region**



I've been an NCCC member since 1986.

I became interested in competing:

When I saw how much fun everyone was having!

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

Every rest stop on Interstate 95...Racing on a Saturday in December in 85-degree weather in St. Augustine, FL. Leaving at 3:00 p.m. and driving all evening and arriving at midnight with a horrendous thunderstorm to race on Sunday in COLD and RAINY weather in HUNTSVILLE, AL. Such is the life of a racer on a mission.

My plans for the future are:

To go back to some of my favorite tracks and parking lots and autocrossing with some of my favorite racers (even the ones who beat me).

#4 - Nelda Mitchell

**North Texas Vettes
Southwest Region**



I have been an NCCC member since 1986 and a lifetime member in 2004.

I became interested in competing:

In 1986 when I joined NCCC, and Roger and I began competing in NCCC events in our first season – 1987.

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

The 2005 season netted me the highest National Competition place since I have been competing. Roger and I decided to “go for the Gold” at the Memorial Day event in the Carolinas, a grueling and fun-filled 21-event weekend. Wow! We competed in two more of those 3-day, 21-event weekends and in many others in the South west, West, Carolina, Southeast and Florida Regions. We also captured some points at Convention 2005 at Brainerd, MN. I have to say it was very tiring and expensive, but the benefits are great. We raced some great competitors; won some, lost some, but always we had a wonderful time with the NCCC family. My primary competitor on the east coast, Maxine Person, sometimes kicked my butt, but (??) she was always gracious and ALWAYS pushed me to be my best. What a great competitor! That is what brings the memories: the great competitors in NCCC who become friends that you would never have had if not for NCCC competition.

My plans for the future are:

SLOW DOWN! Roger and I have been in the National spotlight for six of the past seven years. My “term” as First Lady is winding down and so am I. We have had a great 20 years. There were bumps in the road, but many, many good times and good friends to overshadow them. I am now looking for that “smooth sailing.”

Of course, many of you know that Roger as a National Officer has restrained me since 2000, so who knows how all those pent-up words will come out.

#5 - Carolyn Montgomery

**North Florida Corvette Association
Florida Region**



I've been an NCCC member since 1997.

I became interested in competing after watching some other “ladies” do this. “If they can do that, so can I!”

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

2005 is one year that I will neither forget, nor get over! It was constantly go-go-go, but it was also a great year. Our club really pulled together, traveled together and played together. I'm so proud to be part of NFCA. I will never forget the 63 steps of Darlington.

My plans for the future are:

I can only think about this year, not the future. I'm taking it easy this year and looking forward to the Florida Region putting on a GREAT Convention.

#6 - Mary McCombs

**North Florida Corvette Association
Florida Region**



I've been an NCCC member since 1999.

I became interested in competing:

After joining NFCA and competing in my first autocross. I was hooked.

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

How much fun it was, how many miles we traveled, the camaraderie shared with other competitors, the chili supper at Roebing Rd, and how cold and wet it was at Huntsville, Alabama.

My plans for the future:

I plan to continue to autocross as much as real life and work will allow.

#7 – Margaret Bohannon

Carolina Autocross Team
Carolina Region



I've been an NCCC member since 1992.

I became interested in competing:

When I bought my own Corvette in 1984. I joined Corvettes Unlimited Corvette Club in Southern California in 1987 and went to some SCCA events and got the 'racing' bug. Actually Mike and I met at a Western States Corvette Council event in 1988. We did some SCCA autocrossing until we moved to the South in 1992, and the rest is history.

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

A few trips to Tampa and Jacksonville FL, Darlington and, of course, Rockingham. Our July event in Sanford was hot and lots of work, but we have super helpers. (And a great big THANKS goes to everyone for putting on the event this year while Mike was in the hospital.) My best memories are the friends we have made both on the course and off.

My plans for the future:

Helping Mike heal up and, of course, we hope to see everyone at Convention in Orlando.

Thanks again to our NCCC family for your prayers and support during these tough days.

#8 – Claudia Stouffer

Central Pennsylvania Corvette Club
East Region



I've been an NCCC member since April 2003.

I became interested in competing:

In 2004, I competed in car shows and a few autocrosses within the East Region. In 2005, I started traveling out of the East Region doing more autocrosses and car shows. It's the people you meet who keep you competing. There is not a greater or more helpful group of people than the NCCC Corvette people.

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

The people I have met, the fun I have had and the traveling to the different regions. The events I have attended in the Carolina, Southeast and Florida Regions have been a great experience.

My plans for the future:

To continue traveling back to the same locations, hopefully traveling to some new ones and competing as much as possible. I also hope to attend some new driving schools to improve my driving skills.

#9 - Pat Brown

Cincinnati Corvette Club



West Ohio Region

I've been an NCCC member since sometime around 1979.

I became interested in competing because we love to travel and see different parts of the country and to try to beat my personal best times (or Ron's).

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

Convention in Minnesota and high speeds at Brainerd, Putnam Park, Summit Point and Roebing Road.

My plans for the future are:

To take each day one day at a time.



#10 - Sharon Meesseman

Michigan Autocross Group
Michigan Region

I've been a NCCC member for about 30 years.

We started MAG in 1991. I became interested (but not nationally yet) in autocrossing before my husband and I were married. (He bought the car from me first.) The most I will remember about racing in 2005 is rene wing all the acquaintances I knew before our accident. I re-met some, but not all, of the people I knew before 2003 and had a great time doing it.

My plans for the future:

Of racing aren't very strong. I really just wanted to see if I could get up here again. I'm not as fast as I used to be. I don't do most high speeds, so no one catches up with me on the track, but I enjoy the autocrosses immensely.



#11 - Deb Murphy



Tiretown Corvette Club
East Ohio Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1975.

I became interested in competing:

Right away but more so in the past 15 years.

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

The socials - tailgate parties after competing...we have a great bunch of competitors. We all want to win, but that is

on the track. After that, we really enjoy each other's company.

My plans for the future are:

Hopefully retirement...we are all a little older now. We would like to move to Florida and settle into boating, fishing and racing more often. Maybe not next year, but soon!!

I would also like to find someone who is interested in giving back to NCCC by accepting the Treasurer position. I would be happy to work with that person to get started.

#12 - Joan Thomas



**Northern Illinois Corvette Club
Midwest Region**

I've been an NCCC member since 1995.

I became interested in competing:

My husband Jim and I had attended some Rallye events early in 1995. Labor Day weekend, Jim decided to try an Autocross event and pushed me in the car later that day for a Fun Run. Little did I know that the Fun would last for the next 11 years...and beyond!

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

Jim and I decided to only compete in the Midwest Region for one season and attended 125 Region Events ~ Rallyes and Concours, as well as Speed Events. As a result, Jim became the 2005 Midwest Region Men's Champion...I fell a little bit short (no pun intended). After the Midwest Region Season was completed, we went to an Indiana Region weekend of events for a test-and-tune on the rebuilt Race Car and I traveled to some Southeast Region events, because I was there. Jim and I, accompanied by Barney, the Racing Dog, have traveled all over the Country since those first events in 1995 and really enjoyed staying in our Region in 2005. The Midwest Region is a mighty fine Region

My plans for the future are:

The NCCC Convention will always be in our plans but, due to changes in my personal life and Jim's work schedule, we will not be able to attend many Club events in 2006. Whenever a weekend opens up, though, we will be on the road to somewhere. It will be hard to be limited after nine straight years in the National Top 15 (including two National Championships) and the many miles and smiles I have enjoyed these past 11 years. I will be grateful in 2006 for any events I may have the privilege to attend and we'll see what 2007 brings...and 2008 brings...and....

#13 - Carolyn Samuelson

**Northern Illinois Corvette Club
Midwest Region**



I became interested in competing:

After watching my husband at his first autocross in 1980. I have been competing ever since both Regionally and Nationally, winning three National Championships along the way.

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

Taking a Group 1 FTD at the Convention high speed in Brainerd, MN, winning the Midwest Regional Championship and placing 13th in the National Points standings. WOW! What a fun year! Dale and I visited some new sites, had a few margaritas and, most of all, enjoyed socializing with our NCCC friends. The competition was great and the camaraderie and encouragement from fellow competitors made this a very special year.

My plans for the future are:

I always say we need to slow down, but that never happens. Dale and I are committed (or should be committed) to timing a lot of speed events in the Midwest Region. We haven't missed a Convention since 1983 and look forward to this year in Orlando and racing at Sebring. I look forward to competing, seeing all of our friends and having another fun year.

with some terrific events. We thank them all for a memorable year!

#14 - Janet Matsura



**Corvette Club of Michigan
Michigan Region**

I became interested in competing:

At a CCM driver's school in March 2002, followed by CCM events.

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

Competing in the Great Lakes High Speed Championship Series and at Brainerd during Convention. I found high speed races very exciting!

My plans for the future are:

As I now work every other Saturday, I won't be able to attend every race event. I plan to take care of some projects at home and spend more time with my family.

#15 - Gail Dawley



**Spartanburg Corvette Club
Carolina Region**

I became interested in competing in 1973 when I started dating Pete.

What I remember most about competing in 2005:

Racing at "The Rock"

My plans for the future are:

Don't really have plans for the future. Every time I say that I am retiring from competing, it never happens.

OHIO LOVES TO RACE

After winning the NCCC East Ohio Region in '98, '01 and again in '05 and having been fortunate enough to finish two One Lap of America Races in Cor vette Grand Sport replicas, I decided to try my hand at a NASA wheel-to-wheel at Mid-Ohio April 21-23, 2006. The weather was perfect except for a little rain on Friday that cleared up before the big race on Saturday and Sunday. There were 31 competitors in nine classes. The track surface was all new and incredible. The following are the highlights:

- 120 laps
- 288 total miles driven
- 2 hours and 40 minutes on track
- Shifted 16 times per lap.
- Total weekend shifts: 1,920
- Went through 60 gallons of 116 octane (Ouch!).
- Wore out rotors, pads and tires (Ouch, again!).
- Scared myself once when I saw a car spin in Turn 1 facing me at speed.
- Thanks to spotter Ken Kessler for calling that in.
- And Dad for calling down engine in on Turn 1 (fog screen).
- Dad did all timing and scoring and radioed all lap times.
- Angie made sure I was always on the grid on time as well as making sure we all had something to eat and drink.
- I was sent to impound, because I went too fast (Thanks, J.W.).
- Had to scale car with full tank (pig 3,498 lbs minus me) WOW!
- I was sent to dyno because they thought I had too much HP (Thanks again, J. W.).
- Ran a 139.6 lap time in traffic with 46 cars on track and DOT tires.
- Lost 5 lbs and worked every body muscle (I'm sore.).
- Did not even break a screwdriver out to work



HIGHLIGHTS

Passing a twin-turbo Porsche on the inside at the end of back straight in some

really late, late braking zones (Need new underwear.)

THANKS TO

Tim Allen and family for helping out and filming
Guels for use of camera for in-car footage
Peg and J.W. spotted Sunday (Thank you!)
Alan Moore for extra wheels and 830 carb
Dad for picking such a cheap hobby to get into...HA! HA!

I am truly grateful for everyone's help in making my first big race a dream come true.



RESULTS

- 1st place Saturday
- 2nd place Sunday
- 4th fastest overall out of 300+ cars

AFTER RESULTS

All of those mentioned above are NCCC members of Tiretown Corvette Club, my second family since the age of 2.



Memorial Day 2006 found me back at Nelson Ledges for Corvette Cleveland's annual high speed. I was able to lower my IIIIE track record again to a 73.57, which is as good as it gets.

My new job with KUMHO Motorsports will keep me on the road quite a bit, so I won't be able to make a lot of events in or out of the region in '06. Hopefully, I'll see you down the road or on the net.

Aaron (Racerboy) Quine, NCCC Member since 1990

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My wife always thought the barn in the background would make a great painting and decided to use it as a backdrop for our car . We think the photo epitomizes the Chevy slogan, “Heartbeat of America.” Interestingly, the horses came around from the back of the barn to see what was happening.

Bob Hammond, Holly Springs, NC



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About the Back Cover

Corvettes of Buffalo was formed in 1981 in Buffalo, NY. The original 15 members who formed the Club invited 11 other Corvette enthusiasts to join for a total of 26 charter members.

Our membership has a common interest and bond – we have been drawn together by a dream, the Chevrolet Corvette. Corvettes of Buffalo is a social, technical and community-oriented club. We enjoy our “Vettes” and we like to have fun. Membership interests range from cruising to racing to showing cars at a variety of functions. Club cruises, picnics and technical activities are planned year-round.

During our 25th Anniversary year, we have planned three special celebrations. The first one was a 25th Anniversary Dinner held on March 25, one day after the original first meeting, which was held on March 24, 1981. Memorabilia was compiled by current and original Charter members of the club. Our second celebration will be our annual Corvettes of Buffalo Corvette Car Show on July 23. This is a “Corvette only” show and is well known in the area. This show helps local organizations, such as the Variety Club of Buffalo, military personnel stationed in Western New York and persons with physical challenges. On August 6, we will have a Corvette Brunch run. This is a Sunday morning cruise through Niagara County with a police escort. After the cruise, we will have a catered brunch at a local park. We expect many out-of-town Corvette clubs to attend this year.

Membership in Corvettes of Buffalo has more than doubled during the last 10 years with a current enrollment of over 80 members.

We invite all NCCC Corvette Clubs and members to join our club activities if you are in the Buffalo / Niagara Falls area. Our website is: www.corvettesofbuffalo.com

Activities throughout the Years

Corvette Activities

- Autocrosses
- Wine Tours
- Drag Racing
- 25th Anniversary Corvette Caravan
- 50th Anniversary Corvette Caravan
- Summer Evening and Weekend Cruises

Fundraisers

- Concours D'Elegance Corvette Shows
- 50's – 60's Dances
- Road Rallies
- Garage Sales

Promotional

- Mall Shows
- Chevrolet Dealers Car Shows
- Clutch Artist Autorama
- 4th of July Parades
- National Council Corvette Clubs

Social

- Picnics
- Swimming Parties
- Progressive Dinners
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Tombstone Run



Tombstone, AZ, often called “The Town Too Tough to Die,” is the most famous of Arizona’s old mining camps. When Ed Schieffelin arrived at Camp Huachuca in 1877 and wandered off to prospect in the hills nearby, his comrades said “Ed you will find your tombstone before you find silver.” Well, nothing was further from the truth! When Ed staked his first claim, he named it “Tombstone.” When rumors of the rich strikes made the mining camp a boomtown, the settlement adopted Ed’s name. Over the next seven years, the mines produced millions and millions of dollars in silver and gold before underground water forced suspension of mining activities.

During the mining heydays, with thousands of treasure hunters seeking to strike it rich, Tombstone gained a reputation as a town steeped in violence and lawlessness. Tombstone, AZ is perhaps most famous for its Gunfight at the OK Corral on October 16, 1881 (a date very close to the date of our “Corvettes and Ghost Riders” events). The Earp brothers: Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan, along with friend Doc Holliday shot it out with the Clanton and McLaury Gang. The fierce gunfight was quick and when the bullets stopped flying, Billy Clanton, Tom McLaury and Frank McLaury lay dead. Virgil and Morgan Earp needed weeks to recover from serious wounds, but Doc Holliday was barely grazed by a bullet. Surprisingly, Wyatt Earp was unscathed. The storied feud that grew between the Earps and Doc Holliday and the Clantons, who were protected by territorial sheriff John Behan, was so full of bizarre twists that it has become the story told for over 100 years!

These days the “Corvettes and Ghost Riders” take over the little town of Tombstone with a new kind of raucousness hosted by Xtreme Corvettes, Corvette Motorsports, Vettes & Rods, and Desert Corvette Association. Last October, we filled the motels and hotels of Tombstone! We had over 250 Corvetters in for an NCCC 14-event weekend! The fun included a car show, rallies, history walks, parties, and much more! We thank all our Corvette guests for attending our Run and we would love to see them again in 2006! This is a Corvette event that is open to everyone from near and far. If you are a fun-lover and are looking to have a great time, join us for our 6th Annual “Corvettes and Ghost Riders” Tombstone Run, October 5-6-7-8, 2006 and see what the wild, Wild West really means! This event has doubled in numbers year after year. Why? Because Tombstone is a special place indeed!

Visit Tombstone, AZ and you’ll step back into the rough and tough days of western history. In the 1880s, Tombstone was a booming mining town that brought a rush of those looking to strike it rich. Gold and silver were the lures that also became magnets to thieves, card-sharks, murderers, rustlers and an abundance of unsavory bad guys.

The streets came alive with hundreds of saloons, gambling halls and bawdy houses.

Come and join in the Corvette fun in Tombstone! Lots of pictures from our past runs and good information can be found on our website at <http://www.corvettes1.com/Tombstone.htm>.

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CORVETTES AMERICA 2005

5th Annual Corvettes America Show held at GM Tech Center



A heavy overcast greeted Corvette enthusiasts on Saturday, August 13, 2005 as they arrived at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren, Michigan. This “rain or shine” show draws most of

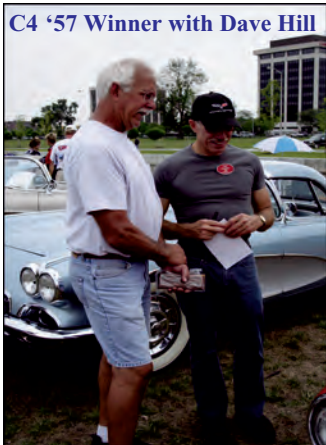
its participants from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Ontario, but some had come from Illinois and Pennsylvania and as far away as California. (The two entries from California drove the entire distance.)

The reasons for coming those distances were two-fold: first of all, to attend the largest all-Corvette show held in Michigan; and second, to do so at the GM Tech Center. The Tech Center has been the design and engineering home of every Corvette since the mid 1950's. All of the legendary names associated with the development and refining of the Corvette have walked the halls of the Tech Center: Zora Arkus-Duntov, Harley Earl, Ed Cole, Bill Mitchell, Dave McLellan, Larry Shinoda, John Cafaro and David Hill.

Despite a couple of brief showers, judging of the Show & Shine competition and balloting of the NCCC-sanctioned People's Choice competition continued throughout the morning. The



Celebrity Choice judging started promptly at 11:00 a.m. This year's Celebrity judge list read like a Who's Who of Corvette personalities. Included were Ed Peper – General Manager of GM's Chevrolet Division; David Hill – Corvette Chief Engineer; Tom Peters – C6 Chief Designer; Kirk Bennion – Design Team Leader, C6 Exterior; Andy Bolig – Editor of *Corvette Enthusiast* magazine; Jerry Kohn – President of Corvette Central; Lance Miller – President of Carlisle Productions; Harlan Charles – Corvette Product Manager; and Jeff Cauley – President of Cauley Chevrolet, one of North America's leading Corvette dealerships. Twelve lucky recipients went home with autographed Fenton Art Glass trophies to mark their participation in this show.



Participating suppliers included the country's best-known Corvette suppliers. Corvette Central, American Custom Industries, Lingenfelter Performance Engineering, Paragon Reproductions, Mallet Cars Ltd., Vette Essentials, and Speed Lingerie were among those suppliers populating the suppliers' display lot.

For the first time ever, GM opened the doors to the Vehicle Engineering Center lobby where a display of special-interest Corvettes could be seen. Corvettes on display included the Dale Earnhardt-driven C5-R #3 from the Chip Miller family's collection and the restored 1961 Gulf Oil SCCA championship-winning Corvette from a local owner's collection. Three of GM's styling Corvettes from the 1960's rounded out the lobby display.

At day's end, trophies were awarded in 11 classes in the Limited Entry Show & Shine competition and also in 11 classes of the NCCC-sanctioned People's Choice competition. Best of Show awards were presented in the stock, modified, and custom divisions of both competitions.

Despite the rain, more than 550 Corvettes passed through the gates on this day along with over 1,100 paid spectators. The proceeds from the show allowed America's Corvette Club (MI) to make charitable contributions to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation,



the Karmanos Cancer Institute and special contributions for Hurricane Katrina relief to both the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

Over 100 members of America's Corvette Club (MI) volunteered their time to make this show a success. And, as an example of fair gamesmanship, Corvettes belonging to club members were not eligible to win awards in any of the competitions. Members' rewards were participation in Michigan's largest all-Corvette show.

NOTE: By the way, the show this year is on August 12, which is during the NCCC convention. Our show is always the second Saturday in August. We really don't have a choice, since that is the day GM allots us the use of their grounds. We have commitments from Dave McLellan, David Hill and Tom Wallace to participate this year. As far as we know, this is the only time all three living Corvette Chief Engineers will be in one place at the same time this year.

Article was submitted by Tom Psillas, Show Chairperson and member of America's Corvette Club, and photos were taken by Jeff Sepúlveda.



NCCC's 2005 CLUB CHAMPIONS

The North Florida Corvette Association was established in 1964 and joined NCCC in 1967. NFCA's hometown is Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, which is about 10 miles east of Jacksonville. We meet at least twice monthly and have a number of social activities during the year as well as our participation in competitive events.



either worked or participated in events during the year. It was also exciting to see so many of our less experienced club members become excellent drivers, fully capable of winning their class and group, as the year progressed. Well done, NFCA!

We enjoyed traveling together on our road trips, driving new tracks, going to new shows and enjoying the

The 2005 competition season for the club actually started in 2004. Several club members were discussing how nice it would be if, at the 2006 NCCC convention, which would be in Florida, NFCA could be presented the Trophy for #1 for 2005. Well, that started us to thinking – we can do that – but we will have to plan ahead – attend as many events as possible – take at least 15 club members on each road trip and cover as many classes as possible. Each

member picked a class and ran that class the entire year, except on several occasions when a car would break and someone would have to buddy up. The idea was that we did not want to beat up on each other. If we got beat, it would have to be by someone from another club.

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About half way through the season, we realized that we could have a lot of our club members in the top 15 men and women. This became another motivator to keep us going. Around September, we knew we had #1 so, to keep things interesting and members motivated, we decided to try and break Tiretown's total points record.

It all worked: NFCA is the Number ONE club for 2005. We had 11 club members in the top 15 men/women, including Ladies' National Champ (Maxine Person) and 36,629 points – the most points ever earned by a club in one year. Our club had great teamwork with members like Gay Septon working almost every event in the Region and even working out-of-region events. Over 40% of our club membership

outstanding hospitality of other NCCC clubs. The best thing of all – our club members still talk to, and support, each other.

Article and photo were submitted by Manny Montgomery, Club Governor.

2005 FINAL POINT STANDINGS - CLUBS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Club Name</u>	<u>Club #</u>	<u>Points</u>
1	North Florida Corvette Assn	FL-058	36629
2	Cowtown Vettes	SW-055	17932
3	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131	16186
4	Tiretown CC	EO-068	14916
5	Corvette Cleveland	EO-005	9905
6	CC of Michigan	MI-006	9510
7	Windy City Corvettes	MW-351	8890
8	Corvette Atlanta	SE-142	8138
9	CC of Iowa	WR-022	7547
10	Michigan Autocross Group	MI-362	7427
11	Cumberland Valley CC	ER-098	7283
12	Corvette Troy	WO-027	7182
13	Northern Illinois CC	MW-167	6826
14	Carolina Corvettes	CA-014	6689
15	Cornhusker CC	WR-095	6398

2005 FINAL POINT STANDINGS - LADIES

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Club #</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Events</u>
1	Maxine Person	FL-058	2552	298
2	Betty Parks	SE-142	2442	261
3	Teresa Way	FL-058	2341	274
4	Nelda Mitchell	SW-555	2219	257
5	Carolyn Montgomery	FL-058	2206	277
6	Mary McCombs	FL-058	1905	245
7	Margaret Bohannan	CA-469	1550	198
8	Claudia Stouffer	ER-098	1539	206
9	Pat Brown	WO-018	1492	157
10	Sharon Meesseman	MI-362	1438	203
11	Deb Murphy	EO-068	1365	146
12	Joan Thomas	MW-167	1347	154
13	Carolyn Samuelson	MW-167	1278	124
14	Janet Matsura	MI-006	1260	147
15	Gail Dawley	CA-177	1228	122



2005 FINAL POINT STANDINGS - MEN

<u>Place</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Club #</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Events</u>
1	Howard Curtis	IN-072	2808	333
2	Mark Person	FL-058	2642	303
3	Manny Montgomery	FL-058	2614	323
4	Harry Way	FL-058	2450	282
5	Roger Mitchell	SW-555	2402	257
6	Don Parks	SE-142	2331	261
7	Ray Meesseman	MI-362	2025	208
8	Dale McCombs	FL-058	1847	259
9	Pete Hallock	FL-058	1756	241
10	Mike Bohannan	CA-469	1745	226
11	Geoff Gott	EO-068	1702	203
12	David Septon	FL-058	1701	219
13	Patrick Wrigley	IN-115	1537	170
14	Tim Anderson	FL-058	1523	185
15	Mark Stouffer	ER-098	1443	206



NCCC's TOP 15 CHAMPIONS ~ MEN

#1 - Howard Curtis

Elkhart Vette Set
Indiana Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1998 when I bought my first Corvette '78 Silver anniversary.

I became interested in competing in 2001.

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

First, it would be the people; second, it would be people and, third, the fellowship with all the people. And, oh, yes, I became 2005 National Champion. All memories in that order

My plans for the future are:

I have always said that when I turned 72, I would allow myself to start thinking about getting old. So I think I may sell my Lock Smith shop and take some time out to rebuild Victoria ('78), since I wrecked her and my trailer on a trip to Detroit, MI last fall.

I would like to thank all the competitors who helped make all those memories and my thanks goes to Rene who drove me to Florida twice and loaned me a ride after I wrecked my Vette. Having said all that...have a good day, my friends.

Extra comments:

I visited 15 states.

I drove 40K+ miles.

I ran 333 events.

I ran on Ice at Tire Rack in the spring.

I ran with headlights on to finish an event.

I ran in a 55mph wind. And we had to duct tape cones to the track; when they blew down, you weren't fast enough to catch them.

I ran on 3' of snow in the fall in Detroit and

If all trials and tribulations didn't take their toll, my RE aged me by a year in an article *Blue Bars*. Kevin, why didn't you do that when I was 64? I could have collected SSI a year earlier.

Photo below provided by Digital Photo Café.



#2 - Mark Person

North Florida Corvette Association
Florida Region



I've been an NCCC member since 1997.

I became interested in competing:

After learning about the program and being encouraged by club members. After my first travel event, I was hooked!

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

Our 2005 season actually started in late 2004 when NFCA decided to run for the 2005 championship. We worked out a strategy, encouraged our fellow club members to compete and planned the initial events for the year.

Maxine and I just hoped that we could make the top 15, but our main mission was to do our part to help NFCA win the championship. As the year progressed, we were surprised that we were in the top 5 with each new points posting on the NCCC web site. We had never really paid attention to points in the past and had to learn how the system worked. This was fun, but it also added pressure for me to pay closer attention to my normally erratic driving. Now I had to try to beat people in my class, pay attention to winning the group as well, make up my DNF's, make second runs and do this event by event! Our fearless VP of Comp, Manny, was always there to make sure I didn't become "less diligent."

While all this was hard enough, everywhere I went, I had to race against absolutely exceptional drivers in my class and group. Competition was fierce! There were the "regulars" I ran into many weekends, like

Don Parks and Roger Mitchell, who consistently showed me that my fastest times were rarely fast enough. Additionally there were the guys I would see occasionally like Jack Priestner, Pancho Thompson, Robert Matsura and many others who would quickly dash my hopes of having a winning weekend. I really had to focus on each run to have even a remote chance of winning events.

However, I wouldn't trade any of this experience for the world. The competition was intense but it was fun, friendly and educational. All of these competitors regularly offered suggestions on how to improve times, car set-ups, and driving skills, even when they risked losing if I improved. One of the most memorable times was when Don Parks walked the course at Grissom AFB with me and taught me how to analyze the course. It was like seeing a course in a different dimension. NCCC competitors truly define "good sportsmanship."

We were also blessed with a reliable car, safe travel and everywhere we went the NCCC people putting on the events did a fabulous job. They were friendly, helpful, hospitable and accommodating. We always were welcomed and made to feel at home.

My plans for the future are:

In the immediate future, I'm working Convention 2006 as the Low Speed Chairman (come to Convention 2006!!). Before and after Convention, I will be working on the '57 for racing - not showing, just as Chevrolet and Mr. Duntov intended. As for the travel and competition, I started missing it about two days after it stopped last year so in the future, with the Lord willing, we will do this again.



#3 - Manny Montgomery

**North Florida Corvette Association
Florida Region**



I've been an NCCC member since I joined a NCCC club in 1997.

I became interested in competing:

My first autocross was in 1997 at BlueAngle Park in Pensacola, FL. My club had an autocross scheduled for the last part of October. I did not want to show up as a rookie, so I drove to Pensacola, FL to attend an out-of-region autocross. I did not break any records, but I had a ball. This was my first NCCC road trip and where I first met Don & Betty Parks and Mike & Margaret Bohannan. Pensacola was my first autocross - I guess that may be why I always love going to Pensacola and why I was so disappointed when the park was closed to autocrossing. Ever since this first road trip, I have been sold on competition and I look forward to road trips and the liars' den in the parking lot on Saturday night.

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

Two words - "Interstate Highways." Carolyn and I traveled 20,932 miles of Interstate highway, spent 52 nights in motels, and wore out four sets of tires in order to attend 323 events. It started at Kenly, NC in March and ended at Bradenton, FL in December. Two events stand out for 2005: the best road trip was to Rockingham, NC- love that track; the worst trip was the second trip to Huntsville, AL in December- it rained cats and dogs. I will never forget watching Nelda M. cross the finish line sliding tail first. It rained so hard that you could not see the end of the track from the starting line. My hat's off to John McGee, who stood in the rain all day as the starter - he sure earned his worker points that day.

My plans for the future are:

This year we are going to rest and try to put on a great convention in the Florida Region. 2005 was a fun time for the members of North Florida Corvette Assn. I hope that someday soon our club will again want to make a run for Number ONE. Sometimes I think the bench racing in the hotel parking lot, talking with friends, and drinking a few beers are more fun than the events, but then Sunday comes and there's another day of autocrossing!



#4 - Harry Way

**North Florida Corvette Association
Florida Region**

(Cliff's club for you old-timers)

I've been an NCCC member since 1986.

I became interested in competing:

When I joined in 1986, I had only had my first Corvette, a 1973 convertible, for a few months. The first few autocrosses that NFCA put on I worked course and watched what was going on and then got very interested in wanting to run myself. When I first tried running the '73, I was awful. Every time I hit the brakes, I locked them up. I decided that the '73 was not the car to be racing, so I purchased a '71 beater and immediately started making it ready for IID. And ALL the racers helped me work on that car to get it ready.

For the next several years, I got my butt kicked in IID, but I had a great time doing it. At that time, David Combs pretty much owned that class in our region. Everyone kept encouraging me and saw that I was improving, so I didn't give up. I see too many people give up too soon if they don't win right away. I understand the frustration, but all I can say is it takes time to develop the skills, to learn car setup and especially tire management (which I still can't figure out). So keep at it. The worst case is you have a lot of fun doing something you like with some really great people.

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

- I cannot single out just one thing, because there are so many memories. So here are some of the things that stand out to me and maybe some of you will remember too.
- Caravanning to the out-of-town events. I cannot believe we never got pulled over.
- Meeting and competing with Mark and Claudia Stouffer. They were new to autocrossing but kept at it. I was glad to see both of them make the top 15 as well.
- Mexican restaurants and motel parking lots
- The 200 steps to the restrooms at Darlington
- Four power steering pumps (none of which were bad).
- Spending 12 to 16 hours per weekend behind the wheel of my truck.
- What would Johnny break this weekend?



- The damn rain on practice day at Brainerd. %@#@%!
- Huntsville in December - Never again. %@#@%!
- The great people ...and how it was like a family reunion every weekend.

My plans for the future are:

Slow down a little bit, win the lottery and live extravagantly ever after.



#5 - Roger Mitchell
NCCC President



North Texas Vettes
Southwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1986.

I became interested in competing, because folks who were friends of mine at the time showed me how much fun it could be and helped me to get better at it!

What will I remember most about competing in 2005:

It was the most comprehensive participation Nelda and I had ever put forth. We entered more events, saw more of the country and met more "hosts" and fellow competitors than ever before. They are "THE BEST!"

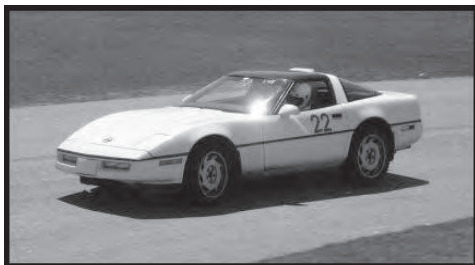
My plans for the future are:

To complete my term as President and to look forward as Corvette and NCCC continues into the future under a new administration.



#6 - Don Parks

Corvette Atlanta
Southeast Region



I've been an NCCC member since 1974.

I became interested in competing:

When we went to low speed autocross events at the entrance to Atlanta Motor Speedway. After watching a few people run the course, the urge to join them was overwhelming. So much for the rest of our weekends!

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

Getting back to "The Rock" (Rockingham, NC) again, Brainerd...finally, and all the Saturday night tailgating sessions.

My plans for the future are:

Keep the old '89 running for yet another season.



#7 - Ray Meesseman

Michigan Autocross Group
Michigan Region



I've been an NCCC member since 1972.

I've always been competitive and I began autocrossing in 1970. I went to my first Convention in Indiana in 1973 and we have only missed a couple since. 2005 was a great year, because Sharon was well enough to race again. We plan to continue racing, seeing old friends and making new ones.



#8 - Dale McCombs

North Florida Corvette Association
Florida Region



I've been an NCCC member since 1999.

I became interested in competing:

Before we got our first Corvette, we decided we would have to join a club and participate in Corvette activities. I discovered there were two clubs in town, a social club and a racing club. The rest is history.

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

The many friends we made and the fellowship we enjoyed. My most memorable events were the Sanford, NC autocrosses and especially Roebing Road with the Friday night chili supper.

My plans for the future:

I will use this year to recover (physically and financially) from last year's hectic season and get ready to hit the road again in 2007.



#9 - Pete Hallock

North Florida Corvette Association



Florida Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1973.

I became interested in competing:

I became interested in 1973 and competed in autocrosses and concours with a stock 1962. In late-2000, Manny Montgomery offered to let me try his new Z06. That got me hooked on racing again, leading to the purchase of several Z06's and a 2004 coupe.

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

First, I will remember the people and their concern when health prevented me from competing late in the season. Second, I will remember Rockingham and how cool it was to be able to race there. I apologize to the course workers at start & timing for scaring you. And last, but by no means least, I remember how generous Manny & Carolyn Montgomery were for sharing rides, cars and all those on-the-road sandwiches.

My plans for the future are:

Having just gotten married, I look forward to settling into a new house and ordering a C6 soon. Other than Convention, Kershaw, and Roebing Road, I hope to do a lot less traveling than we did in 2005.



#10 – Mike Bohannon

**Carolina Autocross Team
Carolina Region**



I've been an NCCC member since 1992.

I became interested in competing:

In the late 1960's, early 1970's, with Roller Chevrolet Corvette Club in Monterey, California

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

Sanford, NC July 4th weekend. I enjoyed hosting the event with many terrific helpers and I enjoyed running there, too. I met some more new people, and I will remember changing trailer tires on I-75 South, with traffic whizzing past and having great friends further down the highway who got us a room for the night. (Thanks again, Don & Betty.) There are some not-so-good things, but your racing buddies are what it's about.

My plans for the future:

First, I want to get healed up and back on my feet, so I can go racing again soon, then go to events that we enjoy.

Finally, I want to thank everyone in the NCCC family for their encouragement, support and prayers and especially for running our Memorial Day event while I was out of commission.



#11 – Geoffrey Gott

**Tiretown Corvette Club
East Ohio Region**



I have been racing a Cor vette for 28 y ears starting in 1977 with a 1967 tri carb convertible, then moving on to a 1987 Z51 coupe. In 1993, I bought a tow vehicle and a car hauler and have been out looking for the fun speed events ever since.

What I will r emember most a bout competing in 2005:

This past year two highlights were Convention in Brainerd, MN and, as always, Thanksgiving in Savannah.

My plans for the future:

In 2006, my plan is to seek out the party racing wherever it can be found.



#12 - David Septon

**North Florida Corvette Association
Florida Region**



I've been an NCCC member since I joined the NFCA in the fall of 2004.

I became interested in competing:

I first heard about autocross racing when I went to my first NFCA meeting. My wife and I looked at each other and we both had the "deer in the headlight" looks trying to figure what they were talking about. I could not figure out what could be so fun driving 30 mph. They talked us into coming down for one of the autocross events in St Augustine. It was then I found out that you can drive faster than 30 mph and it was fun! I never dreamt that I would travel so much in one year and have so much fun racing.

What I will r emember most a bout competing in 2005:

I will remember all the good times and the great people I have met throughout the year. I will also remember the willingness of everyone to help each other if someone broke down. One minute you would see the competition on the track and the next they would be working together to get one of the cars fixed, so they could compete once again in the next event. One of my biggest thrills in 2005 was being able to go to Darlington and race. I watched Harry Way start the beginning of several people that were able to spin their car around and go through the finish line backwards without hitting a cone! I was never able to perfect that technique there, although I was able to make a few people gasp a little as I parked my car between a light pole and tree backwards in Tampa. My wife was not entirely thrilled with me on that endeavor.

My plans for the future are:

I plan on doing some racing again this year. I probably will not do as many events as I did last year. I plan on attending my first NCCC Convention in August in Orlando. I look forward to driving at Sebring during Convention. I have heard about that track for many years, so it will be exciting to actually drive on it. I plan to continue competing until I no longer find that it is fun. I can't imagine when that would happen!!



#13 - Patrick Wrigley

**Fort Wayne Corvette Club
Indiana Region**



I've been an NCCC member since 2002.

I became interested in competing:

Shortly after becoming an NCCC member

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

Attending my first NCCC convention.

My plans for the future are:

Travel to regions that I have not visited and continue to meet new people and have fun.



#14 - Tim Anderson

**North Florida Corvette Association
Florida Region**

I've been an NCCC member since 1995 when I joined my first NCCC club.



I became interested in competing:

When I joined North Florida Corvette Association, I was working autocross courses so that the rest of the club could race. After several events Locke McCormick asked if I would like to co-drive his car at one of the next events. I convinced my wife Barbara to let me autocross her 1994 at a practice event so that I wouldn't make a fool of myself when I drove in actual competition. The next event was an actual sanctioned event; after the first run, I was hooked. I competed in three more events that year 2004. In November 2004 the plan to run for the club championship in 2005 was outlined. I, with the blessing of my wife, was in for the long haul and I do mean LONG HAUL!

What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

I don't think I will ever forget the great time competing with everyone and the fun with everyone when the day was done. You have heard the saying, "It's not about the cars; it's about the people." That is so true, but the cars are great too. Another thing I will not forget is the many miles towing up and down the highway to the events. The last and most important thing to me is the special friends that I have made this past year.

My plans for the future are:

I am going to attend local events to hone my driving skills, attend the convention and run the famous Sebring track. I hope to make another run with the club for the number one spot and top our points total.

I would like to thank some very special people:

My wife Barbara for letting me do this,
Locke McCormick for getting me hooked,
My whole club for their encouragement,
Don and Betty Parks for their guidance,
Johnny Haskell for the laughs,
Harry Way for leading the way,
Dave and Gay Septon for helping me keep it in prospective and
Howard Curtis for showing that us old guys can still GET R DONE!



#15 - Mark Stouffer

**Central Pennsylvania Corvette Club
East Region**

I've been an NCCC member since April 2003.

I became interested in competing:

In 2004, I competed in car shows and a few autocrosses within the East Region. In 2005, I started traveling south and got hooked on their autocross events.



What I will remember most about competing in 2005:

Competing in the great autocross events in the other regions with a great group of competitors; the people I have met and their helpful hints.

My plans for the future are:

To continue traveling to all the events that my wife schedules for us and to improve my driving skills to become more competitive.

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After 49 Low Speed (most in the upper limits) in four weeks, next we go to SEBRING...and run the world famous track just like those C5R's and C6R's have. All of this in August. Labor Day weekend in the Carolinas will be eight High Speed events at Carolina Motorsports Park (CMP), followed by no less than three Concours in September and 14 more Low Speed events in October. Life is great!! Go to CRNCCC.COM for flyers and more details for your next adventure in the Carolina Region. There will be pictures on the web site from these events. Check them out.



This year we have had visitors from other Regions, experiencing the "way it is done in the Carolinas." Ask them about it.

Finally, I want to thank you all for the good memories and great fun. Please come again. Bring a friend.

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Hello to all from the East Region! As this article goes to press, we are deep into our summer competition schedule and many of us are looking forward to a great Convention in Orlando.



Over the past year, our Region has seen several new governors representing their clubs. These new people seem very eager to keep the East Region moving forward and improving every year. One thing that has caught my attention at our Regional meetings is the number of guests in attendance. Most of these guests are, in fact, acting as co-governors to help ease the workload. This is a most impressive display of support for the Club Governor, the Region and NCCC. These people are showing a high level of commitment to getting the most out of NCCC and to keep their members more informed and involved in activities outside their immediate club. This renewed interest in Regional and National events by the clubs is a good sign that maybe we are doing something right. NCCC is first and foremost about the car but it is also a place for people from all over the country coming together to share in the fun of owning and driving their Corvette. With new "blood" coming into our Region and their obvious interest in National Council, the East Region will have no problem continuing this tradition of enthusiasm for the Corvette hobby in the years ahead.



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Mike Weil, East Region RE

The East Region's competition season is in full swing. With almost every weekend booked, you cannot use the excuse that there is nothing to do. We have a variety of events scheduled, and a few of our larger events are not to be missed. Corvettes at Carlisle is most notably the largest Corvette event on the coast. The sanctioned Concours on Saturday is a tough show to win, with huge classes and great

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competition. On Sunday, we have a non-sanctioned low speed autocross to test your abilities.

We also have the ever-growing Concours & Parade on the Boardwalk in Ocean City, MD, that is growing every year. Last year, we put a few hundred cars on the boardwalk for an awesome SHOW IT OFF parade for thousands of cheering fans.

And Summit Point is the place to be on October 1, where we have our only 14-event weekend, a high speed autocross. The 1.1 mile short course is very challenging, the weather is generally great, and the host club is more than ready to show you a good time.

Current Point standings are:

CLUB

1. G-Burg Vettes
2. Central PA Corvette Club
3. Corvette Annapolis

MEN

1. John Hay
2. Mark Stouffer
3. Dennis Dunlap

LADIES

1. Claudia Stouffer
2. Diana Hay
3. Darlis Cobble

See you out there...HAVING FUN!

Brian Gallagher, East Region RCD

The East Region continues to grow, increasing not only in the number of members, but also the number of clubs. Region membership grew to 2,585 members from 2,396 members and 214 FCOA members from 208 FCOA members since the last issue of *Blue Bars*. Welcome to the East Region's newest club, the Old Dominion Corvette Club (ODCC) in Virginia. ODCC's president is Collin MacDonald and its Club Governor is Michael Ayoub.

The East Region continues to have articles about its special activities published in *Blue Bars*. Ron and Chris Mayo choreographed a weekend Eat 'n' Ride to Gettysburg. Ron recounted the trip in an article for *Blue Bars* and also submitted a picture of club Vettes at Boyd's Bears that can be found on the cover of the Spring issue of *Blue Bars*. Congratulations to Ron and Chris!

Joe Vasta, East Region RMD



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At the Annual Banquet of the East Ohio Region on March 4, 13 additional NCCC members in the EOR were recognized and issued 25-year membership certificates as follows:

Elaine Obert and Ed Stachowiak
Corvette Cleveland
Norman Steiner
Buckeye Corvettes
Donald Burk and Jack Liles
Competition Corvette Association
Dave Hollingsworth
Tiretown Corvette Club
Robert Holliday
Tiretown Corvette Club
Dan Tewell
Tiretown Corvette Club
Louis Berman
North East Ohio Vette Club
Michael Cotterman
Mound City Corvette Club
James Carter
Mound City Corvette Club
David Brennan
Mound City Corvette Club
Rogers C. Stevens, Jr.
Central West Virginia Corvette Club

This list of new members brings the total number of the 25-year member list to 139 names. Tiretown Corvette has the most members on the list with 32.

EOR Membership awards were also presented for outstanding NCCC membership achievements in the EOR during 2005 to the following clubs:

Corvette Cleveland

1st Place club with most NCCC members (125)

Buckeye Corvettes

Club with the largest increase in membership (+35)

Blennerhassett Corvette Association

Club with the highest percent increase in membership (+100%)

Membership growth requires the addition of new members and also the continued renewal of our current membership. New members are important to help bring new and fresh ideas and contribute to the

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overall efforts. Their contributions help to revitalize and energize clubs and the organization. Long-term members are essential to mentor newer members and to carry on the values and traditions of the clubs and our national organization. Without both of these components of membership, an organization becomes stagnant and also loses its cohesion and long-term direction.

Most organizations are aware of the benefits of having the experience and loyalty of long-term members. These organizations strive to acknowledge the commitment, service and longevity of their employees and members by recognizing service anniversaries (i.e., 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, etc.) and by presenting various service awards and gifts.

What do your club and/or region do to acknowledge and recognize the membership anniversaries of your members?

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are a lot of fun and you don't have the stress of competition. Remember, it's not about the car; it's about the people. The people who make up NCCC have one common denominator. The Corvette brings us together – the people make it worthwhile.

Hope to see you in the Sunshine State this year. Come on down and we will do some running, funning and sunning.

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Notes from the Sunny South:

It is great to be in Florida – I don't mind the hot, sticky weather. At least we don't have that white stuff hanging around half the year. The competition year is half over and we are having fun. If you have not attended an event this year – then check the calendar of events on the web page and plan to come on out. You do not have to enter to attend. Come out and see what the rest of us are doing.

If you have not registered for Convention, better do so real soon. If you cannot come for the whole week, then pick a day and come on a day pass. Day passes are available each day at the registration desk. We will have some good racing at Sebring on August 8 and 9. NCCC Record Drag will be at Orlando Speed World in Biflo on August 10.

There is more to NCCC than competition. We have lots of clubs that do not participate in competitive events and that's okay. Cruise-ins, caravans, day trips and non-competitive car shows are great. They



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The Indiana Region appreciation/awards banquet was held on April 29 and we had a very good turnout of people throughout the Region in attendance. The banquet was held at Maplecrest Country Club in Goshen, IN. This was a relatively new format for the banquet, with the intention of getting more people out to a casual atmosphere of dinner with friends and a weekend of fun. The banquet was well organized by Hal and Mary Bellamy and everyone had a really good time. Entertainment was provided by a local high school group that danced and sang with an energy that wore all of us old people completely out. This was my first time to visit this area of the state and I had a really good time. The event was so successful that I hope we can do something very similar next year.



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The competition season is just starting to take off. Putnam Park is scheduled for next weekend. I'm looking forward to seeing some high speed action on a wonderful track. The Indiana Region and The West Ohio Region team up to put this event on and it usually does very well. I know that by the time you read this



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the event will have already taken place, but if you get a chance next year, this is an event that you don't want to miss. I will give a report on how everything turned out in my next report. One of the difficulties of putting on an event of this magnitude is finding enough workers. It seems that we always find enough people to work the corners, but we could always use a few more.

Well, I hope you have a nice summer and, as always, have fun in your Corvette, and play nice.



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Tons of low speeds and high speeds, as well as rallies and car shows, are planned for the rest of the year. Check out the Michigan Region website, www.michcorvette.org, for updated schedules, results and flyers.

The Gingerman Raceway High Speed Driving School produced a new wave of certified high speed drivers. Please make the new hot shoes feel welcome at the events.

Have fun, be safe.

Kevin Milton, Indiana Region RE

Rene Cardenas, Michigan Region RCD



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Congratulations to our 2005 Michigan Region Champions!

Men's Overall

1st Place - Barry Leone from Shiawassee CC, 805 points

2nd Place - Kurt Schwamberger from Capital City CC, 795 points

Ladies' Overall

Janet Matsura from CCM

Rookie of the Year

Alan Johnson from MAG

High Speed Champions

Danny Kellermeyer from Flint CC

Janet Matsura from CCM

Low Speed Champions

Barry Leone from Capital City CC

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Matching Times Champions

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Hello, everyone! We hope you have all had a great summer in the Midwest Region. First, the Region wants to offer our condolences to the families of Carol O'Brien from Windy City Corvettes and Joe Pickelsimer from Sunburst Corvette Club. I'm sure they are both missed by everyone who knew them. Our thoughts and prayers are with both families as they work through their loss. God has blessed the NCCC with some wonderful people and we hope you all realize how special you are to us!

On the lighter side, we want to welcome everyone in the FASS Glass Corvette Club who joined the Region in April. Welcome to the Region! We hope we get to know more about you and your club in the near future! Visit the Region's website at www.mwregion.com for all of the details on our upcoming competition session as well as event flyers, maps, etc.

Last, but not least, I would like to thank all of our website sponsors who have supported the Region for another year. Your financial support has helped



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communications network and has enabled us to get important information to our more than 1,800 Midwest Region members almost instantly.

I also want to thank all of the Midwest Region's officers, governors, and everyone who has volunteered at any of the events in the Region for making this year another successful year! Thank you from everyone who benefited from the fruits of your labor and keep up the good work. Without each one of you, this Region wouldn't be as much fun! We'll be starting to put together next year's

event schedule soon, so look forward to another full year in 2007.

Save the wave,

Calvin Camp, Midwest Region RE

The Corvette season has begun in the Midwest with over half of the 155 sanctioned events completed by this publication. The events have gone well with a variety of out-of-region participants showing despite the high fuel costs.

The focus of the MWR Host Clubs on setting up safe courses with autocross events, making sure rallyes are challenging but not frustratingly difficult and that concours events are on sunny days (that may be iffy), lends itself to providing a good time for the entrants.

As anyone knows who has been involved with setting up and putting on an event, it has become increasingly more difficult to find facilities to hold autocross events and sponsors/businesses to hold concours events. I would ask three things of all participants to ensure displaying a positive image for the Region and NCCC:

1. Make sure the area is policed for trash, even though it's not yours.
2. Respect the wishes/guidelines of the owner.
3. Contact the sponsoring owner/business after the event either by calling, email, by card, or just doing business with them in any amount and telling them "Thank You."

Enjoy the rest of the season and think how fortunate we all are getting to do what we love.

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I would like to thank all of the people and clubs in the Northeast Region who supported my nomination and eventual election to the position of Regional Executive for the Northeast Region of NCCC. Now with that said, I want to give a salute to the past officers of the Northeast Region who all did a great job. Jack and Anne Carkner will be missed tremendously. Is there racing in Tennessee, Jack?

I contacted each NE club and introduced myself, and plan to visit each club in the future and promise to answer any question or concern they may have. I have asked for some input for this *Blue Bars*, but my email box has not received any input. Write to me at speedvett@aol.com.

Our short warm season is finally here, and scanning the clubs' web sites I found that everybody is going to be very busy this year in our region and in others. In the Northeast Region alone, clubs have planned on holding or attending hundreds of cruises, shows, races, autocrosses, parties and, of course, meetings when we don't need snow tires.

Some of the major events planned by clubs in the Northeast Region are: The Adirondack Corvette Club's great annual VETTE FEST, September 8 thru 12; the Bay State CC annual show in September; the Buffalo CC annual Corvette Show at David Chevrolet, July 23; and the 33rd annual Herbert Mansion event, June 4. Destiny has its annual show at Bresee Chevrolet, August 12, and will be hosting seven or more autocross events this year. Once again, Destiny has an event planned at the famous Adirondack International Speedway, and they may be challenged for the points championship finally after four straight years. Leatherstocking CC has a nice event planned for July 4 in Oneonta, NY. Mid Hudson has a wonderful three-day trip planned in Washington, DC, on August 3. Southern Tier Corvette Club is looking forward to some autocross events and the Keuka Maid Cruise at the Lake. Syracuse CC's great show, Vettes at the Beach, is

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July 30 this year. Last year over 425 cars attended. Also a cruise to the Indianapolis racetrack is planned for Sept 19-23. Tri Vettes CC once again has a nice low speed weekend planned for Sept 16-17. Raindancer Restaurant, watch out for Joe. Vettes In Perfection is again looking forward to the Found Caravan Corvette weekend, June 9 thru 11. Finally, Westchester Corvette Club is holding its very nice annual car show at Arroway Chevrolet Sept 24. For more info on all these events and all the others not mentioned go to the clubs' web sites, or visit the NCCC site to navigate.

The first large event of the season was opening day at Watkins Glen International Raceway in early May. All clubs were invited and there were hundreds of Corvettes there, and all daily drivers. Who would miss an event like this? And; yes, my wife drove the track and did not want to get off of it. There will be lots of polishing, waxing, washing, cruising and partying this year. Will \$3.00 a gallon gas stop us? Not me.

I want to give special thanks and a little praise to clubs and NCCC members who perpetuate the Corvette history of speed and endurance by participating in and holding speed events. Many of us, for one reason or another, think a little rain, dust or dirt will hurt our cars. It's a car; in fact, it's a Corvette that needs to be shown off and heard. Uncover the Vette, back it out of the garage and get out there with one of your local clubs and do some sliding around a track or parking lot, under control, at low speed. It will do wonders for your complexion.

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those who came out to drive for fun and the goal of FTD. On Memorial Day weekend, the Tucson Corvette Club held Bracket Drags, an Autocross, a PC Show, and a great Gimmick Rallye. Thunder Vette Set will be putting on four non-sanctioned autocrosses at an old military airbase in June, which should be fast, challenging, and very entertaining for the expected large turnout in Douglas, AZ. By the time you read this article, the 2006 Convention should be behind us and the Roadrunner Region will be preparing for Desert Corvette Association's annual Millard Fillmore Corvette classic, which will feature Gimmick and Chance Rallyes, along with a PC Show. The end of September will be the New Mexico Corvette Association's Southwest Invitational that will feature seven events including multiple autocrosses and rallyes this year.

October will again draw over 200 Corvetters to old territorial Tombstone for a weekend of partying, bench racing, a PC show and multiple rallyes sponsored by Desert Corvette Association, Xtreme

Corvettes and Corvette Motorsports. November will bring Autocrossing, a PC show and a Gimmick Rallye in Sierra Vista at the annual Vette Thunder weekend. Late in the year, we will also have more shows sponsored by the newest club in the region, Vettes and Rods of Scottsdale, along with Roadrunner Corvettes and Scottsdale Corvette Club.

We hope to see all the Roadrunner clubs represented this year, as well as many of our friends from around the country. Region point standings as of May 25, 2006 are as follows:

Ladies

Debi Hamersly — 59
Barb Shaw — 55
Susan Ranke — 36
Ann Zilinski — 33

Men

Felix Gallardo — 68
Paul Hamersly — 61
Pete Ranke — 52
Ken Gerhart — 51

Club

Desert Corvette Assn — 604
Thunder Vette Set — 400
Tucson Corvette Club — 372

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Roadrunner's 2006 competition season is well underway as you read this. The Roadrunner Region is large and widespread and features a similarly wide variety of events to appeal to all Corvette enthusiasts. Desert Corvette Association, Tucson Corvette Club, Corvette Club of Arizona and Sonoran Desert Corvette Club all held PC shows in February. Thunder Vette Set put



on four super autocrosses on the Sierra Vista airport aprons April 22-23 with a very large turnout. The venue was quick and challenging for all. The following weekend, Tucson Corvette Club held two highly-entertaining, fast, and complex autocrosses at Southwest International Raceway, again with a great turnout. A great time was had by all of

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It has been my privilege to serve as the RE for the Rocky Mountain Region for seven years. Larry, Ellouise, and I have seen the Region double in size to over 600 members. We continually welcome new clubs and new members who are enthusiastic and anxious to learn how our competition program works. It is great to see the increase in the numbers of competitors and the individuals willing to put together events all across our four states.



Our clubs also do a lot of work for charities. Most rallies and shows have some version of fundraising as part of the event. The charities are as varied as the events, and many organizations have benefited from your generosity.

There are so many wonderful people in our Region. For the most part, everyone works together as a team to ensure the success of our program. Each club and each member is a reflection of the Region and NCCC. It is a strange phenomenon that even though our overall numbers are increasing, the number of individuals willing to step up and provide leadership in the clubs is decreasing. This is also true in other Regions. I believe that most members have some talent or skill that would benefit their club. If you are not inclined to take a leadership role, try to elect individuals who possess good basic management skills. Elect people who will adhere to the NCCC rulebook, treat members fairly, communicate openly and

honestly, and represent you, the Region, and our organization well. It is not a good idea to elect someone to a job simply because no one else is willing to take on the responsibility. It might be more advisable to consider combining the vacant position with another position, such as Secretary/Treasurer or Governor/Activities Coordinator. The larger we get, the more differences of opinion we are likely to face, so good solid leadership is essential.

Every member should own an NCCC rulebook. Even if you are not a competitor, there are rules about other things, like good sportsmanship, that apply to everyone. Your club Governor should be able to assist you with any Regional or NCCC related questions. We meet quarterly to update them with news from the National Governors' Meetings and to conduct Regional business. Regional Officers are also available to all members via e-mail or phone. Larry, Ellouise, and I attend as many events as possible and are always happy to visit with each of you. The best part of this job is all the great people we get to know.

I know your club Governors do a good job of keeping you informed, because I see their reports in your newsletters. Between club meetings, remember to check the RMR and NCCC websites frequently to keep yourself up-to-date on events and all the exciting things going on.

Hope to see you out having fun in your Corvette soon.

Cindy Urenda, Rocky Mountain RE



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It seems strange to write an article two months before printing, about things that will happen two months after you read this, but here goes.



There were Low Speed Autocrosses in Atlanta in early April and a Poker Rallye in Nashville in May. The next sanctioned events for the Southeast Region will occur in November with Low Speed Autocrosses at Huntsville and High Speed Time Trials in Savannah. The season will end in December with another weekend of Low Speed Autocrosses at Huntsville. Check the Competition page on the National Web Site for complete details.

While the sanction schedule is a little thin, the Southeast Clubs continue to have activities at the club level. Tri-Cities Corvette Club, along with their sponsor, will hold the 3rd annual Corvette Show in Johnson City, TN. Last year, along with sponsors, they raised enough money to supply 91 bicycles to the Bristol VA, TN



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Boys and Girls Club for Christmas. The Nashville Corvette Club has presented two scholarships this year funded in part by the club's efforts at the concession stands for the Titans games. Corvette Atlanta has donated \$1,200 to the Shepard Center (Out-Patient Equipment Fund). Also, East Tennessee Corvette Club has their annual Vette Fest coming up in September and Corvettes of Clarksville (TN), Corvette Atlanta, Lanier Corvettes Unlimited and Miracle Strip Corvette Club all had Corvette Shows

over the late spring and early summer.

If we've missed your club's activities, please let the Regional officers know, so your club can be profiled in the next issue of Blue Bars!!

Southwest Region Officers

To My Corvette family:

You have touched my heart with all of your kindness. Thank you so very much for your prayers. Without prayers from everyone, I don't believe I would be doing as good as I am at this time. Please keep them up—God is good and listens. I also want to thank you for all of the cards, gifts, phone calls and visits. You all have been so very gracious to me. I am just overwhelmed each time I think about how good everyone has been to John and me. Words can't express the kindness I have felt.

As Roger says — "You are the best."

Love you all,

Sue McGee



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Racing season has started for the Southwest Region. By the time you get this issue, we will have completed 6-8 clubs' events.



As the Editor of *Blue Bars* has reported, this will be the last regional report until the Winter issue that comes out the end of January, 2007. Can you believe that? 2007!

At that time, we will be looking at new officers: the RMD and the RCD for the Southwest Region. We will be planning a banquet for the 2006 competitors. And even I cannot prophesize who will be in the SWR Top 10.

We will have had a fundraiser (looking at Labor Day weekend for 14 events) to increase the region's funds (we are looking at something in 2008) and hopefully have had a REAL winter that kills the bugs and not have 100-degree days for our two days of spring.

2008 Convention in the Southwest Region will be one year closer. We have a chair and co-chair working hard to ensure that this convention meets the expectations of all NCCC members. Both Ron and Dale expect no less from the Southwest Region as we do of them to help put on the one-of-the-best conventions.

I hope everyone enjoys a great summer and waxes and races to their heart's content... a great way to enjoy our Corvettes.



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Region RE

I was all geared up for some hot laps at Hallett and then the rains came. Oklahoma's in a drought and I'm thinking, "No chance for rain; this is going to be a great event." Well, there's no drought now. Our April event at Hallett turned out to be boat races. Oh well, maybe next year.

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By the time you read this, Convention will be just around the corner and I am looking forward to running at Sebring. This is a rare opportunity so if you are not making plans to go, you should reconsider. It will be worth the trip.

We are progressing well on the new rulebook. Group I looks like there will be a lot of changes so contact your RCD for information. If you have any recommendations, we certainly will listen.

Come visit the Southwest Region. We put on some of the best events around. If you need a flyer or the current SW schedule, check out our web site at: <http://www.ncccswwregion.org/>

Joe Reese, Southwest Region RCD

Boy, it is getting harder and harder to put together an inspirational and riveting article for *Blue Bars*. Having the gift of gab does no good, however, if you can't get it down on paper and an author I'm not.

There is, however, some news from the Southwest Region I would like to pass on. The SW Region has recently gained another new NCCC club — the Brazos River Corvette Club. This gives our Region a total of 19 clubs. I would like to congratulate them on becoming an NCCC club and would like to welcome them into the friendliest and best Region within NCCC. The social and competitive aspect of this Region is one of the reasons we are the best.

At this reading, we are two months from renewals. As usual, the club Governors of this Region are asked to submit their club renewals to me by November 15 to enable us to complete the process of renewal by the required NCCC date of December 15. In the past, all club Governors of the SW Region have been very prompt in meeting this November 15 date. Thanks to all you club Governors.

This is my fourth and final year to be RMD of the SW Region. I would like to thank all our members for their vote of confidence in electing me for my second and final two-year term. I have had a great time as your membership director and will miss it. I know my replacement will carry on to serve as your membership director without any problems and that you will continue to support them as you have supported me.

“Let's Roll!”

Brenda Lackey, Southwest Region RMD

SOUTHWEST REGION SCHEDULE ~ 2006			
DATE	LOCATION	EVENT	CLUB
July 8-9	Oklahoma City, OK	11 LS	CCOC/SCC
July 15-16	TMS	7 LS	CTV
Aug. 5-11	Orlando, FL	NCCC Convention	
Sept. 2-3	TBD	7 LS	TVS
Sept. 8-9	St. Louis, MO	National Governors' Mtg	
Sept. 23-24	Oklahoma City, OK	5 LS, RD, 2 ET (Gov Mtg)	CCO/COAST
Oct. 14-15	Sherman, TX	14 LS	CCT/NTV
Oct. 21	TBD	Concours, Funkhana	LCC
Oct. 27-29	TBD	14 events (Gov Mtg)	SJCC/COCH
Nov. 10-11	St. Louis, MO	National Governors' Mtg	



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It seems incredible, but we are already in the final half of the year. As we continue through the year, I ask that you keep the following in mind:

1. The 2006 NCCC Convention in Orlando in August; what could be better? I hope to see you there!
2. Election of Regional and National officers will occur this fall. Consider running for an office rather than running a monologue about those currently in office. By doing so, you **may** increase your credibility among your fellow NCCC members, as well as your jaw muscles being much less fatigued.
3. WR Officers, Club Governors, and Members: know your **responsibilities** as a member, Club Governor, and/or officer and fulfill them; take the **initiative** when appropriate; and conduct yourself with **integrity**.
4. Definitions are provided for **bold** items in #3. **Responsibilities**: things for which you are accountable or answerable; duties and obligations. **Initiative**: the action of taking the first step or move; ability to think and act without being urged; responsibility for beginning or originating. **Integrity**: the quality or state of being unimpaired; the quality or state of being of sound moral principle; uprightness, honesty and sincerity.
5. Since there were no offers to host the 3rd quarter Regional Meeting, the final two Regional Meetings will be held in St. Louis in conjunction with the National Governors' Meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Jay Hommer, West Region RE

We just finished another great Memorial Day weekend of events hosted by four Iowa Corvette clubs – the Corvette Club of Iowa, the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club, the River City Corvette Association and the

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Muscatine Corvette Club. This weekend is becoming one of the MUST attend weekends of the competition year. The events are fun, challenging and well run. The low speed course was outstanding, probably the best yet. The Iowa clubs did another excellent job.

In addition, our hats are off to the Boone Trail Corvette Club for planning and running a weekend of seven low speed autocrosses to raise money for the West Region. Although Boone Trail did the heavy lifting, credit also needs to be given to the North Iowa Corvette Club and the Touch of Glass Corvette Club for volunteering their sanctions to the West Region for this benefit. Despite a day of rain, BTCC set up a terrific course. You know it had to be a good course, because the entrants were complimenting it at the end of a wet day. Of course, everyone liked it even better when it dried out the next day. Thanks to the selfless efforts of these clubs, the West Region operating funds are back in the black and the West Region is at full throttle for another exceptional competition season.

Although to date we are about one-fourth through the 116 sanctioned events in the West Region, the results are in for only 10 events. Nonetheless, the early top five West Region ladies and men are:

LADIES

1. Linda Riley (82)
2. Linda Hommer (69)
3. Sheila Wyman (61)
4. Chris Beebe (59)
4. Sandy Hartkopp (59)

MEN

1. Mike Quine (95)
2. Tim Bailey (76)
3. Brian Foster (73)
4. Bill Riley (69)
5. Dennis Luther (66)

With 89+ sanctioned events left, there is definitely something for everyone. Like the Nike commercials say, "JUST DO IT!" I hope to see you out there.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Bailey, West Region RCD

By the time this article reaches you, it will be time to think about membership renewals. It's not too early to be getting your address changes to your club Governors. Check with your club Governor to make sure your address is correct. Did you receive your membership packet this year? Each club Governor should pass around the membership list that I have sent and have everyone be sure that the address shown on that list is correct. It would be greatly appreciated by the VP of Membership and me if these corrections could be made before the renewal sheets come out and especially before the new membership packets are sent out. Too many packets have been returned because of bad addresses, which is costly to NCCC.

Also, club Governors, be sure your math is correct when you send money in with the applications and especially with the 51% sheets. No applications will be sent in with an underage. I will be holding the

applications until I receive the correct amount. If applications are sent in with too much money, the overage will not be refunded to you per the Treasurer, Deb Murphy.

Thank you to those club Governors who have sent membership applications in so far this year. You have been doing a great job of making sure that I have all the information I need, that they are legible, and that the math is accurate. Keep up the good work!!!

Remember to keep sending in your FCOA applications. Only \$5.00 per child will get them some neat stuff until they are 16 years old. The West Region ranks second in NCCC and we are gaining on the Midwest Region in our number of FCOA members.

Respectfully submitted,

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If you are new to the Region, welcome to a great organization made up of members who know how to enjoy life and have fun with their Corvette. Everyone, please read along and enjoy the trip for the rest of the year.



WCR competition started in April with several rainy weekends that dampened the turnout somewhat. However, the big Saturday at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego: two autocrosses, car show, funkhana, and rally ye hosted by three clubs (Vettes R Us, Corvettes of San Diego and San Diego Corvette Club) was a successful day. An indication of it being a successful day was that the onsite BBQ by the San Diego Corvette Club ran out of food. (Best Hot Dog I have had in years.) There seems to be growing interest in a combination of a social and competition type weekend. The partying and relaxation of Corvettes West Big Bear Bash again this year was the talk of the Region. This will be the second year that Vapor Trail Vettes is hosting a weekend event.

Corvettes of Fresno, Las Vegas Corvette Association and Corvettes of Temecula Valley will be having various types of Corvette activities over a weekend at a general location. If you have ideas for a single or weekend event, bring them up at the next Regional Meeting September 30th in Redlands. By the time you read this, most of the Summer Corvette events will be great memories with the Corvette Super Sports car

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show being the last event of the summer. The fun does not stop because summer is over. We still have a lot of great fall events on the West Coast Regional calendar. Check out the calendar on the Regional web page at <http://www.ncccwregion.org>

For example, Pomona Valley Corvette Assn. car show in September, then rallies and car shows in San Diego and back up to the high desert for Wild West Corvettes car show in October. Let's get out and support the clubs that put on events.

Cliff Harris, our RMD, suggested we give you a basic idea of the main Corvette events and if you want additional information, the NCCC Competition Handbook goes into detail on each type of event.

Car Show-People's Choice: You park your car and clean off any road dirt. You get a ballot and vote by class on the cars you like best.

Car Show-Concours: Much stricter. Judges evaluate your car based on a judging sheet that calls out certain things for them to examine. The advantage of this event is you get a copy of the judging sheet to help you clean for the next show.

Rallye: Requires a navigator. You are given a set of instructions that leads you to a final destination and along the way are checkpoints and usually questions to answer to make it interesting to say the least.

Autocross: Low speed events less than 80 mph are what we hold in this Region in most cases. The courses are usually short (1/2 to 3/4 of a mile) and on a flat surface such as a parking lot or airport. They are marked out with orange cones and there is only one car on the course at a time, so you do not have to worry about bumping another car. Many classes so you run against cars like yours and the object is to get around the course the quickest.

If your club puts on an event and you want to share the fun, do not keep it a secret. It only takes an email message or a flyer sent to the West Coast Region Webmaster, Cliff Harris, to get your event on the Regional calendar. You will meet great people who share your interests, like the Corvette and fun. If you want to put on a more serious event like a car show or rallye, get in touch with Les Rajczi, our Regional Competition Director, for information on how to do it. Easy and fun. With only a little guidance from Les, you can do it. Remember that NCCC is a National organization. We're not the only region having fun. Check out the messages from the other regions; you just might get an idea for a great event your club can do.

The Regional meeting will be September 30 in Redlands. Ask your club Governor about the location. All NCCC members are welcome to come to the meeting and participate in the running of your Region.

All of your Regional Officers look forward to seeing you at future events.

Save the Wave!

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From Membership – First of all, Happy 40th Anniversary to Glass City Corvette Club who celebrated this milestone in June.



I want to make sure that everyone is on the same page for the NCCC Insurance Program. K&K has gone to great lengths to provide NCCC the broadest coverage of any car club in the country. In order to be covered by all of the insurance, you need to have an NCCC number. It's as simple as that. So I'd like everyone to consider signing up his or her spouse for a mere \$10 a year; you will have coverage. These days that's a small fraction of what it costs to fill up the Corvette with gas!! The membership renewal procedure will be the same as it has been in the past; get your dues in by November 15 to allow time for processing by December.

On a related note, I'd like everyone to take the time out to thank his or her Club Governor. These individuals are volunteers who are charged with passing on information gained from sitting through what seems like endless meetings and sifting through pages of information.



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From RE -

We've just wrapped up the Regional Banquet with the 2005 Awards presentation and a Poker Rallye on a gorgeous day that was made for Corvette Cruising! Thanks to the outgoing RE, Kay Russell, and her able assistant, Tom, for the great food and the great day!! By the time you get this, the

2006 Indiana/West Ohio event at Putnam Park will be history, and we will be looking forward to a fantastic time at Sebring and Lake Buena Vista for the Convention in Florida. I hope everyone travels safely and returns home with their Corvette in the same shape as when they left.

See the current Competition calendar and check the West Ohio website www.westohiocorvettes.com for updates.

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DATE	CLUB	EVENT	LOCATION
6/11	Cincinnati CC	Matching Times & 2 Low Speeds	Lakota East HS
6/18	Corvette Troy, Greenville, Glass Society	5 Low Speeds	Kilkare
7/16	Corvette Troy, Greenville, Glass Society	5 Low Speeds	Kilkare
7/22-23	Miami Valley CC, Glass City CC	14 Low Speeds w/IN Reg.	Grisson, IN
8/19-20	Greater Dayton CC	Rallye (Hidden Time)	Dayton
8/20	Corvette Troy	Non-Sanctioned Bracket Drags	Kilkare
9/2-3	Fountain City CCMiami Valley, Glass City	14 Low Speeds	Defiance
9/17	Cincinnati CC	Matching Times & 2 Low Speed	tbd
9/24	Corvette Troy	Non-Sanc. Vette/Porsche Challenge	Kilkare
10/15	Corvette Troy, Greenville, Glass Society	5 Low Speeds	Kilkare

For up-to-date information about NCCC news and events, be sure to CLICK on the NCCC website, www.corvettesnccc.org.

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WR	WEST	380	5	385	0	385	340	13.24%	WR 015 CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	127
MI	MICHIGAN	286	13	299	-1	298	261	14.18%	MI 003 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	60
ER	EAST	212	4	216	-1	215	191	12.57%	ER 108 YORK COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	36
WC	WEST COAST	153	7	160	0	160	142	12.68%	WC 397 CORVETTES OF SOUTHERN CALIF.	41
EO	EAST OHIO	149	5	154	0	154	141	9.22%	EO 005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND	46
SW	SOUTHWEST	137	4	141	0	141	121	16.53%	SW 131 OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	58
IN	INDIANA	130	0	130	-2	128	135	-5.19%	IN 382 S CENTRAL INDIANA CORVETTE CLUB	45
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SE	SOUTHEAST	92	2	94	0	94	94	0.00%	SE 142 CORVETTE ATLANTA	27
FL	FLORIDA	80	8	88	0	88	69	27.54%	FL 032 CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB	20
WO	WEST OHIO	78	1	79	0	79	81	-2.47%	WO 027 CORVETTE TROY	40
RM	ROCKY MTN	63	0	63	-1	62	55	12.73%	RM 183 COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	29
NE	NORTHEAST	49	1	50	-1	49	43	13.95%	NE 105 SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	16
CA	CAROLINA	32	0	32	0	32	33	-3.03%	CA 014 CAROLINA CORVETTES	12
NW	NORTHWEST	1	0	1	0	1	1	0.00%		
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1996, as I'm sure most of you know, was to be the last year for the C-4 Corvette. GM wanted to build a special car to honor this edition of the Corvette and the Grand Sport would be that car. The 1996 Grand Sport would have a limited production of 1,000 cars with a paint scheme to match the 1963 Grand Sports and a power plant that put out 330 horsepower. The Admiral blue paint with the bold White stripe is captivating. When you see a line of Corvettes in a parking lot, there can be one GS and that will be the one that catches your eye. This would also be the last run for the venerable small block Chevrolet engine that had been used in one form or another since 1955. It would be replaced in the 1997 model year with an all-aluminum S1.

The **Grand Sport Owners Registry** was founded in 1996 by Jim Van Dorn of LaQuinta, California (now residing in Bowling Green, Kentucky). Jim's business, Auto Masters, was a very well known and respected shop for some extreme high-performance Corvettes, including Grand Sports and ZR-1's. Many will remember Jim as the driving force behind the **Pirate Racing Team**, which was, in its day, the top SCCA/Speedvision World Challenge team with ZR-1 and LT4 racecars and noted drivers, such as Bill Cooper and John Heinricy, behind the wheel. Due to the growing demands of his business and family, Jim reluctantly had to admit he did not have the time to devote to the **GSR**, since it was growing at a pace too rapid to keep up with. After months of discussion, it was agreed that John "Hutch" Hutchinson of Orlando, Florida, would take over the reigns of the GSR and attempt to grow it into something "JVD" himself would be proud of. And the rest, as they say, is history.

Since those early days, the **Grand Sport Registry** has grown to a sizable mature organization with an ever-expanding list of members (now over 350) stretching across the country and as far away as Europe and Australia. We have tracked down ownership and vehicle information on over 70% of all 1,000 Grand Sports and have verified the RPO option data on every single car. The GSR is licensed by General Motors to use its trademarks for the purpose of expanding interest in the Grand Sport and Corvette marquee and helping its members get more enjoyment out of their Corvette ownership.

In 2003, GSR Membership was opened to all Corvette enthusiasts, including 1996 Z16 GS and regular production LT4 owners, 1963 GS replica owners, and anyone with a serious interest in the Corvette Grand Sport. In addition to Regular and Lifetime members, the GSR also includes John Heinricy and the owners of the five original 1963 Grand Sports amongst its list of Honorary Members.

Besides collecting and sharing information on these unique Corvettes, the GSR's other passion is supporting the National Corvette Museum. As a Business Member of the NCM, the GSR and its membership continue to provide support through individual and group contributions. Recent contributions include purchasing a wooden bench to benefit weary visitors to the Museum, Flint brick wall, land and building campaigns, a 2'x2' GSR brick, and 45 very special "Hashmarks" individual bricks unveiled during the Gathering Event in May 2005.

The GSR is also a familiar sight at large national events, such as The Gathering at the NCM in May and Corvettes at Carlisle in August. To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Grand Sport, the GSR is making a push to assemble 96 Grand Sports in one place at Corvettes at Carlisle. Currently they already have over 100 Grand Sports registered so, if you go, you should not have any trouble finding them... just look for a sea of Blue and White Corvettes!



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