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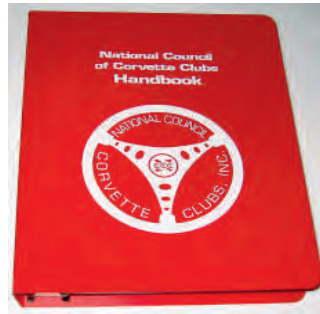
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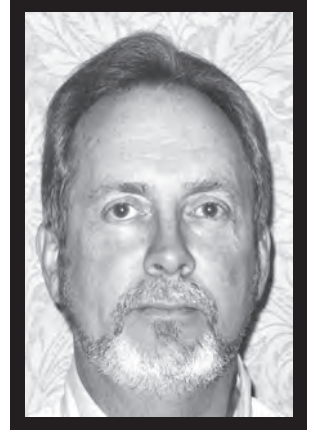
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From the President

What a great time of year, the clocks have been set forward, we are mowing grass, the days are sunny and, best of all, the Corvettes have emerged from hiding under the car covers. We will be traveling around seeing old friends; making new ones and watching the 1st Beagle sharpen her begging skills. This winter was very special for Gail and me. We want to extend a special THANK YOU and recognition to BONNIE CORBETT and the entire Las Vegas Corvette Association for all the work and effort they put forth to make our little wedding in Las Vegas a truly lasting memory for the Corvette friends and family who were able to attend and help us celebrate our wedding in their great city. This is what the Corvette Family is all about.



Another special event is fast approaching and the place to be is the city of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The time to be there is June 21 through June 27, 2008 to take part in the 49th annual National Council Convention. Chairman Ron Ruston, his Chair people and all those who have signed up to work are gearing up to make our visit memorable. While many of the venues are the same as in past years there are a few notable exceptions. The Drags will be held Monday night which should make for some very fast times. The Friday night Banquet will have a new look and a very appealing price. On Sunday night, the 2007 Points Champions will be honored with a special program and recognition that will give everyone there an opportunity to congratulate these competitors all throughout the week. There will also be driving tours available of historic Route 66, along with a river walk that is scheduled for Tuesday night, so we can enjoy the nightlife of Tulsa in this special area with fine food and local entertainment. This year is the first time that you can register for Convention and book your hotel room on line, then receive your confirmation via e-mail the next day. If your computer skills are somewhat shaky, I would tell you that I was able to use the on-line method but the standard form is available in the Winter issue of *Blue Bars* or you can print one from the NCCC website. Time is running out, so if you are still thinking about attending the 49th annual National Council Convention in Tulsa, now is the time to register.

At both the Convention and September Governors' Meetings, nominees will be accepted for the following elected officers for 2009-2010: President, Parliamentarian, V.P. of Membership, Treasurer and Director of Public Relations. The "Job Descriptions" for these positions are available on the NCCC website along with the nomination forms. The nomination form can be turned into the Membership Nominating Committee or a Club Governor can make a nomination directly from the floor at either of these meetings during the open nominations. Any questions about any of these positions would best be answered by one of the current officers. If you feel you are qualified and you enjoy challenges and love to volunteer, now is a good time to consider taking advantage of one of these opportunities.

See you in Tulsa,

Richard Yanko

Near right photo: Richard Yanko is presenting NCCC Appointed Officer ring to Betty Parks, 2008 NCCC Treasurer.

Far right photo: Bob Bowen, VP Membership is presenting Gary Kelly with a special award for his assistance in 51% sheet processing.



NCCC Competition Committee Minutes

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes
2-29-08
Sheraton Westport Conference Center
St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting began at 6:30 p.m. CST. VPC and all RCDs present except NE & ER.

Introductions of RCDs and welcome comments were given to returning and new RCDs.

Jack Wilson, Vice-President Competition, presented opening comments covering:

1. The meeting structure focusing on discussion of as much factual information as possible to make logical decisions.
2. Respecting each others discussion time and input on topics being discussed.
3. Concerted effort by committee to keep agenda moving constructively within allotted timelines.
4. Open sessions for gallery guest to witness the committee at work.
5. Closed sessions for the committee to discuss specific regional round table and rulebook topics.
6. Committees Affirmation of Focus for 2008:
 - a. Improving the process for dealing with the rulebook issues and clarity.
 - b. Developing a more expeditious point system for collecting and reporting results.
 - c. Enhanced communication regarding the Competition Program throughout NCCC.

Point Standings:

The 2007 Final Point Standings were presented. Jack identified he would refrain from reading all the Top 15 as he would cover that in the Gov's mtg. on Sat. However, he recognized the Oklahoma City Corvette Club as the #1 Club, Betty Parks as the #1 Ladies' National Points Champion, and Ray Meesseman as the #1 Men's National points Champion.

Jack also identified over the winter he had established a criteria for developing a new 2008 Points System to collect and report to the membership on a monthly basis. He recognized and extended his congratulations to Paul Haack, the new Midwest Region RCD, who volunteered his extraordinary computer knowledge in developing and proofing out the new system. So far we have received two results from the East Region and two from the RoadRunner Region and have the results loaded in the system.

In order for this system to be the most efficient that it can, it will be imperative the regions provide their sanction requests, flyers, and results with sanction numbers as follows: Region code (2 letters)-club no. (3 numbers)-sanction no. (3 numbers) i.e. MW-051-083. Also, results must be in Excel based format. Anyone having a question if their current format and form being used will conform to the new points system should email their format to Paul Haack or Jack Wilson.

Record Drags:

Drag Records and indexing updates were discussed. Mike Godfrey prepared two examples of the record drag listing with two indexing updates. These had indexes updated per the new Rulebooks Index Change Requirements of Sec. 3.15.1 & 2 which updated either all now and then by anniversary date or by anniversary date. Discussion pursued and a decision was to update everything that needed index updating now and then go by anniversary date. Mike said he would reconfirm the updated information and supply it to Jack by the following week so it could go into Blue Bars and on the NCCC Web.

There were three 2008 Record Drags identified:

1. 5/25/08 – SW Region – Norman, OK.
2. 6/23/08 – SW Region – NCCC Convention
3. 9/20/08 – West Region – Kearney, NE.

The recommendation for a tool designed to measure the lift of a hydraulic lifter cam for NCCC Teardown for Group 1 & 2 C4 and C5 vehicles was discussed. Jerry Koraleski provided the committee with a document prior to the meeting developed by Ron Bockerman from the West Region that Ron has designed and tested. This tool plus a stock rocker would be part of the Teardown Equipment Package ready for the first Record Drags on 5/25/08. Discussion was favorable. Motion was made and seconded to go forward. Motion passed. Jerry will inform Ron to proceed and get the tool to with the package for the May drags.

Clarifications:

There were two Rulebook Clarifications discussed:

1. Page 8-5, Sec. 8.1.2.5.2 & 2.A. Explain the impact on the other entrant's points depending on whether or not a Chairperson that is also an entrant takes Chairperson's points. For example:
 - a. If the entrant takes Chairperson's points do the other entrant's points change or remain the same as if he/she took entrant points? **Answer:** They remain the same.
 - b. Must a Chairperson take the higher of the entrant points or Chairperson's points or can they choose the one they want to take? i.e. a person may want to take his Chairperson 9 points rather than his entrant 10 or 11 points. **Answer:** Yes.
 - c. If the individuals Chairperson points and entrant points are equal which points does he/she get? **Answer:** If he/she declares to be Chairperson they will get Chairperson's points.
 - d. Is the Rulebook correct that the Chairperson/entrant does not have to declare at the Driver's meeting their intent regarding their points? **Answer:** Yes.
 - e. If a Chairperson/entrant takes their Chairperson's points instead of their entrant's points are they still included in the count for the number of entrants? **Answer:** Yes.

2. Page 1-8, Section 1.8 Rulebook Clarification Procedure Item #1. The Rulebook and the italicized document at the top of the Rulebook Clarification Request identify an original and 15 copies of the clarification must be sent to the RCD a minimum of 15 days in advance of a Competition Board Meeting.

- a. It is not clear from the two sets of instructions referenced whether or not a Clarification Request can be submitted electronically via Email to the appropriate RCD and Competition Board or if the original and 15 hard copies must be sent to the appropriate RCD via USPS. Note: All other Competition documentation, such as flyers and event results, are sent Email.

Answer: It was the Competition Committees full intention that all documents identified in this rulebook formerly sent USPS should be sent by Email if at all possible. If not, then send USPS.

Old Business:

There was discussion over the proposal by Pete Dawley, which he sent to the Committee prior to the mtg., to have a RCD Proxy Designation Form that coincided with the new language of Page 1-2, Section 1.3.2 identifying “the RCD (or his proxy)” as one of the options of individuals to be at an event. It was decided the form proposed should be available for the Region to use if they decide it would be necessary.

The question was asked on how long records need to be retained, i.e. waivers, results, flyers, records and documents of minutes. It was unclear of specifics. Jack said he would ask at the E-Board mtg. and share what input he received. **NOTE:** The input from the E-Board as to what is recommended based on common sense past practice, absent any specific language, is to retain records as follows:

1. General Event Waivers – 7 years. (NCCC practice)
2. Minor Waivers – Until the minor becomes legal age. (NCCC practice)
3. Flyers – Until current years final standings are confirmed/reported by VPC. (No specific practice – VPC’S decision)
4. Results – Retain for one full year. i.e. 2007 until 2008’s results are confirmed/reported by VPC. (No specific practice – VPC’S decision)
5. Tapes recording & documentation of Competition Committee minutes – Meeting period covering the new rulebook (No specific practice – VPC’S decision)
6. Any specific documentation that has to do with the history of NCCC can be archived at the NCCC Record Retention storage facility. (Contact one of the NCCC Officers to make arrangements)

Note: A question was asked about the Insurance Packet just received. There is a Minor’s Assumption of Risk and Release and Waiver of Liability form included that wasn’t there before. It is dated 7/03 and does not have the Guardian Signature spot required. Why?

Jack asked George Gallant at the E-Board mtg. The form mentioned above is for a minor attending the event as a participant can sign a waiver of liability. There is another form in the packet called Parental Consent, Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement that is for minors attending and entering restricted areas that has to have the Parent/Guardian Signature. It is **highly recommended** that both the parents sign this waiver.

New Business:

Joan Thomas addressed the Committee with a Q & A session over a new membership access that has been provided to the RCDs. Also, discussion on the new one email address set up for the RCDs to communicate between themselves. This one email address which links all RCDs and VPC only together to discuss topics is NCCC-RCD@corvettesnccc.org. This email address is only for the RCDs and VPC usage. The purpose is to have one address that is up to date contact the others as Joan would keep the contact info up to date as long as she knows who the current RCD and VPC is.

The following High Speed Driving Schools have been approved for 2008:

- SW- 4/18 at Tulsa, OK.
- ER – 4/19 & 20 at Pocono, PA.
- ER – 5/26 at Pocono, PA.
- WO/IN – 5/30 at Putnam Park, IN.
- ER – 7/12 – at Summit Point Raceway, Winchester, VA.
- MW – 7/14 – at Brainerd Int’l Raceway, Brainerd, MN.
- MW – 9/15 – at Brainerd Int’l Raceway, Brainerd, MN.

It was recommended and decided to provide the NCCC Webmaster with the listings and locations of all High Speed Driving Schools with locations, times, etc. for the NCCC Web so members will be aware, encourage, and participate in acquiring driving skills that not only help the racer, but helps the individual in their daily highway driving ability.

There is new language on Page 8-5, Sec. 8.1.2.4.6 identifying that the Rand McNally on-line web site is to be used in the future for calculating mileage distance require for calculation of travel points. The email address that will take you directly to the travel calculation portion is <http://www.randmcnally.com/rmc/directions/dirGetDirectionsInput2PT.jsp?cmtty=0>

Following the break the Committee went into Closed Session:

The Closed Session is designed to discuss specific regional round-table topics brought forward by the RCDs or VPC. More open discussion of topics which could contain sensitivity issues can have ideas exchanged to assist in obtaining resolution options.

At this time specific discussions on various Rulebook enhancements, corrections, etc. can be shared to develop a recommendation plan to present at the appropriate time to the Govs.

It was recommended, discussed, and decided it would be more productive and meaningful to ask the Regional Govs for their input to the rulebook prior to the May meeting so the Committee can focus on what the majority of the membership would like to see changed/enhanced. The Committee at the May meeting would develop a priority punch-list and begin addressing those issues. Jack agreed to announce our plan to the Govs at the Sat. mtg.

It was decided to place the new 2009 ZR1 will be placed in 1SM, 1M, 2M, & RP.

Note: Jack announced at the Sat. Gov's mtg. the Committees recommendation for the Regional Govs to provide their inputs to their Regional RCD starting now thru April 15, 2008. The RCDs will share their inputs with the Committee and begin addressing those issues at the May mtg. We ask that both comments of what is working well be shared as well as items of correction, change, and enhancements to be included.

Mtg. adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

**Jack C. Wilson
Vice-Pres. Competition**

NOTE: An additional clarification was asked prior to the Govs mtg. on Sat. the following decision was made at that meeting on 3/1/08:

Question: Page 1-2, Section 1.3.2. The language in the Rulebook states; "the Chairperson or Co-Chairperson, the RCD (or his proxy) of the Sanctioning Region or the V.P. of Competition MUST be present at the event in order for the event to be held". Does this mean either the Chairperson or Co-chairperson and the RCD (or his proxy) or the V.P. of Competition must all be there?

Answer: The Competition Committees full intent was to have at least one of the individuals listed at the event. Therefore, the coma following Co-Chairperson will be replaced with the word "or" to provide the appropriate language to support the Committees intent.

From the Vice President Membership

HELP WANTED

Do you like challenges, meeting new people, geography, detective work, working with nice people? If you do, I have a job for you. I am almost halfway through my last year as your VP of Membership and I am looking for my replacement. The past three and a half years have gone by rather quickly. It has been a great experience for me. I have met a lot of great people from all over this great country of ours and I have been able to participate in the inner workings of our organization. If you have an interest in this job please contact me and we can talk about the job. I would really like to find some candidates early on so we can talk about the job and what it requires of you. My contact info is elsewhere in this issue of *Blue Bars* or on our NCCC website. I hope to hear from some of you soon.

One of the toughest jobs we have in this organization is member retention. Every year for the past 8 years or so we have renewed, on average, about 72% of our end-of-the-year membership. During the rest of the year our membership grows back to near or a little greater than where it was the year before. Why do these people leave? Most of them are new members, only having been a member for one or two years. One reason, I think, is they don't get assimilated into their local clubs. It is always hard for new members in a club to feel like they are part of the club, so it is up to us veteran members to make sure we make these new members feel welcome and get them involved so they want to come back next year. I think if we all do a better job of that, our membership retention will increase.

Check out the March 1 Governors' meeting Membership Report elsewhere in this issue of *Blue Bars*.

I encourage all of you who are not already Lifetime members to think about becoming one. It is a great way to beat any future dues increases and also you don't have to remember to pay your dues every year.

Just a reminder: Make sure you read your Regional Officers' reports that can be found elsewhere in this issue of *Blue Bars*.

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 the back of every *Blue Bars*.

Until next time,

Bob

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about NCCC news and
events, be sure to CLICK
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NCCC OFFICIAL DRAG RECORDS 1 JANUARY 2008

Index time indicates record is retired. * - Indicates change since last printing.

CLASS	TIME	INDEX	RECORD HOLDER	CLUB	EVENT	DATE	INDEX SET
GROUP III							
DPA	9.01	9.19 *	John Sharp	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-2 Oklahoma City, OK	10/19/03	10/19/05
DPB	9.66		Calvin Baltimore	G-Burg Vettes	NCCC Convention	08/10/06	
DPC	7.66	8.74 *	Carl Moyer	CC of Iowa	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-1990	09/03/93	09/04/95
RPAF	9.52	9.71 *	Pancho Thompson	N.E. Ohio Vette Club	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	06/29/03
RPA	9.78	9.97 *	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	09/03/03
RPB	9.97		James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	SW-03 C.O.A.S.T. 2006	09/24/06	
MA	9.98	10.18 *	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	06/29/03
MB	10.10		James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	NCCC Convention	08/10/06	
ME	10.90	11.12 *	Gary Pennington	Cowtown Vettes	SW-01 Oklahoma City CC	06/06/00	06/07/02
MH		11.31 *				01/01/97	01/02/99
MK		11.31 *				12/10/05	12/11/07
CLM	10.12	10.22	Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-88 Crossroads CC 2005	10/15/05	10/16/07
LDPA	9.83	10.02 *	Delores Barncord	Cornhusker CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	09/03/03
LDPB	9.41	10.51 *	Karen Clevenger	C.O.A.S.T.	SW-52 Cowtown Vettes-1990	10/27/93	10/28/95
LDPC		11.19 *				01/01/93	01/02/95
LRPAF		10.10 *				01/01/97	01/02/99
LRPA	10.26	10.97 *	Linda Garvin	Mid Texas Cust CC	SW-03 San Jacinto CC-1997	11/02/00	11/03/02
LRPB	10.50	10.71 *	Sylvia Hoaldrige	Cowtown Vettes	NCCC Convention	07/11/02	07/11/04
LMA	10.60	10.81 *	Loretta Spinrad	Capital City CC	MI-051 Capital City CC-2000	05/20/02	05/20/04
LMB	10.31	11.42 *	Linda Williams	San Jacinto CC	SW-37 Oklahoma City CC-1993	06/12/96	06/13/98
LME	11.09	11.82 *	Kathryn Pennington	Cowtown Vettes	SW-01 Oklahoma City CC-1997	06/07/00	06/08/02
LMH		11.31 *				01/01/97	01/02/99
LMK		11.31 *				12/10/05	12/11/07
LCLM	10.99		Abby Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06	06/24/08
GROUP II							
A	10.90	11.11 *	Stan Dedrickson	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/11/02	07/11/04
B	11.35	11.57 *	Jerry Benedict	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00	07/17/02
C	11.81	12.04 *	Jim Benedict	Cornhusker CC	MI-153 Royal Corvettes-1999	09/25/01	09/26/03
D	11.76	11.99 *	Dick Smith	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC-1999	09/06/01	09/07/03
E	12.69	12.82 *	Dale Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05	05/30/07
F		12.12 *				01/01/93	01/02/95
G		13.13 *				01/01/93	01/02/95
H		12.97 *				12/10/05	12/11/07
J	12.41	12.65 *	John Oder	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04	10/10/06
K		12.62 *				12/10/05	12/11/07
M		11.31 *				12/10/05	12/11/07
CLA	12.92	13.18 *	Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00	09/08/02
CL	13.42	14.56 *	Ron Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99	06/08/01
LA	10.61	11.72 *	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	WR-06 Cornhusker CC-1994	09/05/97	09/06/99
LB	11.70	11.93 *	Patty Wilson	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00	09/08/02
LC	12.65	13.41 *	Linda Benedict	Cornhusker CC	WR-39 Cornhusker CC-1997	09/01/00	09/02/02
LD	11.92	12.16 *	Sharon Smith	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00	07/17/02
LE	12.69	12.82 *	Amanda Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05	05/30/07
LF		12.12 *				01/01/93	01/02/95
LG		13.13 *				01/01/93	01/02/95
LH		12.97 *				12/10/05	12/11/07
LJ	12.49	12.73 *	Angela Oder	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04	10/10/06
LK		12.62 *				12/10/05	12/11/07
LM		11.31 *				12/10/05	12/11/07
LCLA	14.28	14.56 *	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00	09/08/02
LCL	13.67	14.81 *	Jeannie Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99	06/08/01
GROUP I							
A	13.35	13.48	Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/28/05	07/29/07
AA	13.13	13.90 *	Bob Holliday	Tiretown CC	MI-100 Royal Corvettes-1997	09/20/00	09/21/02
B	13.45	13.72 *	Doug Shilen	Cowtown Vettes	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2004	05/30/04	05/31/06
C	13.42		Paul Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06	
D	13.96	14.24 *	Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	SW-02 Sanjacinto CC-1999	11/14/01	11/15/03
E	13.45	13.71 *	Dale Acker	Competition Corv OK	SW-02 Sanjacinto CC-1999	11/14/01	11/15/03
F		12.62 *				01/01/93	01/02/95
G	13.18	13.31	Kevin Anthony	Cowtown Vettes	SW-02 Competition Corvettes of Ok	04/17/05	04/18/07
H	12.94	13.06	Gary Foster	CC of Iowa	WR-054 CC of Iowa 2005	07/16/05	07/17/07
J	12.33		Dave Hawks	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06	
K		12.77 *				12/10/05	12/11/07
M		11.61 *				12/10/05	12/11/07
CLA	14.65	14.94 *	Jim Schwent	Boone Trail CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00	07/17/02
CL	14.81	15.10 *	Fred Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	09/03/03
LA	13.39	13.65 *	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	09/03/03
LAA	14.73	15.02 *	Merrilyn Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00	09/08/02
LB	14.10	14.38 *	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-15 Boone Trail CC-1999	05/15/01	05/16/03
LC	14.11	14.39 *	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04	10/10/06
LD	14.08	14.36 *	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	SW-02 San Jacinto CC-1999	11/14/01	11/15/03
LE	13.75		Sharon Meesseman	Michigan Autocross Group	NCCC Convention	06/18/07	
LF		12.62 *				01/01/93	01/02/95
LG		13.63 *				01/01/93	01/02/95
LH		13.43 *				01/01/97	01/02/99
LJ	12.86	13.11 *	Lee Ann Kneifl	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04	10/10/06
LK		12.77 *				12/10/05	12/11/07
LM		11.61 *				12/10/05	12/11/07
LCLA	15.44	16.6 *	Sue Schwent	Boone Trail CC	WR-05 Cornhusker CC-1991	09/02/94	09/02/96
LCL	15.31	15.61 *	Terri Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	09/03/03

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

March 1, 2008

REGION	CLUBS	MEMBERS	MAL	L/T	FCOA	LARGEST CLUB IN REGION	MEMBERS
Carolina Region	17	314	22	18	30	CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	53
East Ohio	17	846	31	31	165	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	141
East Region	27	2340	56	34	212	LANCASTER COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	244
Florida Region	21	1070	30	11	185	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	220
Honorary members	0	8	7	0	0	N/A	
Indiana Region	17	872	19	24	113	CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	143
Michigan Region	16	1149	17	19	320	AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	243
Midwest Region	31	2125	46	18	479	SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	173
Northeast Region	9	415	7	3	43	SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	146
Northwest Region	1	115	1	0	1	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	114
Rocky Mountain Region	12	571	19	5	64	TOP OF THE ROCKIES CORVETTE CLUB	117
Roadrunner Region	13	795	17	29	108	DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	152
Southeast Region	12	874	23	4	97	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	235
Southwest Region	18	1269	32	36	160	TULSA VETTE SET	351
West Coast Region	26	2071	29	3	160	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	237
West Ohio	7	329	24	17	86	CORVETTE TROY	112
West Region	24	1501	9	24	409	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	338
TOTALS	268	16664	389	276	2632		

CLUBS WITH 300+ MEMBERS

SW 248	TULSA VETTE SET	351
WR 095	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	338

CLUBS WITH 200+ MEMBERS

ER 266	LANCASTER COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	244
MI 488	AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	243
WC 202	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	237
SE 073	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	235
FL 276	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	220
ER 098	CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	218
MI 006	CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	202

CLUBS WITH 150+ MEMBERS

SW 207	LONGHORN CORVETTE CLUB	198
ER 263	BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	197
MW 051	SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	173
ER 108	YORK COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	168
ER 038	FREE STATE CORVETTE CLUB	166
WR 015	CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	164
WC 302	CORVETTES WEST	162
ER 001	CORVETTE CLUB OF AMERICA	159
SW 063	SAN JACINTO CORVETTE CLUB	156
RR 303	DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	152
WC 500	CORVETTES OF TEMECULA VALLEY	151
MW 167	NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	150

CLUBS WITH 100+ MEMBERS

NE 105	SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	146
IN 281	CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	143
EO 010	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	141
ER 196	CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVETTE CLUB	133
MW 004	CHICAGO CORVETTE CLUB	132
MI 041	GRAND VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	132
MW 351	WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	127
RR 331	TUCSON CORVETTE CLUB	125
MW 277	SUNBURST CORVETTE CLUB	125
EO 005	CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.	125
ER 357	NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB	124
WR 126	SIOUX FALLS CORVETTE CLUB	123
FL 032	CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB	122
WC 336	PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES	121
ER 372	CORVETTE ANNAPOLIS	120
WC 340	PALM SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	120
RM 176	TOP OF THE ROCKIES CORVETTE CLUB	117
WC 447	CORVETTES LIMITED	117
WC 420	RED LINE CORVETTES	115

CLUBS WITH 100+ MEMBERS - CONTINUED

NW 483	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	114
MW 075	WISCONSIN CORVETTE CLUB	113
MW 054	MIDWEST CORVETTES	113
WO 027	CORVETTE TROY	112
WC 434	POMONA VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	112
WC 325	O.C. VETTES, INC	111
RM 183	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	111
MI 047	KALAMAZOO CORVETTE CLUB	107
SW 055	COWTOWN VETTES	107
SE 418	LANIER CORVETTES UNLIMITED, INC.	107
IN 133	TRI-STATE CORVETTE CLUB	106
MW 526	R.A.C.E, INC	104
WR 022	CORVETTE CLUB OF IOWA	104
SW 131	OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	101
MW 391	MID-ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	100

CLUBS WITH 75+ MEMBERS

SE 253	EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	99
WC 326	CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	97
IN 115	FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	94
SE 142	CORVETTE ATLANTA	94
MW 465	MAD CITY VETTES	92
MW 109	CORVETTE CLUB OF ILLINOIS	90
RR 241	EL PASO CORVETTES	90
ER 366	BEACHCOMBER CORVETTE CLUB	88
RR 452	SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB	87
EO 068	TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB	86
WR 192	NEBRASKA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	85
WC 299	CORVETTES OF FRESNO	85
SE 499	TRI-CITIES CORVETTE CLUB	84
MI 003	CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	84
WC 401	THE VETTE SET	84
RR 530	SONORAN DESERT CORVETTES	83
FL 186	CENTRAL FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	83
SE 348	VALLEY VETTES	83
EO 257	COMPETITION CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	81
IN 008	MICHIANA CORVETTE CLUB	81
ER 093	KEYSTONE STATE CORVETTE CLUB	80
FL 076	GULF COAST CORVETTE CLUB	80
IN 092	ANDERSON CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	77
ER 111	USA-1 CORVETTE CLUB	77
WO 039	GLASS CITY CORVETTE CLUB	75
IN 342	CORVETTE, INDY, INC.	75
WC 507	VICTOR VALLEY VETTES	75

From the **Parliamentarian**

I normally don't write an article for *Blue Bars* because who would want to read anything from the NCCC Parliamentarian, but lately I've heard so many comments from different people about NCCC and I thought I would share some of the reasons I belong to NCCC. In the last issue of *Blue Bars*, there is an article from a second generation non-competitor's point of view. Here is a viewpoint from a member who has tried it all, from the social to the competitive side.

I think the question to answer that would cover just about everything is: What does NCCC do for me? I have been the Parliamentarian for NCCC for the last three years. I held this job once before in the early 90's. I am the current chairperson and have the honor of chairing the Regional Executives who represent each of you and your clubs very well. They have been a great group to work with the last three years as we brought the standing rules and by-laws of NCCC up-to-date.

At the last Regional Executive meeting in St Louis, we discussed some of the benefits of belonging to NCCC. I challenged the RE's to write their article in each issue of *Blue Bars* on something good about belonging to NCCC. I would like to share my life with a Corvette before I joined NCCC and became a member over 33 years ago.

My first Corvette was really cool, as were all of them after and between owning my current Z06. I would wait to get the Corvette out and drive around. That was back in the early 70's. I remember how much fun it was to jump on the gas, hear the sound and watch people's heads turn to see what kind of car was coming. Those were the years of the muscle cars, and loud and fast was cool. My wife Joan and I would go out to dinner, go on vacations out west to see my family, and always went in the Corvette. We drove the Corvette every chance we could. I went to my ten-year reunion in the Corvette. Everyone said, "WOW! You own a Corvette." This was cool. And every time we were done, we came home and put the Corvette in the garage until the next adventure. This was cool.

I told the RE's at the last meeting, owning a Corvette is like owning a set of golf clubs. This is also cool! But if you never use the golf clubs, never go out to play at a golf course, never play with other golfers, and just play by yourself, is that really cool?

Joan and I joined NCCC and became "car waxers." This was fun, but a lot of work, and I wanted to do something with the Vette. Could you imagine just waxing your golf clubs and never using them? Boring! But we did meet a lot of other folks with Corvettes and the fun began. We still wax, but not real hard anymore. We then went to our first NCCC convention. There we saw all the different things that one can do with a Corvette. Boy, some of them were really loud and really fast, but everyone was having fun. That was in Florida and we have been to 30+ conventions since. We joined a local Corvette club and made friends who have the same interest we have. Some became best friends. Now we were still going out with our Corvette, but we were going out with friends and their Corvettes. The heads were really turning now. We still came home and put the Corvette away in the garage, but with plans with others to go out again. This was cool and fun!

Joan and I have been blessed with five great kids, who all grew up in NCCC and went to every convention with us and to every kid's program. They are all grown up now. I relish the times we are together with them and they talk about all the good times and the places they have been with the Corvette club. They even have friends they made

through NCCC. It is a lot of fun watching them talk about NCCC and the Corvette. They have all tried different events, and keep telling me to get an automatic Corvette. Does GM make a Corvette with an automatic? We have been to 42 states with the kids going to conventions, and too many events to count. Would we have gone to that many states if we didn't have a place to go and something to do?

For years my family enjoyed all NCCC has to offer because other members committed time and energy, so others could have fun and be cool. I became club President, Governor, Newsletter editor, Event chair, Charity director, Regional Executive, Regional Newsletter Editor and Parliamentarian. Joan jumped in wherever she could and helped me with every office and task we took on. She has been Secretary many times and is the Lt. Governor for the last 30 years. We both got involved in the NCCC charity work for Spina Bifida, and we are still involved with the committee for the Kidney Foundation. It really feels good when you can do a little to help someone. It gets even cooler, and is still fun.

The Corvette is still in the garage. It waits for us to go somewhere with it. We have friends in just about every state in the union. You only get that with NCCC.

So, WHAT DOES NCCC DO FOR ME? Today I would not be without insurance for my Corvette, or my home, or my belongings, or my life. Do you insure your things? Why do we buy life insurance? I call it death insurance, because that is really what it is. We all know we are going to meet our maker some day. So why buy something to use that we won't even be here to enjoy? Because, it is the smart thing to do. We never know what is going to happen to us today or tomorrow, so we buy protection. Do you change the oil in you car? Why? You do it for your car's protection and long life. Does your home club belong to NCCC, and is it a 100% club. Why would you only protect 51% of your club? Don't the rest count? Do you insure 51% of your car, or your other belongings? You never know when something might happen that could affect you.

I don't know where I can get one million dollars of insurance for my family that covers me 24-hours a day, seven days a week, whenever I am with all my Corvette friends, and at Corvette events and gatherings, without selling the farm.

I'm sorry, I do know...join NCCC. WOW! And people ask what does NCCC do for me? And you get a magazine called *Blue Bars*, conventions, social events, competitive events, drive outs, friends with the same interests from all over the USA, places to go, and have fun and be cool! And all this comes with insurance that cost less than a cup of Starbucks coffee a month. What a deal!

Will I belong to NCCC in the future? You bet ya! When it rains, I get an umbrella out; when it is cold, I put on warm clothes; and when I am out being "cool and having fun" with my Corvette and all of our friends, I want NCCC in my corner protecting me and my family and all I have worked hard for in my life. Will I still carry death insurance? You better believe it. I want my family protected also.

It's hard sometimes to explain a concept, an idea, or a belief. I believe in NCCC for my family and me, and I would not want to be without it belonging to a local Corvette club. It's a crazy world out there today, and it's nice to have a solid reality to support us like NCCC.

As we grew in NCCC and age began to chase us faster and faster, another benefit belonging to NCCC has been the friendships that have been there for the joys of my family and my kids growing up. As the members of NCCC age, it's nice to know that there are people who care about you from all over the country. No cost for this. It just comes with the package. WOW!

So, where are the golf clubs? Did you wax them today? Are they just in the corner taking up space? Or are you out on the course playing with others, having fun knowing that if something happens, you've got coverage. You've got friends there to help you out of the sand trap, find your golf ball in the water, hold that umbrella in the rain, find your golf ball in the woods, and meet you at the 19th hole for some refreshments. (For you non-golfers, there is no 19th hole, it's the bar!)

I have always said you only get out of something what you put in. Corvettes are cool! Corvettes are fun. NCCC is Corvettes with people that are cool and fun.

What do you get from NCCC? If the answer is nothing, you must not be putting in. I've been told you receive what you give. I personally have found it is more fun and feels better giving than receiving. Give it a try. You might just find out the real meaning of "Cool and Fun."

See you out in the Corvette, being cool and having fun,

Dave Heinemann

NCCC Parliamentarian
Proud member of NCCC
Windy City Corvettes Governor
And a Corvette owner

PS: Do you want to know something about what the Parliamentarian does?

From the Director of Public Relations

As you read this message, you will be well into spring and on your way to summer. If you are a club Governor, you should have received your email from me asking you to review the webpage and calendar relating to the two NCCC "Promotional Displays" that travel around the United States.

You don't have to be a club Governor to check the Public Relations page on the NCCC Website for a 2008 Calendar and all kinds of information detailing the Displays: http://www.corvettesnccc.org/display_onthemove.html

If you go to the page and feel the Display might be something your club would like to use, please contact me or let your club Governor know, so we can get you on the schedule.

On the webpage, I have included a PDF file that will go out with each NCCC Promotional Display. This file will contain an inventory of all of the materials that are included in each Display, instructions and pictures on how to set up and secure the Display, instructions on how to set up and use the DVD player and DVD and instructions and pictures on how to pack the Display back up and ship it back to me.

I am in charge of scheduling and the shipping of the two NCCC Promotional Displays and will be working with you or a member of your club if you choose to use one of them. I will be available at publicrelations@corvetesnccc.org The Display can be used at car chows, NCCC competition events, special club anniversaries, and even a club meeting.

We have been informed that our kiosk at the National Corvette Museum will be taken down because of the construction of a new addition and that the NCM is not giving us a place for our Display when the project is finished!

Because of the dismantling of the kiosk, I will try to get everything that belongs to individual clubs back to them. In order to get this accomplished, **I need you to help me** by letting me know what your club has donated, so I can get it back to you. Contact me at publicrelations@corvetesnccc.org If there is something to identify the club or if there is a name on the back of an item, I will be able to get those returned without much problem. I'm sure there are things that have no labels or identifying marks, so without your help everything will be boxed up and passed along from PR Director to PR Director.

Please help me to keep the "Displays on the Move,"

Larry

From the Director of Publications

This is indeed the hardest article I've had to write since I was appointed Director of Publications/*Blue Bars* Editor in November 2002, because effective with the Winter 2009 issue of *Blue Bars* I will be relinquishing my duties as Director of Publications and *Blue Bars* Editor to my successor. If you have an interest in applying for this position, please read the Job Description on the following page. If, after that, you still have an interest in applying for this position, please fill out the Appointed Officer form (found on the NCCC website) and mail it to DICK YANKO, NCCC President, at the address shown on the FAMILIAR FACES page, or email the form to Dick at djvette93@aol.com. If you have any questions concerning this appointed position, please feel free to contact me at pinkvett@dot11net.net and I'll do what I can to answer them. At times, this position can be very time-consuming, but it is very rewarding. I call it my Labor of Love. In the past, whenever I would ask for articles, I would say, "I am the artist and NCCC members provide the canvas on which to paint each issue of *Blue Bars*." It's time for a new artist and different canvas.

For those of you who may be wondering if my health plays a part in my decision...NO! I am still cancer-free and my health is indeed not an issue. I feel, tho, that it is time for another 'artist' to take over and it is indeed with heavy heart that I do this.

Meanwhile, I have three more issue of *Blue Bars* to publish and I need your help to do that. REMEMBER... The deadline for submitting articles, photos, etc. for the Summer 2008 issue is June 1, 2008. (This is different from what I said in my report at the February National Governors' Meeting in St. Louis.) That issue should be mailed out and in your hand by the end of July. The Fall issue will be the Convention issue as in previous years.

REMEMBER, too, that all changes of addresses should be submitted to your RMD, not the *Blue Bars* Editor. There is only one source for addresses and that is the file maintained by the VP-Membership.

And don't forget that each of your National and Regional officers are just a phone call or a mouse click away. Their contact data can be found in each issue of *Blue Bars* and on the NCCC web site.

Sylvia

NCCC DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

Job Description

With the approval of the Board of Governors, the President of NCCC appoints the Director of Publications to that office. The tenure of the office of director is for one year, since he serves at the pleasure of the President and the Board of Governors. The appointment may be repeated indefinitely. In the past, one editor held the position for 12 years, while another held the position for 13 years.

The Director of Publications, while responsive and sensitive to the wishes of the membership of NCCC, reports to the Executive Board and the Board of Governors. The Director of Publications shall attend all scheduled meetings of the Executive Board and the Board of Governors.

The responsibilities of the Director of Publications concern primarily the publication of the in-house publication of the NCCC, *Blue Bars*. The magazine is currently published quarterly with a Winter issue appearing in late January, a Spring issue appearing in late April, a Summer issue appearing in late July, and a Fall/Convention issue appearing in late October. Specifically, the general responsibilities associated with the publishing of *Blue Bars* are those typical of an editor of a magazine, namely: establishing dates, deadlines and editorial standards for editorial copy, articles, photos, advertisings, etc.; selecting suitable material for publication from that available; determining the format of the magazine including the layout of each page; providing the printer with a suitable draft copy of the magazine; and editing and correcting proof copy.

In addition to the above, the Director of Publications shall work with the Director of Sponsorship to obtain suitable advertising copy for *Blue Bars* by preparing an advertising rate card having appropriate advertising rates and schedules. The rate card shall be sent to prospective advertising clients and shall be provided to the Director of Sponsorship for use with corporate sponsors.

At the request of the Director of Publications, the NCCC Treasurer shall bill the advertising clients.

The Director of Publications shall select the printing company with the advice and consent of the Executive Board.

The Director of Publications shall help maintain a courtesy mailing list for *Blue Bars* and shall maintain a file of back issues of *Blue Bars*.

The Director of Publications shall also be known as *Blue Bars* Editor.

TIME INVOLVED IN THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR PUBLICATIONS

The time spent fulfilling the duties of the above office are estimated below:

Activities associated with the publication of an issue:

1. Preparing a draft copy using Adobe Pagemaker 7.0
2. Proofreading/editing preliminary copies (initial and blue line)
3. Gathering all photos, ad inserts, etc. and burning in a CD for printer
4. Correspondence with prospective advertising clients, regional and national officers
5. Other correspondence regarding *Blue Bars* and NCCC matters
6. Errands connected with the magazine, i.e. Fed Ex, office supplies
7. Filing and other home office duties

Total time spent per issue on the publication of Blue Bars: varies per issue, but I work on some phase of Blue Bars every other day until the week after deadline, then I'm working on Blue Bars every day.

Other activities necessary for fulfilling the duties of the above office:

1. Activities involved during the Governors' Meetings:
 - o Friday E-Board meeting -- 1-2 hours
 - o Discussion with Regional Officers -- 2 hours
 - o Saturday E-Board meeting -- 4 hours
 - o Saturday Governors' meeting -- 4-5 hours

Total time spent per Governors' meeting: 11-13 hours

2. Activities involved during the Annual Convention:
 - o E-Board and Governors' meetings -- 4-5 hours
 - o Photography at speed events -- 8-12 hours
 - o Photography at other competitive events -- 12 hours
 - o Photographer at parties and banquet -- 12 hours

Total time spent per Convention: 36-41 hours

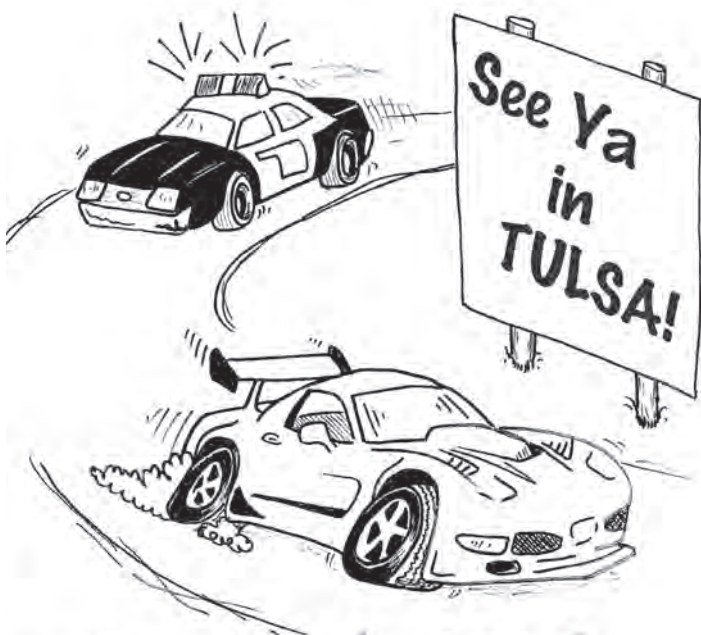
3. Total overall time spent during the year:
 - o Publishing four issues
 - o Attending Governors' meetings
 - o Activities at Convention

**From the
2008 Convention Director**

The members of the Southwest Region are gearing up to show NCCC members a good time during their stay in Tulsa for the 49th Annual NCCC Convention. Whether you compete or just come for the partying, let us show you some of our Southwest hospitality. You won't be disappointed.

Come and join us for..."Racin' on Tulsa Time!"

Ron



Drive Carefully... Safely....

AW HECK! Just GET HERE!!!!

**From the
Director of Sponsorship**

Sponsorship Views

WOW!! Just when I thought the sponsorship for our organization might be down somewhat this year with the economy at a slower rate, I am really pleased with the support and response that we have had at this point. For the second year in a row, Convention is in June, which necessitates getting sponsorship dollars lined up earlier in the year, since a good portion of that money does contribute to convention activities. Once again, we have had a great response from previous sponsors and have a few new ones to add to the list. **MID AMERICA MOTORWORKS** continues to be involved with NCCC in a variety of ways. They will be sponsoring the Funkhana at Convention, the membership growth awards and pins for our membership, the FCOA patches and cards, and will provide a scholarship for our Grants and Scholarship program. **GOODYEAR TIRE AND RUBBER** will sponsor the Awards Breakfast and Rallye at Convention. **KUMHO** will be the sponsor of our High Speed Event at Hallett at Convention and will also sponsor the Country Western Party on Thursday evening. **CORVETTE CENTRAL** will be involved with Convention as the sponsor of the Hawaiian Theme Party on Saturday night. Our **BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE** friends will be in attendance the first weekend and will assist with tech and sponsor the Champions Award Dinner on Sunday night. **PARAGON CORVETTE REPRODUCTIONS** is providing sponsorship of some of the registration materials. **ZIP PRODUCTS** is involved in a variety of ways with NCCC also. They will sponsor the People's Choice Car Show at Convention, sponsor our Web Site Contest and provide assistance with our novice and high speed certification cards. They will also introduce a member incentive program for purchases in the very near future. **HOOSIER RACING TIRE, SOUTHERN CARPARTS.COM, FAST VETTE ACCESSORIES, and LANGKA.COM** are companies that have been involved with NCCC in previous years and we look forward to their participation again. Welcome back **SPEED LINGERIE** as they will be a sponsor of Convention and NCCC.

I am currently working with **MICHELIN** to get them involved with NCCC again. Since their product has been announced as the OE tire for the 2009 ZR1, they want to showcase their products at Convention. They are scheduled to be the sponsor of the Low Speed Event at Hallett and plan to offer their "Try Me Program" at Convention. Registrants will be able to try the Michelin tires on a Corvette. **HAGERTY INSURANCE** is another company that we hope to have involved. They will sponsor the Concours at Convention and will have a few other fun activities for members to enjoy at Convention, such as their **DAWN PATROL**. (You have to be at Convention to find out what this is!) Those participating in the Rallye will be able to breathe a sigh of relief because Hagerty is providing roadside assistance and towing for anyone who has a car problem during the event. And, no, they will not be giving answers to the questions!! I am also excited about having **CORSA PERFORMANCE** involved with Convention this year and hope to have a representative of their company in attendance.

PRO TEAM CORVETTE SALES will have some NCCC exposure this year with *Blue Bars* and our web site, and we are glad to

have them involved with us for the first time. Stay tuned as hopefully by Convention, there will be more to add to the sponsorship list.

CONGRATULATIONS to Corvettes of Naples of the Florida Region for being named the Southern winner of the Eagle One Award. This award recognizes clubs for their charitable activities during the year and this is the second time this club has won the award. Numerous NCCC clubs are involved in charitable functions in their area and this is something we should all be very proud of, since it is an appealing aspect of our organization to sponsors.

The Corvettes of Carlisle event in August and the Mid America Funfest are on my calendar of events to attend this year. We are trying to add a different aspect to our participation at the Corvettes of Carlisle event by planning a hospitality time on Friday evening. The NCCC space will be in the Corvette Midway again, so be sure to look for us in that area. If you are planning to attend, check the web site for the latest update on this information as we finalize plans. We hope to promote some NCCC spirit among our members who attend this event.

Banc of America is providing an incentive program with their credit card that will allow you to earn points with airlines, car rentals and hotel rooms. Hopefully, more members will sign up to be a part of this program. Remember that we receive \$30 for each member who signs up through the NCCC web site. Joan continues to update the Special Discounts for Members page and there are some good deals to be found there. I have recently heard positive comments from members who used the Choice Hotels program, the Avis and Alamo programs, the Vette Collectibles.com, and the Neon Clocks. I hope you are looking at that page of the web site.

We had some special guests at our last National Governors' Meeting — Mike and Laurie Yager and Nancy Bushur of Mid America Motorworks. Mike spoke briefly about their company and mentioned his personal history as a member of NCCC. FYI, Mike is a lifetime member of NCCC. It was great to have them attend the meeting. The opportunity to visit at one of the Governors' meetings is a benefit to any of the platinum or gold level sponsors.



Hope to see you in Tulsa!

Debbie

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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.

By Rob Metzger and Joe Vasta

Rob is a 1992 graduate of GM ASEP. He's ASE certified as a Master Tech and Advanced Engine Performance Tech. Rob was also named as a GM World Class Tech!

Joe has written a number of articles for various periodicals.

How often have you heard this? "My check engine light is on. It's only for pollution controls. I'll take my car to the dealer right before my next emissions inspection!" Let's separate the fly specs from the pepper. What does the check engine light really mean? When should I do something after it is illuminated? Over the next several issues, we'll explore the genesis of this indicator and what it means to you. In this article, we'll provide an overview of the history behind the light, introduce some of the components operating under the covers and introduce some of the terminology associated with the check engine light.

The preceding statements about the check engine light contain some half-truths.

In 1970 Congress passed the Clean Air Act, which set standards for pollutants deemed harmful to human health and the environment. Three of the pollutants identified were carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide and lead.

In 1980, some cars began using microcomputers to monitor and control engine operation. Such systems were said to have On Board Diagnostics (OBD). In 1987, the California Air Resource Board (CARB) mandated that all cars sold in the state for the 1988 model year have basic OBD functionality. Vehicle manufacturers complied, but each used their own methods to be compliant. In 1988, the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) recommended a standardized diagnostic connection and diagnostic test signals. In 1994, the CARB issued specifications based on the SAE recommendations for OBD systems for cars sold in California in the 1996 model year to facilitate emissions testing. These new specifications became known as OBD-II and by default, OBD systems in operation prior to this specification were termed OBD-I.

If your car was manufactured in the United States in the 1996 model year or later, it has the standard OBD-II connector in the passenger compartment of the vehicle. Federal legislation mandated the use of OBD-II to reduce vehicle emissions. Standard Diagnostic Trouble Codes (DTCs) trigger the illumination of the Check Engine light. Therefore, there is some truth in the statement the check engine light is for pollution controls. In addition to identifying a deviation from maximum pollution levels, the OBD-II specification permits service technicians to quickly identify vehicle subsystems that are not performing to manufacturers' specifications.

There are a number of components that monitor the operation of the engine operation and the engine's environment. Some of the items monitored are the outside air temperature, the throttle position, air flow into the throttle body, oxygen level's in the exhaust and so on. Let's look at a practical example for the use of OBD-II in auto repair.

Rob worked on a vehicle that was damaged in an accident. When he started the engine, Check Engine light (also known as the Malfunction Indicator Lamp [MIL]) was set. Rob attached his scan tool (a special tool that interfaces with the OBD-II hardware) to determine what DTCs were set and learned that both the P0102 and P0443 codes were set. (More about the codes in a later issue). The P0102 indicated a MAF Circuit Low Frequency Input meaning a lower than expected air flow. P0443 translates to Evaporative Emission Control System Purge Control Valve Circuit Malfunction. When multiple codes are set, Rob always begins his diagnostics by troubleshooting with the lowest code first.

The Mass Air Flow (MAF) sensor determines the volume of air entering the throttle body by measuring voltage across the sensor. Rob noticed on the scan tool the sensor frequency didn't change when he depressed the accelerator. Since airflow should increase as the throttle opens and the sensor frequency should vary accordingly, this observation confirmed the MAF was not operating properly. MAFs are expensive and they can run several hundred dollars depending on the vehicle. A shade tree mechanic may have jumped to conclusions and replaced the MAF. In this case, it would have been wasted dollars since it would not have affected the vehicle operation. Rob dug deeper to determine why the MAF did not respond according to specs. He used his volt-ohm meter to measure the voltage at the MAF sensor and found it measured at the expected 5.0 volts. However, when he measured the ignition power circuit at the MAF sensor, he did not obtain the expected 12 volt reading. Further investigation of the wiring diagram revealed the evaporative purge solenoid (remember the P0443 DTC) and the MAF shared the ignition-1 fuse. Rob replaced the fuse, reset the DTCs. (Note: As standard operating procedure, Rob also tested the circuit to determine the original cause of the blown fuse and determined it occurred during the accident.) He tested the engine again and determined the problem was solved.

Did this problem affect emissions? Yes! Without knowing the volume of air entering the engine, the amount of fuel pumped by the injectors would not be optimal. Is this the only effect? No! Since the fuel mixture is not optimal, vehicle performance and gas mileage would also suffer – all from a blown fuse!

The Space Program and 40 Years of NCCC Fun & Friendship



Cape Kennedy Corvette Club (CKCC) was formed during the beginning of the American Space Program. Most of the original members of Cape Kennedy Corvette Club consisted of young engineers and technicians who worked at the Space Center during the early days of the space program. They worked lots of overtime and enjoyed the finer things in life, such as the number 1 sports car, the *Corvette!*

During the 60's, you could drive your car on the beach, right next to the Atlantic Ocean! This area stretched for approximately five miles, between the 520 Causeway and Minuteman Boulevard in Cocoa Beach. The Corvette owners gathered on the beach every Sunday in front of the Cape Royal Building to party. It was from these informal Sunday get-togethers that Cape Kennedy Corvette Club was born. During 1967, CKCC became a member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). The club became involved with the first Florida NCCC Convention in 1969, which was held in the host city of Daytona Beach. An annual NCCC convention tradition continues to date. Conventions have been held in Orlando in 1976, 1980, 1986, 1996 and 2006. CKCC members, as in the past, continue taking an active role in the convention activities in other states, as well as in Florida.



The influence of two hot car salesmen and Chevrolet enthusiasts, Bob Dance and Jim Barfield, helped spark the local

interest in Corvettes. Bob and Jim worked at Indian River Chevrolet in Cocoa, Florida, during the heyday of the muscle cars of the 60's. Their sons are current CKCC members. Many space workers purchased their cars from Bob and Jim and were invited to join the beach group. On any Sunday or holiday, you could see Corvettes, old and new, backed in with the nose facing the ocean and the passing cars.

Bob and Jim then moved to work at Jim Rathmann Chevrolet in Melbourne. Jim Rathmann, a former Indy car driver, became active with the Corvette community in Brevard County by providing Corvettes to the original astronauts through a GM promotion. Five of

the original astronauts: Neil Armstrong, Charles Conrad Jr., Gordon Cooper, Walter Schirra and Alan Sheppard, are honorary members of CKCC and copies of their applications are on display at the National Corvette Museum. Rathmann Chevrolet became the first sponsor of the club. Whenever an astronaut came back from space, a parade was held in Cocoa Beach and CKCC would provide the Corvettes for the dignitaries' use.



Former Shuttle Astronaut, Bruce Melnick, is also an honorary member of CKCC and currently participates in many club activities. He even has a recipe in the 40th Anniversary CKCC cookbook. A display of the space connection can be seen at the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.



During the past 40 years, the membership has fluctuated from as low as 12 members to the 150+ members in the club today. Since the club's formation in 1967, CKCC has maintained a strong commitment to NCCC and has continued to provide support to the surrounding communities. In the past three years, CKCC

has donated over \$15,000 to local and national charitable organizations and has provided several college scholarships per year for the last five years.

2007 marked the 40th Anniversary of Cape Kennedy as a member of NCCC. During a three-day weekend in October, festivities were held in Cocoa Beach to celebrate this anniversary of CKCC. Former members, as well as one charter member, attended. Other clubs in Florida, both NCCC and non-NCCC, joined the celebration. Former astronaut, Bruce Melnick; Ralph Eckler; and two magazine reporters, Steve Robertson and Rob Crum; were the judges of a Top 40 Show. Four NCCC judged concours were also held.



As has been the history of Cape Kennedy, many people from the space program visited the display of cars and enjoyed sharing tales of past Corvette events.

Articles and photos were submitted by Patsy Shearer, Florida Region RMD and CKCC member.

KORVETTE KORNER

When I began this feature, I intended to discuss various aspects of the Corvette and not concentrate on just horsepower. After the last issue on the LS3, it was time to move on and discuss suspension or some of the creature comforts. However, I was not aware of the **Blue Devil** at that time. Just when I thought the engine compartment was full, the Corvette engineers stuffed even more horses under the hood. This time, it wasn't just a couple of ponies, as in the migration from the LS2 to the LS3. The Blue Devil, officially known as the ZR1, added a whole corral of ponies. The power plant is the new LS9, a 6.2 liter small block V8 expected to have at least 100 horsepower per liter. This should generate at least 620 horsepower. Some rumors guesstimate the final result could be 650 horses coupled with almost 600 foot pounds of torque. The LS9 also sports a sixth-generation Eaton TVS supercharger and intercooler. The supercharger has a four-lobe rotor design. The intercooler will reduce the input air temperature resulting in denser air for improved performance through 6600 revs. The LS9 employs cast iron cylinder liners in the aluminum block. The LS8 will be built in-house at GM's Performance Build Center in Wixom, Michigan, as opposed to earlier engines for the ZR1 which were built outside of GM.

Performance is not limited to the increased horsepower. The ZR1 is built on the same aluminum chassis as the Z06. However, it makes significant use of many carbon fiber panels such as fenders, hood roof panel, roof bow, front fascia splitter, and rocker moldings, making it lighter afoot than the Z06. The hood also has a raised, polycarbonate window showing off the intercooler. The carbon-fiber panel presented challenges to be overcome. Over time, the resin in the carbon-fiber panels breaks down when exposed to UV rays. GM developed a special additive for the clear coat that resists yellowing and wear.

The curb weight is expected to be 3350 pounds. Thus, the power-to-weight ratio is much improved over the Z06. Expected 0-60 times are in the low three-second range. The standard Z06 200 mph speed is not adequate for the Blue Devil and has been replaced with one more fitting - topping out at 220 mph.

The LS9 is wed to a race-hardened six speed, close-ratio transmission and employs a new, high-capacity dual-disk clutch. The dual disk spreads the torque over a wider area that dissipates heat better and grips tighter with about the same effort as the Z06.

The ZR1 stopping specs are as good as the acceleration specs. It is outfitted with Michelin Pilot Sport 2 P335/25R20 tires on the rear and P285/30ZR19s on the front. The rear rubber is an amazing 12 inches wide! The tires were developed specifically for the ZR1 and are mounted on twenty-spoke wheels. The carbon ceramic rotors are vented and cross drilled. Rear rotors are a massive 15 inches on the rear and 15.5 inches up front. They have low mass and resistance to wear and heat. GM touts that they should never require replacement for the life of the vehicle when used in

normal driving! The ZR1 boasts six-piston calipers on the front and four-piston calipers on the rear and are painted a ZR1 exclusive blue. The front brake pads are double the size of the Z06's front pads!

If you want to be king of the hill and potentially exceed 200 mph, it won't be cheap. List prices are expected to be over \$100,000. However, even at this price, it is a steal compared to other European cars to which it is compared.

Submitted by Joe Vasta, East Region RMD

Timeless – but not ageless.



Any bench racer worthy of their bow-tie will argue each succeeding generation of the Corvette has been wildly individual in looks, comfort and performance. Call it building a better mousetrap a half-dozen times over! Still, when used with enthusiasm, the Best of anything is subject to inevitable wear and tear. That's why Zip offers restoration parts for Corvettes from fifty years old to five years young. Wheel cylinders to keep a '58 "on a dime"? On our shelf and ready to ship.

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Corvette Club of Texas Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Fifty years of Corvette club history is represented on our front cover this month as many of the current as well as past members gathered at Friendly Chevrolet in Dallas Texas in honor of one of the oldest Corvette clubs in Texas, **The Corvette Club of Texas (CCT)**. CCT is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year!

The club was established in October of 1958 when four Corvette owners/enthusiasts held the first organization meeting at Mohr Chevrolet in Dallas with a vision to form the best Corvette club in Texas history. Joe Pike, the Chevrolet Director of Marketing, Jerry Kagay from the Mohr Chevrolet dealership in Dallas, and Corvette enthusiasts Ken Bradley and Virgil Stephens formed the bylaws and constitution and laid the groundwork for what would become one of the most admired and successful clubs in NCCC

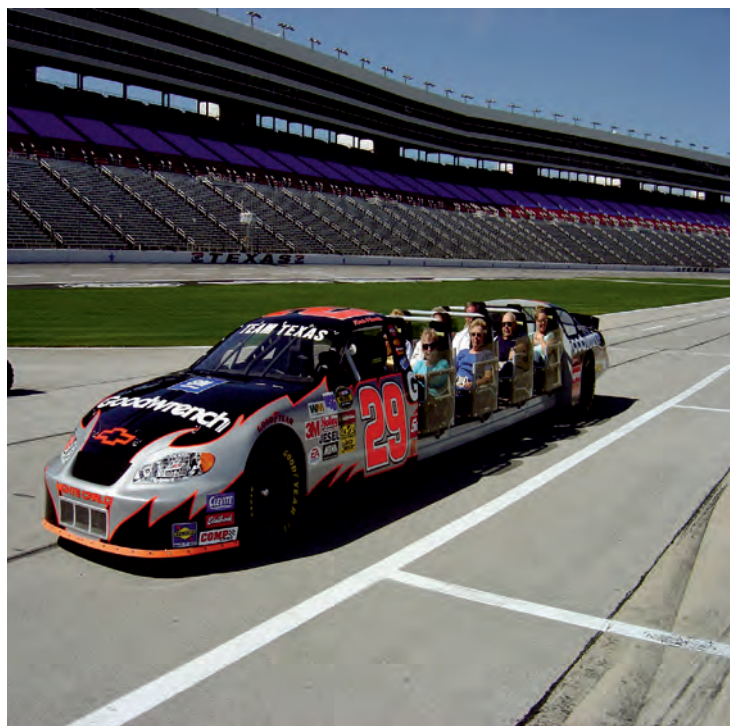
In 1959, the annual club membership dues were set at \$5.00, Jerry Kagay became the first president, and Jeannette Bradley was the club's first secretary. Both Ken and Jeannette Bradley, Lifetime Charter Members, remain actively involved in CCT today. In 1962, Friendly Chevrolet became CCT's official sponsor and has continued to support CCT throughout the years by hosting their monthly meeting place. By November of 1962, a CCT Board of Directors was formed and the club had 67 members.

During the 60's and 70's, the club's personality began to crystallize as they became known as a highly energetic and enthusiastic club focused on autocross, racing events, and social gatherings. By 1965, the membership had grown to over 280 members! In 1969 brothers Donnie and Keith Amendson became the first two CCT members in the Southwest Region to join NCCC. In 1971, CCT joined NCCC and hosted the first NCCC National Convention in Dallas in 1972. By 1973, CCT was the third largest club in NCCC! Throughout the remainder of the '70's and into the early '80's, CCT won numerous awards and national recognition for their participation in NCCC.

In 1983, the club celebrated its 25th anniversary by finishing first in the nation in NCCC points and won second place with their newsletter, *The Corvetter*, in the NCCC Newsletter contest. The 80's and 90's were filled with road trips, parades, low speed autocrosses, racing events, and car shows. CCT, a lifetime member of the NCM, participated in the first national caravan in 1994 to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Members also participated in the caravans and celebrations of NCM's 10th anniversary, the 50th anniversary of the corvette and the first pace car reunion in Indianapolis.

CCT's presence on the World Wide Web was established in 1996: www.corvettecluboftexas.org. During the course of the past 50 years, CCT continues to broaden the scope of their club's interests to include supporting local charity organizations such as the Gill Children's Charity and the Speedway Children's Charity. They have proudly provided driver's baskets in support of the IRL and NASCAR Craftsman truck drivers at Texas Motor Speedway, and became a sponsor in 2002 for the NASCAR Craftsman truck driver, David Star.

In addition, CCT members have hosted several of the Speedway Children's Charity silent auctions. CCT long time members, Paul and Mary Wolter, have been dedicated in their support and hard work to coordinate much of the charity work for CCT.



CCT Members Parked Corvettes and Take a Texas-Size NASCAR Limo Track Ride

During this current year, you will find CCT members still enjoying a broad range and full calendar of interesting activities such as drives through the Hill Country, "Drive and Eat" social events, car shows, and hosting an annual autocross event just to mention a few. The club's activities' theme this year is *Discover Texas*. There are plans to caravan down the Azalea and Spring Flower Trail in Tyler, attend a Corvette Car Show in Boerne, and enjoy a steakhouse in Wills Point among other trips. CCT will host the **Champions' Night** party honoring NCCC's top 15 men and ladies for 2007 on Sunday evening at the June NCCC Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma while raising their champagne glasses in celebration of the NCCC champions and CCT's 50th anniversary!

CCT monthly meetings are held every 3rd Friday of the month at 7:30 pm at Friendly Chevrolet in Dallas. Visitors are welcome to share the experience, excitement, and enjoyment of Corvette ownership with The Corvette Club of Texas!

Save the wave!

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HELPING IN YOUR COMMUNITY

The Corvette Club of Battle Creek has donated \$250.00 to the local “SAFE Place” for their continuing work protecting and helping survivors of domestic violence. Each December, the Corvette Club members decide how to donate proceeds from their annual car show to benefit the Battle Creek community. “Giving back to the community is an important part of our club’s mission,” said club member Carol Ochampaugh, who nominated “SAFE Place” as the recipient of one of the club’s contributions. Pictured here on the left is Jennifer Carr, the club’s treasurer, and on the right is Carol Ochampaugh with a representative from “SAFE Place.”



The newspaper article byline read, “Local kids benefit from generosity of Corvette Club.”

Battle Creek – The Corvette Club of Battle Creek has donated \$250.00 to Big Brothers Big Sisters. A Community of Caring (BBBS). The funds were raised through the Club’s annual car show at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds.

Larry Lewis, CCBC President, notes, “Every year, we contribute money from the car show to area non-profits.” “Gifts like these are very important in allowing us to serve kids in Calhoun County,” says BBBS Chief Development Officer Chet Hart. “We are always excited to receive donations from groups like CCBC.”

Big Brothers Big Sisters served about 250 children in Calhoun County in 2007.

The newspaper article byline read, “Corvette Club Cooks at Kambly.”

CCBC holds an annual cook-out/picnic at Kambly Adult Foster Care home every September. Friendship, hot dogs and fast cars make it a fun annual event.

The newspaper article byline read, “Corvette club supports American Cancer Society.”

The new American Cancer Society Cancer Resource Center, located at Battle Creek Health Systems, celebrated its grand opening on February 12. Support from local donors and organizations, such as the Corvette Club of Battle Creek, helps the ACS Cancer Resource Center continue to offer comprehensive information, support and services to cancer patients, their families and caregivers. “We’re not just a car club,” said Larry Lewis, CCBC President. “We rely on our community for support, and we in turn do what we can to support our local community.” Pictured below from left to right: Noel Patenaude, CCBC Vice President; Larry Lewis, CCBC President; and Jean Thompson, community program manager for the ACS Southwest Michigan Area Service Center.



Article and photos submitted by Richard Williams, CCBC Club Governor.

One's First Racing Experience

This article was published in the October, 2007 issue of Warren County Corvette Club's newsletter, THE INSIDE TRACK. The author is Sheri Jandik, WCCC's President, describing her first experience in a race car. Corvette Club of Iowa's NCCC Governor, Denny Luther, was at the wheel. WCCC is a non-NCCC club based in Indianola, Iowa, which is located in a county adjacent to CCI's home base in Polk County, Iowa.

How much fun do you think you can have in the parking lot at Terrible's Lakeside Casino in Osceola, Iowa? I can tell you that you can have 37.4 seconds of heart-throbbing, door-gripping, mind-blowing fun. How do I know? Well, let me tell you...

After attending the Corvette Club of Iowa's Memorial Weekend autocrossing event the last few years at the Chariton, Iowa Airport, we thought for sure the parking lot autocross at Osceola would not be that exciting. After all, it's a tighter course, so you wouldn't think they'd be able to go very fast. And really, if you think about it, the speeds that they are reaching there aren't fast, unless you are in a small area of a parking lot trying to go in and around cones.

Over the years, Jim and I have gotten to know some of the racers. They are all wonderful people that are so much fun to talk with. I have been asked many times why I don't get into this sport as a racer. For now, let's just say, my suspension is holding me back and I don't want to make the modifications to tighten it up. I guess we'll have to buy another Corvette just for this and other racing sports. I have always wanted to at least do a ride-a-long with someone. However, at Chariton this year, the course seemed much faster and, since I get motion sickness as a passenger pretty easily, I figured I better skip it. So, Saturday, September 29th, Jim and I decided to head down to the Casino to watch the rest of the afternoon's racing. We thought if there would be a good place to get a ride-a-long, it would be here, because it would be a little slower paced, right?

When we were at Chariton in May, we were talking with one of our favorite drivers. This gentleman has always been fun to talk to. He has plenty of stories and he also has a car that is much like mine; a C-4 with a Grand Sport motor, although he has a few more modifications. We always like to see him do well and he is at the top of his group. When he went over to his car to get ready for his run, I decided to go see if I could get a ride. I walked over to his yellow and black striped HawkLT4 and didn't have to say a word. Denny Luther asked, "Are you ready for a ride?" "Yeah!" I headed off to get a helmet and jumped in. Of course, on this particular day everyone was asking if I knew what I was doing as it seems Denny put his car into the wall at Hawkeye Downs in Cedar Rapids not too long ago. I've seen Denny drive, so that didn't stop me. As we were waiting our turn at the start line, I was looking at the cones in front of me. This can't be too bad. After all, how fast can you go anyway?! Denny was concentrating with one foot on the gas and one on the clutch. The green flag dropped and we were off. Before I could blink we were on the third set of cones and Denny was doing 33 mph. We got down to where we were to make our first turn to come back and I felt the rear-end slide, but before I finished the 'Denny in the wall' thought, the rear-end was back in alignment with the car and around

the corner we went. At that point, I was already feeling my tummy turn and didn't know how I was going to last. I kept looking forward in amazement at how fast those cones go by. We made it through a couple of gates and headed for the single cone in the middle. All I did was hang on! I could feel the force. In fact, I could actually feel my leg pinned against the door (only later to see I now have a bruise!) due to all the g-force. After that turn, I decided I wanted to see how fast we were going through the next gates. It felt like 90, but that couldn't be, since we were still in first gear. I didn't think it could be that bad then and it wasn't; it was **only** 47mph! On a straight-a-way, that would be considered a snail's pace, but out there, hang on baby! I had to get my focus back to the front and take a deep breath. Hard to do when you feel like you are going so fast. One more sharp turn and then we head back to the end. Here we go. Hang on! Don't puke! The rear slid again, but Denny did a wonderful job of controlling it. We had a set of chicanes to go through as we came to the end of the course. The first one wasn't bad, plenty of space, but how we missed the last cone, I will not know. Denny then stomped the gas to get through the timing gate and then on the brakes. 'Holy *&*!' is all I could say! Denny laughed and said, "See; that was fun!" Denny, still full of spunk, headed us back to the staging area. That was just as quick of a trip as the course! I took off my helmet, took another deep breath (easier to do now that we were stopped) and thanked him for the wonderful and safe ride.

After my ride, I had to get Jim to experience this. So Jim also hitched a ride with Denny and had much the same experience except without the motion sickness. At the end of the day, I would say, I have the bug. I may not be going that fast my first 100 times I get out there with the cones, but maybe someday. At the end of the day, we discovered that Denny had the fastest time of the day, but unfortunately hit a cone on those two runs, which knocked him out of first place. Thanks to Denny for this great experience and congratulations on the great run!

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CORVETTE ZR1 AND CADILLAC CTS-V

The Editor of Blue Bars was contacted recently by Steve Smith of G-2 Communications about conducting an interview with Ron Meegan of General Motors Powertrain concerning the Corvette ZR1 LS9 and the Cadillac CTS-V LSA engines. G-2 Communications assists General Motors with public relations regarding motorsports activities. Steve Smith obtained NCCC Blue Bars contact information through a source listing automotive oriented publications. Ron Meegan is the Assistant Chief Engineer for the LS9 and LSA engines and was also the Assistant Chief Engineer in the beginning of the previous ZR-1 engine program. The interview was conducted over the phone on February 22, 2008 and the following are question that were posed and answered.

1. Were the LS9 and LSA engines developed concurrently and what are the major differences between the two powerplants?

The two engines were developed at the same time with the LS9 having more exotic engine components and the LSA being closer to the LS3 in construction. The LS9 has forged aluminum pistons, titanium connecting rods and intake valves, sodium filled exhaust valves, 2.3 liter displacement supercharger generating 10.5 psi, 12 mm head bolts, "dual brick" intercooler and dry sump lubrication whereas the LSA has hypereutectic aluminum pistons, powdered metal connecting rods, stainless steel intake and exhaust valves, 1.8 liter displacement supercharger generating 9 psi, 11 mm head bolts, single intercooler and regular wet sump lubrication.

2. Have the actual horsepower and torque numbers been finalized?

The test engines are presently being run and broken in and the actual third party witnessed testing is to begin within the next two weeks. The anticipated results are expected to be very close to the projected 620 horsepower and 595 foot pounds of torque for the LS9 and 550 horsepower and 550 foot pounds of torque for the LSA.

3. What are the air temperatures at the exit of the supercharger and the exit of the intercoolers?

The temperature rise through the supercharger is 185 degrees Fahrenheit and the temperature drop through the intercoolers is 140 degrees Fahrenheit. For example if the inlet temperature to the supercharger is 100 degrees Fahrenheit then the charge temperature to in engine would be 145 degrees Fahrenheit.

4. Where is the other heat exchanger for the intercooler located?

The intercooler has a dedicated circulating pump and coolant reservoir with the associated heat exchanger or radiator

located in front of the air conditioner condenser coil which is in front of the engine cooling radiator.

5. Was direct injection like that on the 2.0 liter Ecotec and the 3.6 liter CTS engines considered for the LS9 and LSA engines?

No, LS9 and LSA engines have not been associated with that technology as of this date.

6. Are there any plans for a beefed up version of the six speed automatic in the CTS-V to be available for the ZR1?

No. The ZR1 will only be available with a six speed manual.

7. Is the ZR1 a short term production model?

No. The ZR1 will be the top of the line Corvette model above the base Corvette and the Z06 for the foreseeable future.

8. What are the demographics of the future purchasers of the ZR1?

The ZR1 is targeted at hard core automotive performance enthusiasts that are in the market for Ferraris and Lamborghinis.

9. What is the anticipated production rate for the ZR1?

There is not an official number but it will be very limited production.

10. Will the ZR1 be exported?

Yes, to Europe only.

Interview was conducted by Jerry Lindsey, member of Cowtown Vettes and article was submitted by him.

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Regional News



Greetings!

Well, to start off 2008, I attended my first NCCC Governors' Meeting weekend as Regional Executive representing the Carolina Region, and I can truly say I am inspired and looking forward to a great 2008.

One of our topics of discussion was "Why join NCCC?" Simple - to have fun. First, ask yourself why do you have a Corvette? To have FUN! The car is exciting, exhilarating, powerful, classy, eye-catching. The list goes on and on, which translates to it's fun to drive it, own it, show it off... Next, it's more fun to share this feeling with others who also enjoy the car, so the Corvette club, then the National Council of Corvette Clubs. We all share the same interest in the Corvette automobile and we become acquainted and develop lifelong friendships.

On a personal level, when my husband, Mike, and I relocated from California to Georgia in 1992, we joined a local club and became members of NCCC. We participated in club meetings and social activities, like the annual Super Bowl party, a day trip to Stone Mountain, mystery dinner cruises, charity car shows and pool parties, to name a few. We then branched out to competing in rallies and autocrosses and expanded our circle of friends to other areas of the country. As the years went by, and after Lockheed moved us to South Carolina, our circle of friends grew even larger, so that we now have Corvette friends (I think of them as family) across the U.S. All of us have one thing in common: We love our Corvettes. Any time we are together, conversation turns to racing, or comparing maintenance techniques, or cleaning and polishing products, or performance enhancements. The list seems endless. We share one another's joys and sadness, births, graduations, new jobs and, unfortunately, losses as well. It's a huge extended family, and I am very thankful for all of my Corvette friends. Unfortunately, Mike passed on last year and although we miss him, I think everyone who knew him would say his favorite activity was anything to do with Corvettes and his Corvette friends in NCCC.

So the long and short of it is, you get more enjoyment out of your Corvette by joining NCCC, a national organization of

Corvette clubs, to share your Corvette experiences. A good place to start is the NCCC website, to learn about the dozens of activities in which you can participate. Even better, try to attend the National Convention in Tulsa this year.

Remember we're all together to have fun !

Margaret Bohannon, Carolina Region RE

As I write this, the 12 Hour race in Sebring was on the SPEED channel. As you know, the Corvettes finished 1,2 in GT1. The rest of the race was as good as ever. While watching the race, I remembered each corner of the track, the speeds and all, from the Convention in Florida where the High Speed event was held. I thought about all of the different tracks we have had the pleasure of driving on over the years. Except for the Indianapolis track where we were only allowed to drive at a parade speed, all of the tracks were open to competitive speeds. Road Atlanta, Rockingham (NC Motor Speedway), Charlotte Motor Speedway (Lowes Speedway), Savannah's Roebing Road, Tennessee's Nashville Speedway and Carolina Motorsports Park in Kershaw, SC are the tracks in the Southern part of NCCC. The tracks in the other parts of the country include the Jefferson circuit of Summit Point in West Virginia, the Pocono Speedway, MIS in Michigan, Las Vegas Motor Speedway, and tracks that were part of an NCCC Convention. Point here is, NCCC, and Conventions have afforded us an opportunity to experience something we truly enjoy. The lesser known locations with annual events include the Grissoms, the Tupelo's, and our own (Carolina Region) Sanford Airport 21-event weekend on Memorial weekend. These upper Limit Low Speed events are as good as the bigger venues mentioned, and certainly appealing to those who do not feel comfortable at speeds over 80 MPH. In these days of hard-to-find locations and higher costs involved for the host and the entrants, we should support them or we might find ourselves attending more mundane activities in the future. Not much fun there, I'll say.

I want to personally thank all NCCC Conventions for the events hosted at the different locations especially the High Speed. I know I didn't name all of the locations, but that just means there were a lot of them! PS...Some in Texas are memorable - including memories of the motels in Mineral Wells. Get out of the house and go to a speed event this Memorial weekend.

See you there!

Pete Dawley, Carolina Region RCD

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EAST REGION



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EAST OHIO REGION



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The East Region continually looks for means to increase participation in sanctioned events and to recognize those competing with other NCCC members. Normally, large clubs get most of the recognition for competitive events due to their sheer size. Due to their mass, they can accumulate a significant number of points during the season, even if a small percentage of their members are active. The East Region officers have had many discussions trying to identify a means to recognize small clubs that are very active. In 2006, the East Region created the **Club Participation Award**. The club with the highest average number of points per member during the year would win the award. The score was calculated by dividing the number of points (*both competition and worker points*) earned by each club by November 30 divided by the number of active members on August 31. In this manner, clubs with only a couple dozen active members could compete with a large club on a level playing field.

The Lancaster County Corvette Club ([LCCC] ER-266) and the Cumberland Valley Corvette Club ([CVCC] ER-098) are not only the two largest East Region clubs, but also are among the ten largest in the nation with 267 and 235 members, respectively. LCCC generated 2,150 points in 2007 and CVCC totaled 2,552; however, the G-Burg Corvette Club ([GCC] ER-090) accumulated 3,750 points, quite a few points for a club with just 70 members. GBC averaged more than 53 points per member. Their average points per member were significantly more than the average points per member for LCCC and CVCC. The new Classic Corvette Club of Maryland ([CCCM] ER-546) also did very well collecting, an average of more than 39 points per member. This is a very respectable number for a club having only 14 members. However, Tri-County Vettes ([TCV] ER-323) topped the heap! TCV members collected 2,043 points with only 35 members in their club. They generated an average of more than 58 points per member. ***Congratulations to the members of Tri-County Vettes for winning the 2007 East Region Club Participation Award!*** TCV has set the bar for the 2008 competition season!

Joe Vasta, East Region RMD

2007 is over and we are getting ready to start the 2008 year but, before we do, I'd like to recognize the following clubs and NCCC participants that put a lot of effort forward to placing in the East Ohio Region during the 2007 competition season.

As our 2008 competition year is just getting underway, it looks like we again have a diversified schedule of events – 60 Car Shows, 1 Concours, 10 Rallies, 24 Low Speed and 3 High Speed events with 12 sanctions still to be scheduled.

I would like to mention a few things concerning children and the events. I certainly encourage parents to bring their children, but please make sure the children are “supervised” at all times. They are precious little people whom none of us want to lose or see get hurt. Remember, children are **NOT** permitted in the pit or staging areas, and their parent or guardian **MUST** sign a Minor's Waiver. These children are our future competitors and Corvette owners so let's keep them safe. Now is the time to teach them the true value of honesty, discipline and sportsmanship.

2007 East Ohio Region Point Standings	
Clubs	Top Women and Men Workers
1 Corvette Cleveland Inc.	1 Linda C. Szucs
2 Buckeye Corvettes, Inc.	2 Linda L. Vannelli
3 Tiretown CC	3 Robert G. Klabik
4 Competition Corvette Assn, Inc.	4 Robert D. Thomsen
5 Pioneer Corvette Assn, Inc.	5 Roger J. Flading
	6 Terry Sells
Top 15 Men	Ladies' Most Valuable Participant
1 Bretton Rebol - Competition Corvette	Elaine Heretta
2 Charles (Chuck) R. Stephens - Pioneer Corvette	
3 Dennis Arthur - Corvette Cleveland	
4 Charles (Chuck) R. Heretta - Buckeye Corvettes	Top 15 Women
5 Albert J. Etzel - Corvette Cleveland	1 Peggy L. Stephens - Pioneer Corvette
6 Ted M. Vannelli - Corvette Cleveland	2 Patricia Rebol - Competition Corvette
7 Tim Paul - Corvette Cleveland	3 Elaine Heretta - Corvette Cleveland
8 Steven B. Hamilton - Buckeye Corvettes	4 Carol A. Etzel - Corvette Cleveland
9 Terry Sells - Tiretown CC	5 Lory Arthur - Corvette Cleveland
10 Gene E. Szucs - Corvette Cleveland	6 Karen Stamm - Tiretown CC
11 Roger J. Flading - Buckeye Corvettes	7 Diana K. Fultz - Competition Corvette
12 Robert N. Oval - Tiretown CC	8 Susan L. MacDonald - Tiretown CC
13 Ray M. Valentine - Buckeye Corvettes	9 Susan M. Hamilton - Buckeye Corvettes
14 Mark F. Wehagen - Corvette Cleveland	10 Patricia Ann Mitchell - Corvette Cleveland
15 Richard A. Etzel - Corvette Cleveland	11 Beverly Sells - Tiretown CC
	12 Megan M. Etzel - Corvette Cleveland
	13 Deborah (Deb) K. Murphy - Tiretown CC
	14 Gina Cannistra - Buckeye Corvettes
	15 Shari A. Bestor - Corvette Cleveland

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I'm looking forward to seeing all competitors this summer and certainly hope everyone has a safe, enjoyable season.

Chuck Stephens, East Ohio Region RCD

I'd just like to take a few minutes of your time to say a few words concerning "WHY NCCC." I've heard the following expression so many times — "Why do I want to belong to NCCC? They don't do anything for me." I guess I'm kind of old fashioned, but I've always felt that belonging to NCCC is like having insurance on your house or car. You're in trouble if a firefighter or an insurance agent is doing something for you: Either your house is on fire or you've wrecked your car. NCCC is the same way. If NCCC is doing something for us, then we are hearing from K & K Insurance because we're in trouble. I don't like trouble in my life. I like the smooth, easy road. If you want NCCC to do something for you, then you need to do something with NCCC. You need to attend a convention, concours show, car show, rallye, low or high speed event. Once you start attending some or all of the events, you will find out that NCCC does do a lot for you. You start meeting new friends or you get to renew old friendships. No matter where you travel in the United States, you'll meet up with someone who belongs to NCCC and will be more than happy to just talk or offer you help if you're having a problem. If they can't help you, they will lead you in the right direction for the help you need. If you want to have fun in NCCC, then you need to come out and join in the fun.

Also, I'd like to congratulate one of East Ohio Region's clubs and tell them how PROUD I am of them for making such a huge decision. At renewal time, after a lot of discussion, this club made the decision to make it mandatory for all members of their club to belong to NCCC and they became a 100% NCCC club. The club is Central West Virginia Corvette Club (EO-147), and they are located in Clarksburg, West Virginia. At renewal time, the club had 26 NCCC members. Since they decided to go 100% NCCC, they have tripled their membership and now have 62 NCCC members. All I can say is WOW!! Of course, they lost a few of their current members, but they have gained more than they lost. Once again, I want to say CONGRATULATIONS to Central West Virginia Corvette Club for a job well done.

Peggy Stephens, East Ohio Region RMD



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FLORIDA REGION



What Does NCCC Have To Offer Their Members?

Where can you go and meet so many people who have the same interest (Corvettes) as YOU DO????? Go to your next NCCC function and meet new friends.

What other organizations offer your children, nieces, and nephews a scholarship program with up to 6 to 8 per year?

Does any other organization have a program that offers your children, grand- children, nieces, and nephews a club membership in our Future Corvette Owners of America for ONLY \$5.00 from the time they are born to 16 years old? See FCOA on our website for more info.

NCCC has one of the least expensive dues of ANY national recognized auto club, BUT with the MOST benefits.

We offer our members a nice quarterly magazine in color, with articles and information on what is happening in different regions of the country. By checking out other regions and what they do, we can get new ideas for our own area.

How many organizations have a yearly convention that lasts a week and has all the events in which our members are interested in participating? Plus, again, we get to meet our friends from all over the country whom we haven't seen since last year.

Last, but not least: Can you say INSURANCE ????

We offer the BEST INSURANCE program to our clubs and their members and it doesn't cost them any extra. It is included in their yearly dues. We have one of, if not the ONLY, insurance program that offers clubs insurance while the wheels are rolling on their Corvettes. Our insurance program has a lot more to it than that and coverage you wouldn't think would be covered. Ask your club Governor for more info on our K & K Insurance policy and what is covered.

Is your club a 100% member of NCCC? If not, you need to be, so everyone will be covered by our GREAT Insurance program. It is the cheapest thing you can do to protect yourself from a lawsuit.

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You will only receive from NCCC what you and your club put into to it. Get active, use your club sanctions and I hope to see ya'll soon.

Glenn Hutchinson, Florida Region RE



INDIANA REGION



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This last winter seemed to last forever, but it is spring once again. With spring comes so many good things, one of which is getting the Corvette out of storage.

Now that the car is out, "What to do" is the next question. NCCC makes it hard to decide what to do or which direction to travel. Hal and I have made friends in nearly all of the lower 48 states. Some of the people we have met like to caravan, some are dinner drive people, some like competition and a lot of them just plain like to party. One thing holds true with them all: They are Corvette people and

2007 Indiana Region Points Standings		
Ladies		Pts
1	Peggy Marschand -- Fort Wayne CC	657
2	Kay Clawson -- Fort Wayne CC	501
3	Sue Runyan -- Fort Wayne CC	363
4	Kay Russell -- Fort Wayne CC	266
5	Carolyn Hogan -- Corvette Indy, Inc.	233
6	Jessa Ashton -- Anderson Corvette Assn	229
Men		Pts
1	Patrick Wrigley -- Fort Wayne CC	774
2	Michael Godfrey -- Michiana CC	682
3	Howard Curtis -- Elkhart CC	661
4	David Godfrey -- Michiana CC	636
5	Randy Ashton -- Anderson Corvette Assn	489
6	James Alton -- Corvette Indy, Inc.	483
7	Kevin Klinkman -- Glass Menagerie CC	434
8	Fred Meade -- Circle City CC	427
9	Paul Clawson -- Fort Wayne CC	405
10	Brian Godfrey -- Michiana CC	379
11	Dick Runyan -- CC of Indiana	370
12	Patrick Hogan -- Corvette Indy, Inc.	352
13	Rick Hamman -- Fort Wayne CC	323
14	Hal Bellamy -- Elkhart CC	308
15	Curtis Ashton -- Anderson Corvette Assn	234
16	Bill Baird -- Corvette Indy, Inc.	217
Clubs		Pts
1	Fort Wayne CC	3,938
2	Michiana CC	2,524
3	Corvette Indy Inc.	2,392
4	Anderson Corvette Assn	2,055
5	Elkhart Vette Set	1,608
6	Glass Menagerie CC	1,309
7	Corvette Club of Indiana	1,146
8	The Original Circle City CC	887
9	Circle City CC	798
10	Indianapolis CC	778
11	Star City CC	748
12	Tri State CC	738
13	Delco Electronics CC	700
14	Lafayette CC	300
15	South Central Indiana CC	174

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they are The Greatest.

It makes no difference if you work for a living or are independently wealthy; if you are a Corvette person, you are The Greatest.

I, for one, have not asked what NCCC can do for me. It already has done more than I ever expected. NCCC gave me a large group of friends all across the United States and we all love the Corvette.

If you have an idea that you feel can make our organization more meaningful, please let your Club Governor know. Call me or send some kind of smoke signal, but don't hold your ideas back. This is your party also and you can make an important contribution. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Mary Bellamy, Indiana Region RE



MICHIGAN REGION



www.michcorvette.org

By the time you read this article, competition will have started in the Michigan Region. Check out Michigan Region's website for dates and flyers to join in the fun in Michigan.

Dave Heinemann, Parliamentarian, gave the RE's an assignment to write something positive about NCCC. I can't say enough about NCCC, as well as the fun at the National Convention every year. To me, NCCC is a Big family! A Big Caring family! We have been invited to many members' homes throughout the nation. Our club has spent time with out-of-state clubs at their activities. One of our members was having Corvette trouble in Michigan and we had members from Iowa stop and ask if they could help. We have had so much support over the last three years. When our daughter Laurie was sick and dying, we had so many cards and calls from so many. We had many friends from Illinois and Michigan here for her visitation and funeral. Sue McGee called several times to let us know she was there for us. The support for Elana and me over this past year has been unbelievable through the NCCC families concern. The cards, letters, visits and, most of all, the Prayers;

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we are truly blessed to be a part of NCCC. We have always told the Kalamazoo Corvette Club members that there is a Big Family that will help you when you are out of state and have a problem.

Bill Siebel, Michigan Region RE

Greetings from the Michigan Region!

This spring it looks like we're going to have another busy year with most of our sanction requests in, plus all the social events that are planned. Come join us!

I would like to thank RENE CARDENAS for doing a great job as RCD the last five years.

We will again have a Great Lake High Speed Series that will be on four tracks but only two weekends — July 5 at the Waterford raceway, July 6 at the Jackson race way, October 11 at Gingerman, and October 12 at Grattan — open to any NCCC members. Best time at each track for Class and Overall Winner must run in same class at all tracks. We have two low-speed Driver Schools planned, along with the sanctioned events and lots of things to do. So, come on over!

If anyone has any questions for me, just let me know and I'll try to answer as quickly as possible. The car is all R & R'ed and back together, so here's to another great season. We're looking forward to Convention!

The rest of the Michigan standings for 2007 are:

2007 Michigan Region Point Standings			
Men - Low Speed		Clubs	
1	Ray Meesseman	577	
2	Gordon McCann	495	
3	Robert Hall	493	
Ladies - Low Speed			
1	Barb Bush	532	
2	Sharon Meesseman	443	
3	Angela Hanlin	233	
Men - High Speed			
1	Robert Hall	141	
2	Ray Meesseman	122	
3	Paul Yuska	119	
Ladies - High Speed			
1	Sharon Meesseman	77	
2	Mary Wentzel	77	
3	Janet Matsura	72	
Concours			
1	Angela Hanlin	15	
1	Mark Hanlin	15	
1	Randy O'Neil	15	
		Rallye	
1	James J. Sweet	46	
2	Donna Janos	43	
3	Jim Sweet	40	
		Rookie Award	
		Randy O'Neil and Janet Harding	
		All Around Competitor	
		Randy O'Neil and Angela Hanlin	

That's about all for now, so come on out and have some fun with us!

Ray Meesseman, Michigan Region RCD



Hello everyone,

We hope you're ready for another fun and exciting summer. I want to thank everyone in the Midwest Region for all of their hard work putting together the 150+ sanctioned events along with all of their other club activities. We have a great group of people in our region and it has been a pleasure working for you as RE. I also want to thank the Region's officers and club Governors for all of their hard work making the Region run so well and invite all of you to join in and make things fun for everyone.

I would like to thank all of our website sponsors for again supporting the Midwest Region in 2008. We appreciate your support and encourage everyone to visit you on-line by clicking on the links found on our website at www.mwregion.com.

I would like all of you to reflect on the great friendships that you have formed with other Corvette owners and on all of the fun you've had together. As time marches on, we are losing more friends to illness and praying for others who are battling for their lives. We all know how precious our time is, so please get out there and enjoy your Corvette with the people who love Corvettes and bask in the camaraderie that makes NCCC such a great organization to belong to!

I challenge all of you to make the most of life and become a driving force in your clubs, regions, as well as at the national level! It's up to you to make things even more enjoyable for everyone who belongs to the NCCC. Be a driver, not a passenger, in life and make the most of it! This organization does some awesome things supporting a multitude of charities as individual clubs along with what we do with the National Kidney Foundation, so please let everyone know by submitting articles to *Blue Bars* to show us how you are making a difference.

You don't have to compete in a Concours, Rallye, or Autocross to be a member of NCCC, so we want to know how everyone

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is enjoying their Corvette and the fellowship of their fellow enthusiasts.

Remember *Blue Bars* is YOUR magazine and needs YOUR support and articles to become a truly GREAT magazine.

Save the wave,

Calvin Camp, Midwest Region RE

The competitive spirit is alive and well in the Midwest Region. At our recent Regional Awards Banquet, we recognized 41 men and 18 women for earning 200+ regional points, and three men and four women placed in the Top 15 nationally.

As the new RCD for the Midwest Region, I am looking forward to another fun year of competition in 2008. Our Region is ready to host a variety of speed events, rallyes, and concours events (156 total events) starting in March and continuing through October. Our competition schedule and flyers are always updated at www.mwregion.com, so please plan to put several MW Region events on your schedule in 2008. You'll be sure to have a good time!

When you are out competing this season, please remember to thank the many people who graciously volunteer their time to plan, chair, and work the events so that we can have fun enjoying our Corvettes.

Paul Haack, Midwest Region RCD

CALLING ALL PAST MEMBERS OF THE CHICAGO CORVETTE CLUB

The Chicago Corvette Club is planning to have a 50th Birthday Celebration in October of 2008. We are in the process of searching for past members of the club that would like to join us for our celebration.

Please contact Donald Granzin by email:

donaldgranzin@hotmail.com or phone 630-355-2534 or

Robert Schwarz by email:

obob@comcast.net or phone 630-964-2861

A history of the Chicago Corvette Club will follow in the next issue.

Looking forward to sharing the many years of club memories with you all.

Sincerely,
Robert Schwarz, Chicago Corvette Club



ROADRUNNER REGION



www.ncccroadrunner.com

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ROCKY MTN REGION



www.rmrnccc.org

Hello everyone,

It's shaping up to be another very busy Corvette season and the competition is really heating up! There are no spare weekends all summer and we've got so many things that we can do in our Corvettes. We've got plenty of autocrosses, car shows, and rallyes on the calendar with many charity events planned; something for everyone. Get your ride shined up and come out and play with us if you haven't been out yet.


I wanted to remind you all that the Rocky Mountain Region will be hosting the 2009 NCCC Convention August 8-14, 2009 in Colorado Springs and we could sure use your help at

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this week-long event. Most of the committees have chairpersons and co-chair people, but we're always in need of volunteers. Either contact me or WALT JENKINS if you'd like to volunteer — waltjenkins@comcast.net. The Rocky Mountain Region is famous for their high quality events and their focus on fun, so I know that the 2009 NCCC Convention will be the best that the NCCC has ever seen!

I look forward to a great year and all of the fun events that you've all got planned. See you there.

John Maxwell, Rocky Mountain Region RE



SOUTHWEST REGION



www.ncccsouth.com

Who cares if you belong to a Corvette Club or that they belong to NCCC. You should.


Who cares that you belong to NCCC and your significant other doesn't. You should.

Who cares if NCCC will cover that member and not the other? You should.

NCCC is not only an organization that promotes the spirit of friendship, the idea of competition, the feeling of camaraderie, but also the area of protection. Do your members realize that to be a 51% club only those club members who are NCCC members are covered if anything should happen? The cruise to the local eatery, the car show at the mall, or the practice autocross, although heaven forbid something should occur that would need insurance coverage. Can you afford it otherwise? With that being said. I only hope that you think about it. What you decide is up to you.

Now to change the subject: As they say in Texas, wait a few minutes and the weather could change. Anything from 78-degree weather to thunderstorms, hail, severe weather, and snow or ice all in a 24-hour period. Of course, in June, it will be nice especially since the Southwest Region is hosting the 2008 NCCC Convention. I hope you are planning to attend and have a great time. SEE YOU IN JUNE. "RACIN' ON TULSA TIME."

Bernyce Molenda, Southwest Region RE



SOUTHEAST REGION



www.ncccsouth.com

As I sit at the computer writing this article for the next issue of *Blue Bars*, we are getting our first snowfall of the winter. Folks, it's March in the South!! Also sitting and thinking about entering the second half of my sixth decade of life tomorrow. Wow!!

Betty, Donnie, and I visited with a Club to give the benefits of NCCC. One of the items we try to present is the insurance program. Insurance is one of the necessary items that has to be in place today, given the nature of society in this day and time. We, as a family of over 18,000, have worked hard to have and enjoy our toys, and I do not want to give those rights away to someone just because they can file suit.

Don't forget about the SE Region permanent number system. The program is in place now. Anyone wanting to request a number, contact your club Governor and the information will be sent to our RCD, DON PARKS, to be logged in for the record.

Thanks.

John McGee, Southeast Region RE

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SOUTHWEST REGION 2008 SCHEDULE

5/2-3/2008	NATIONAL GOVERNORS MEETING	ST LOUIS
5/10-11/2008	SJCC / COAST FIRST CHOICE WEEKEND 11 LS	HOUSTON
5/17-18/2008	CTCC / MCCC FIRST CHOICE WEEKEND 10 LS	WACO
5/24-25/2008	OCCC / CCOC FIRST CHOICE WEEKEND - 6 LS / MTD / 2 ETD / RD	OK CITY
6/7/2008	THT (RFR) FIRST CHOICE WEEKEND - 7 LS	OK CITY
6/21-27/2008	NATIONAL CONVENTION	TULSA
7/26-27/2008	SCCC / CCOC FIRST CHOICE WEEKEND - 11 LS	OK CITY
9/6-7/2008	CCT / NTV FIRST CHOICE WEEKEND	
9/12-13/2008	NATIONAL GOVERNORS MEETING	ST LOUIS
9/20-21/2008	CTV / BRCC FIRST CHOICE WEEKEND	FT WORTH
10/4-5/2008	LCC / CTCC FIRST CHOICE WEEKEND - 11 LS	
10/11-12/2008	TV FIRST CHOICE WEEKEND	
10/18/2008	BRCC FIRST CHOICE WEEKEND / CTV NON- SANCTIONED CAR SHOW	FT WORTH
10/25-26/2008	TOCC FIRST CHOICE WEEKEND	
11/7-8/2008	NATIONAL GOVERNORS MEETING	ST LOUIS

2007 Southwest Region Point Standings

	Clubs	Pts
1	Oklahoma City CC	14,244
2	San Jacinto CC	6,318
3	Cowtown Vettes	5,968
4	Tejas Vettes	4,307
5	Centex CC	4,018

	Top 10 Men	Events	Pts
1	Neil Fox - Tejas Vettes	118	1,046
2	Johnny Gann - OCCC	111	981
3	Bob Pattillo - SJCC	120	887
4	Gary Miller - OCCC	111	885
5	Kevin Anthony - CTV	114	842
6	Ted Molenda - THT	89	791
7	Tom Goodson - OCCC	101	726
8	Paul Meyers - CTV	84	694
9	Ken Sutton - Centex CC	80	676
9	Ken Bakenhus - SJCC	90	676

	Top 10 Ladies	Events	Pts
1	Suzanne Ansley - SJCC	114	1,129
2	Eileen Fox - Tejas Vettes	118	1,063
3	Marlene Pattillo - SJCC	118	981
4	Cathy Anthony - CTV	113	946
5	Glenda Brown - OCCC	96	834
6	Bernyce Molenda - THT	89	804
7	Tracy Gaudu - LCC	94	767
8	Bonnie Goodson - OCCC	101	744
9	Viola Meyers - CTV	87	708
10	Jeannie Ruston - OCCC	85	694

As of March 1, 2008



WEST REGION



www.westregionnccc.com

We have another exciting year ahead of us. The West Region has a variety of events planned as usual. As I sit down to write this note, I am amazed at the effort so many people expend to provide varied and exciting Corvette experiences. At the local level, the clubs plan events from dinner cruises to a gathering to enjoy a night of bowling. Each region schedules competitions from car shows, rallies and speed events. National Council puts on the most extravagant party and competition events at the annual Convention. All of these activities take manpower, ingenuity, and experience to make them fun, exciting, and competitive.

The dedication and energy exhibited at all levels of NCCC is amazing and what make this whole organization so great. None of these events would succeed without volunteers to work corners, check routes, host parties, and just plain put in time planning. Contacts have to be made to ensure safe venues for speed events. These things all take people and it is the terrific people of NCCC that make it all happen.

Your elected and appointed officers need your help (ideas, if nothing else) to continue to make this the type of experience you want. Who knows, you may even want to step up to serve as an officer. The nice thing is, you only have to get as involved as you are comfortable with doing. Just remember, you get out what you are willing to put in and it starts with a positive and enthusiastic attitude. With all the opportunities, promise yourself to try something new.

Gary Brisbois, West Region RE

Hello, everyone, from your new Regional Competition Director. I look forward to meeting and working with you as we move to the heart of the WR Competition Season. With the new electronic age now a vital part of the NCCC, new challenges lay ahead. Let's meet these challenges head on with an open mind.

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As I write this article, I hear in the background the weather report. You probably guessed it, a winter advisory for our area. Spring can't come fast enough! Let the racing season begin.

Speaking of racing, our first event of the year will be the last weekend in April. Check the website for the latest information. The website will be updated on a regular basis throughout the competition season. Currently, 53 sanctions have been granted with a host of events in the planning stages. The 2008 schedule is very similar to last year. Most clubs have either sanctioned or committed to the same weekend they have in the past; looks like we're poised for another great racing season. There will be several high speed events, as well as record drags again this year. Those of you who have a special interest in these events, get those 'Vettes ready to rumble.

See you all soon. The sooner the better!

Jerry Koraleski, West Region RCD

on attending any events this year, you will need to show your 2008 membership card. We ended 2007 with 1619 members and 24 clubs. We are starting the year with 1501+ members and 24 clubs. We were sorry to see Touch of Glass not renew their NCCC membership but would like to WELCOME a new club: Mark Twain Corvette Club from Hannibal, MO. We hope you will enjoy the fun and camaraderie of people with a passion for a great sports car, the CORVETTE. There are many noncompetitive as well as competitive events already planned across the U.S. for the summer. One of the biggest is the Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma in June. You do not have to be a racer to enjoy this event. Take a look in Blue Bars or on the Web Site for all the neat things that will be going on in Tulsa.

I want to remind everyone of another great organization for the kids: FCOA (Future Corvette Owners). This is for children under the age of 16 who are relatives of NCCC members. It only costs a one-time fee of \$5.00 per child. The children will receive packets with neat things for their age group. Also, the FCOA website has really cool interactive things for kids to do. I challenge the sponsors of these kids to go on the website themselves to see what is available for their sponsor children.

While you are having these events this summer don't forget to donate some \$ to FCOA. Pat does her best to find goodies for these kids but after all, \$5.00 for 15 years doesn't go very far for postage and goodies for over 3,000 kids. If you know of any businesses that might like to donate something, let Pat know. The biggest way we as sponsors can help is to make sure that Pat has the correct addresses for the children we sponsor. Much money has been spent having to re-mail packages that were sent back with incorrect addresses. Maybe that is the reason your child has not received a packet lately.

Remember that West Region, as well as NCCC, offer scholarships for children and grandchildren of NCCC members. Please check the websites for the deadlines. The NCCC scholarship will be given out at the Convention in Tulsa. The West Region scholarship is given out at the September meeting. If you have any questions about scholarships, I will be glad to answer them for you.

A reminder: Your governor now has your pins and calendars in his/her possession. If you have not received them, get in touch with him/her. Make sure you attend your meetings or events to make it easier for him/her to get them to you. National saved \$10,191 distributing them this way. Unfortunately it was not a total success, so we are looking for a better way for 2009. By the way, 2009 is the 50th Anniversary of NCCC. We are looking for ideas for perks and membership cards to commemorate this anniversary. Please contact me if you have any ideas or artwork in mind.

2007 West Region Point Standings			
<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Clubs</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1 Sharon Osler	752	1 Cornhusker CC	11,412
2 Pata Harrison	743	2 CC of Iowa	7,950
3 Kathy Gau	639	3 Cedar Rapids CC	2,719
4 Diane Smith	568	4 Mid-America CC	2,019
5 Linda Hommer	424	5 Midwestern Corvette Society	1,672
6 Kathy Brisbois	400	6 Heartland Corvette Assn	1,560
7 Sheila Wyman	353	7 Topeka CC	1,324
8 Maryann Angeroth	330	8 Muscatine CC	1,016
9 Linda Bonar	280	9 Boone Trail CC	762
10 Chris Beebe	268	10 River City Corvette Assn	757
11 Sharon Klug	267		
12 Teresa Eller	258	Rookies-of-the-Year	
13 Nan Brittian	250	Linda & Bob Bonar - Cedar Rapids CC	
14 Sheron Lambert	240		
15 Linda Werchan	215	Workers-of-the-Year	
		Anita Poss - Cornhusker CC	
		J. B. Benedict - Cornhusker CC	
<u>Men</u>	<u>Pts</u>		
1 Larry Steffen	863	Concours Champions	
2 Tim Bailey	694	Kathy Brisbois - Heartland CC	
3 Gail Osler	669	Gene Gau - Cornhusker CC	
4 Denny Luther	615		
5 Clayton Smith	591	Rallye Champions	
6 Gene Gau	573	Pat Harrison - Mid-America CC	
7 Randy Williams	530	Jerry Koraleski - Cornhusker CC	
8 Joe Eller	514		
9 Jay Cooney	496	Speed Event Champions	
10 Don Angeroth	457	Kathy Gau - Cornhusker CC	
11 Jerry Koraleski	430	Tim Bailey - Mid-America CC	
12 Gary Brisbois	398		
13 Gary Foster	392	Overall Champions	
14 Larry Lichtenwald	372	Sharon Osler - Cornhusker CC	
15 Paul Wyman	361	Larry Steffen - CC of Iowa	
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The renewal packets have all been sent out. If you still have not received your packet, please contact me. If you plan

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Well, I have managed to take up a whole column again so will close with warm thoughts (since here in Iowa, tonight it is 6 below zero) I received a reinstatement notice from my insurance company today so spring must be around the corner.

As we get those Corvettes out this year, let's look around for some new members to sign up so they can enjoy the great Corvette experience that we have.

Hope to see you out and about, especially in Tulsa!

Diane Bowen, West Region RMD

your circle of friends and have more fun. Have your club host an event in 2008. Your Regional Officers will help your club put on an event.

For the time and place of regional meetings, ask your club Governor; they have all the information on events within the region.

If you would like your club flyers on the website, just send an email to CLIFF HARRIS, our Webmaster.

All of your regional officers look forward to seeing you at future events.

Save the Wave,

You're regional officers,

Allen Morris, RE
Joe Orrico, RCD
Cliff Harris, RMD
Ellis Chee, RT
Rex Wilhoite, RS



**WEST COAST
REGION**



www.ncccwcregion.org

This year has started out as a banner year for membership and fun within the West Coast Region with many events on the regional calendar. There is a variety of things to do, and something for everybody. If you wish to enter the competition events, get with your club Governor to find out if you need to do anything to meet the entry requirements. For example, to enter the high speed autocross, you need a high speed license and a fire extinguisher for stock class. Low speed classes have less stringent requirements. See your new NCCC handbook for help.

The Lone Ranger has finished his last mopping up of events and has moved into a well-deserved retirement. Look for him and Silver to show up when least expected to assist the new sheriff in town, Joe "Blue Flash" Orrico, and sidekick Costa Mesa Cindy. With a new sheriff and rules to follow, the "Blue Flash" will be the man to go to for answers for events.

Those who attended events the first half of the year on the West Coast had a great time. We have many additional Corvette events to enjoy on the West Coast plus the NCCC Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Check out the regional calendar on the web page at <http://www.ncccwcregion.org>. Do not restrict yourself to your own club's events. There are a lot of wonderful Corvette people doing fun things all over the Region. Expand



**WEST OHIO
REGION**



www.westohiocorvettes.com

First of all, I would like to welcome back my fellow retuning officers, Pat Brown as RMD, and Jim Asbury as your RCD. I would also like to welcome our new regional officer, Sheryl Asbury, as our Treasurer. A Big THANK YOU to Tom Russell for his years of service as West Ohio Treasurer. Tom will continue as General Chairperson of the Putnam Park High Speed Events in June (May 31 / June 1 this year).

Do you have your 2008 Calendar, and NCCC membership pin? These were NOT mailed this year. You should have received them from your club Governor. If you don't have one and want one, please contact your club Governor.

As you read this, you have just finished waxing the 'Vette, and are looking for something to do. As I write this, we are getting 10 inches of snow, but last Sunday it was 60 degrees outside. I guess that's called living (?) in Ohio. One of the

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things you can do, is come to Xenia Ohio on May 18 and watch or participate in the autocross events being held there by CT, Greenville, and Glass Society. These events will be followed by a cookout (approx. 3:00 or 4:00 p.m.), and the awards presentation for the 2007 top competitors. This cookout is **Free** to West Ohio members and to participants in the events.

Next up is the West Ohio / Putnam Park High Speed, another great event to watch or participate in. This year, the event will be preceded on Friday (May 30) by a Drivers School / Lapping Event at Putnam. If you are not currently high speed certified, you can earn your certification by participating in this school. See the West Ohio or Corvette Troy websites for more info.

Jerry Limpach, West Ohio Region RE

Listed below are the 2008 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.

May 2-3, 2008
 June 21-27, 2008 (Convention)
 September 12-13, 2008
 November 7-8, 2008

West Ohio Event Schedule ~ 2008

EVENT DATE	CLUB	SANCTION NUMBER	TYPE EVENT	EVENT LOC
5/18/08	Regional Awards Party			Kilkare
5/18/08	Corvette Troy, Greenville, Glass Society	WO-271 +	5 Low Speed	Kilkare
5/30/08	Corvette Troy	NS	Driving School	Putnam Park
5/31/08	Corvette Troy, Greenville	WO-277 +	3 High Speed w/IN Reg=3	Putnam Park
6/1/08	Glass Society	WO-614 +	3 High Speed w/IN Reg=3	Putnam Park
6/15/2008	Corvette Troy	NS	Low Speed	Kilkare
7/13/2008	Corvette Troy	NS	Low Speed	Kilkare
8/10/2008	Corvette Troy	NS	Low Speed	Kilkare
8/16/08	Miami Valley CC	WO-091 +	Low Speed w/IN Reg.=7	TBA
8/17/08	Miami Valley CC	WO-095 +	Low Speed w/IN Reg.=7	TBA
8/30/08	Fountain City CC, Glass City, TBA	WO-321 +	7 Low Speed	Defiance
8/31/08	Glass City CC	WO-391 +	7 Low Speed	Defiance
9/1/08	tbd	tbd	7 Low Speed	Defiance
9/7/08	Corvette Troy	NS	Bracket Drags	Kilkare
10/5/08	Glass City CC	NS	Car Show	Toledo
10/11/08	Corvette Troy, Greenville, Glass Society	WO-273 +	5 Low Speed	Kilkare
10/12/08	Glass Society, Greenville, Corvette Troy	WO-613 +	5 Low Speed	Kilkare

Check out our website, www.westhiocorvettes.com, for updated info or contact JIM ASBURY, RCD, at 937-339-3079.



SUBJECT: FCOA 101

What the heck is this FCOA you keep hearing about ??? Sit back, relax and “brush up” on one of my favorite subjects! The only homework assignment that will get you an “A” in this class is submitting a FCOA membership application for your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews who are under the age of 16. And the only pop quiz question is “Why is there a dolphin in the FCOA logo?” (Hint: Your “cheat sheet” is NCCC’s Standing Rules if you don’t know the answer!)

LESSON #1: FCOA (FUTURE CORVETTE OWNERS ASSN.) is the youth organization of NCCC. It’s a unique “Corvette Club for kids” formed to interest the younger generation in the Corvette hobby. This is the generation that is the Corvette enthusiast of the 21st century! FCOA members are the foundation of NCCC’s future and hopefully FCOA members will go on to be active NCCC members.

LESSON #2: Concern for NCCC’s future led Southeast Region members Don and Betty Parks to envision a way to involve more kids in the Corvette hobby. In 1991, with this in mind, they led a group of NCCC members who developed this new youth membership concept and FCOA was “born”. The first “Director” of FCOA was Marleen DeZeeuw. 1995 was when Karen Port took over that volunteer position, laying a great foundation for me to build on when I picked up the reins in 1997.

LESSON #3: FCOA signed up its first 76 members at the 1991 NCCC Convention in Charlotte NC. FCOA’s very first member was Tim DeZeeuw from the Northeast Region. Others in the “first ten” were #0002 & 0003 Jennifer & Sarah Dolan; #0004 Catherine Parks; #0005, 0006 & 0007 Erika, Nicholas & Whitney Wollenman; #0008 & 0009 R. D. & Rhea Covington and #0010 Tyler Anthony. In 1992 FCOA was designated as the “official” junior organization of NCCC. With the availability of NCCC’s Dependent Membership in 1993, the age limit dropped from 18 down to 16. On March 9, 2008 FCOA membership #3812 was assigned which makes 2649 current members! FCOA members live in 47 states plus Washington DC, Germany, Japan & Canada. There are also many who live outside the United States with military addresses!

LESSON #4: The original \$2 FCOA dues cost was increased to the present one-time \$5 fee in October, 1991. WOW! No dues increase in 17 years! How is that possible? Since 1997 Mid America Motorworks has been FCOA’s main sponsor, providing membership cards and patches as well as helping with postage

costs. FCOA “benefits” such as the other items included in the membership packet are supported by other automotive-related businesses as well as some NCCC Regions and Clubs. Fund-raisers for FCOA include selling a hard-cover Corvette book for kids and a Corvette coloring book created for the enjoyment of both kids and adults. In 2003 FCOA held a raffle for a 1953 Corvette pedal car and in 2006 FCOA had a raffle for a set of Goodyear tires.

LESSON #5: Since 1997, new FCOA members receive a membership packet similar to what NCCC members get but tailored for kids. Included is a personalized welcome letter, FCOA patch, FCOA membership card plus a notepad, dash plaque, stickers, pencils, trading cards and other items supplied by those who support the FCOA program. I try to get enough items so that all members can receive a packet of “goodies” annually and also try to send out a FCOA newsletter periodically. Newsletters are divided into sections for different age groups with games, puzzles, pictures to color and articles that make learning about Corvettes fun. Kids learn that every year Vette has something special about it and holds an important place in the history of Corvettes.

LESSON #6: Many FCOA milestones have been reached in the last few years. In 1999 FCOA assigned FCOA membership #1000, in 2002 FCOA #2000, in 2005 FCOA #3000, and closing in on FCOA #4000 for 2008. Assigning membership numbers for FCOA is done a little different than NCCC as numbering is consecutive rather than separated by Region and/or Club. Since 1999 FCOA has “honored” every 100th member in *Blue Bars*, on its website and with some extra things in their new FCOA member welcome packet. In 1997 the Midwest Region was the first Region to attain 100 FCOA members; in November 2004 it became the first Region to hit 400 FCOA members. In 2006 the West Region was the second Region to attain over 400 FCOA members and the Michigan Region was the third to reach 300. Windy City Corvettes is the first club to sign up over 200 FCOA members and Cedar Rapids Corvette Club is the second club to exceed 100 members.

Things change in NCCC over the years and FCOA is no different. FCOA has its own e-mail address (FCOAKids@aol.com) and its great website (www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html). In late 2005 a new FCOA logo was introduced along with a line of FCOA apparel for kids. A really fantastic “change” the last few years is that quite a few of the new FCOA members are *second* generation FCOA kids ~ now how great is that!?!?!?

Class is over! Don’t miss out on that “A” ~ get those FCOA membership applications in soon! What are you waiting for? Get those kids excited about our favorite car ~ you don’t want them running around in a Viper, Porsche or Mustang, do you? THANKS TO ALL YOU NCCC MEMBERS for continuing to make FCOA such a tremendously successful program for young Corvette enthusiasts! It is the foundation of NCCC’s 21st century!

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director

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ADDRESS UPDATES FOR FCOA MEMBERS!!!

Please keep me posted on any addresses changes for the kids you sponsor for FCOA! Each time I do a mailing our mailbox fills up with 100s of "return to sender" mail for "forwarding order expired" to "addressee unknown". To me, this is really sad as not only are the kids not receiving their FCOA mail but I feel as though I'm wasting a lot of money.

If the FCOA member is your child, be aware FCOA records are kept separate from NCCC records so you need to inform FCOA of the change. Submit address changes by e-mail (FCOAKids@aol.com) or by mail (FCOA, S68W17323 Rossmar Ct., Muskego WI 53150-8575). Please include your Region in the information. Thanks for your help with this on-going problem ~ the kids & I appreciate it!

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director

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FCOA Member Name: _____ boy girl

Birthdate: _____ — _____ — _____ Interests/Hobbies: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ 9-digit Zip: _____ — _____

Sponsor Information:

Indicate Relationship to Child: Parent, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or Guardian (*please circle which one*)

NCCC Member Name: _____

NCCC Membership #: _____ — _____ Club: _____

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E-mail address (in case of application questions): _____

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Questions???? E-mail FCOAKids@aol.com or call 414-422-0874

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2008 FCOA Membership Count by Region
as of March 21, 2008

	REGION	# MEMBERS 12-31-07	ADD NEW MEMBERS	SUBTOTAL	LESS 16 YR. OLDS	# MEMBERS 03-21-08	# MEMBERS 02-21-07	% INCREASE 02-07/03-08	CLUB WITH LARGEST FCOA # (03-21-2008)	# FCOA MEMBERS
MW	MIDWEST	483	10	493	-8	485	478	1.46%	MW-351 WINDY CITY CORVETTES	214
WR	WEST	407	4	411	-2	409	401	2.00%	WR-015 CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	148
MI	MICHIGAN	319	4	323	-1	322	302	6.62%	MI-003 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	72
ER	EAST	210	9	219	-3	216	211	2.37%	ER-108 YORK COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	37
FL	FLORIDA	177	11	188	0	188	88	113.64%	FL-276 CORVETTES OF NAPLES	78
EO	EAST OHIO	164	4	168	-1	167	156	7.05%	EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND	58
SW	SOUTHWEST	163	0	163	-3	160	149	7.38%	SW-131 OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	64
WC	WEST COAST	156	5	161	-1	160	154	3.90%	WC-302 CORVETTES WEST	19
IN	INDIANA	115	5	120	-4	116	122	-4.92%	IN-382 S CENTRAL INDIANA CORVETTE CLUB	39
RR	ROADRUNNER	112	4	116	-4	112	91	23.08%	RR-303 DESERT CORVETTE ASSN.	55
SE	SOUTHEAST	98	1	99	-2	97	95	2.11%	SE-073 NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	27
WO	WEST OHIO	86	0	86	0	86	80	7.50%	WO-027 CORVETTE TROY	47
RM	ROCKY MTN	64	1	65	0	65	64	1.56%	RM-183 COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	29
NE	NORTHEAST	43	1	44	0	44	45	-2.22%	NE-105 SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	15
CA	CAROLINA	30	1	31	0	31	32	-3.13%	CA-014 CAROLINA CORVETTES	14
NW	NORTHWEST	2	0	2	-1	1	1	0.00%		
	TOTAL	2629	60	2689	-30	2659	2469	7.70%		

Thanks, NCCC Members for your support of the FCOA Program!

FCOA is the foundation of NCCC's 21st Century!

e-mail: FCOAkids@aol.com

website: www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html

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See FCOA's website for membership applications
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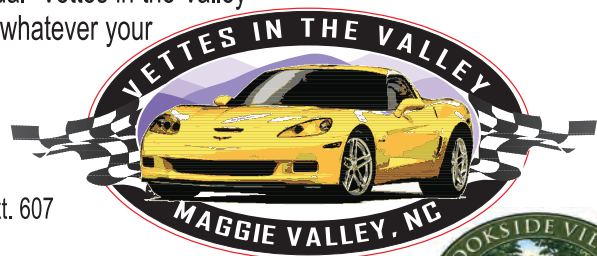


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