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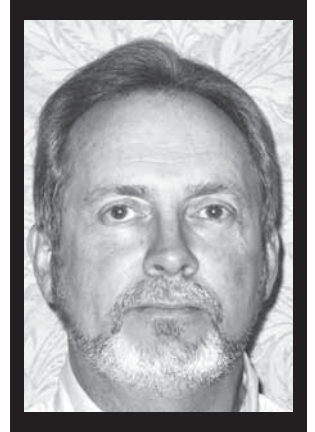
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From the President

Not that I want to date myself, but I can remember when \$2.00 would fill my gas tank with Hi-Test. They had not thought of “premium” yet at 19 cents a gallon. Then came the Great Oil Crisis and gas shot up to around \$2.00 a gallon and we thought the end of the Corvette was near. I was driving a 1973 Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser wagon that on a good day going downhill would get 12 miles to the gallon. Today the pump shuts off way before the tank is full, because my credit card has a \$75.00 limit. Well, I just reinsert the card and try again. Good thing the truck only has one tank. To tell you that the price of gas has not adjusted my schedule some would be less than truthful, but I will still find time and money to go out and enjoy the activities and friends that are a part of the Council and Corvetting. This summer will present challenges to our competition programs and many of the travel plans of our competing members, but there will still be plenty of opportunities for us to get our Vettes out and enjoy them at shows and activities close to home. Before you run out and get that little econo-box, the newer Vettes will get around 30 miles to the gallon at highway speed. This is a good-news, bad-news deal though. We will now have to explain to the kids that this particular economy car may not be in their near future.



The 2009 Convention in Colorado will be the 50th Convention held by Council and we will have special activities and guests to help celebrate the occasion. Larry Beebe and Joan Thomas will be heading up these efforts on behalf of the E-Board and would appreciate any of you who would like to volunteer to be a part of the planning and the events that we will put on at the Convention and during the upcoming year as we celebrate 50 years of promoting and enjoying our Corvettes and our clubs. I, for one, know this is not just about enjoying the car, the club and the organization, but about being a part of a great family and all the good times and the bad that are a part of being in this great family. You have brought us this far; join us as we start the next 50 years as a family.

Richard Yanko

President, National Council of Corvette Clubs

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes 5/2/08 Sheraton Westport Conference Center St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting began at 6:30 p.m. CST. VPC plus 14 RCDs & 1 proxy RCD present.

Introductions of RCDs and welcome comments were given.

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

1. 2007 Rebates paid in 2008 were calculated and distributed to the regions the last week of March.
2. 2007 Competition Patches were received and distributed to all regions. Patches were given to the #1 National Club, Oklahoma City Corvette Club, from the Southwest Region, so they could have them prior to convention.
3. 2007 Convention Awards have all been ordered and partially received.
4. Driver Schools, Competition Mtg. Minutes, & Clarifications have now all been added to the NCCC Web for viewing by all. Clarifications are found at the end of the rulebook section titled "Clarifications to the 2008 Competition Manual."
5. We will focus during this meeting on our timelines and subject matter to be presented at the September Governors meeting.

Paul Hamersly made a motion to accept the Competition Committee Meeting Minutes for Feb. 29, 2008. Joe Orrico seconded. Motion carried.

Point Standings:

The April 30, 2008 National Point Standings have been published which is fulfilling our commitment to the membership of providing monthly status to the membership.

Jack also expressed his sincere appreciation to all the RCDs who has provided timely input and responses to questions as they arise. This display of cooperation is what will make our new reporting system successful. There will be a system demonstration period later in the meeting agenda which will identify some results formatting items we need to resolve for future input to the system.

Drag Records:

Since the first Record Drag event will be 5/25/08 in the SW Region in Norman, Oklahoma, we have had no change in the report.

The three scheduled 2008 Record Drag events are:

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

Clarification:

There were five clarifications submitted and one revisited from the Feb. meeting:

1. WR – Page 2-22, Sec. 2.7.1.6.14.

Two part question:

a. First question, obtain a definition as to what is the competitive advantage or disadvantage in the quick release steering wheel which is disallowed for Groups 1 & 2?

Answer: We believe the Competition Committees responsibility is providing Rulebook interpretation and not defining specific items that would provide a vehicle a competitive advantage or disadvantage.

b. Second question, obtain a ruling as to whether or not the Quick Release function could be disabled but left in the vehicle to satisfy this requirement?

Answer: The current rulebook does not allow the Quick Release function for Groups 1 & 2.

Vote: Agree 15

2. MI – Page 2-21, Sec. 2.7.1.5.1.

Question, Class M cars come equipped with cross drilled rotors. In group one, since these would not be considered upgrades, can they be replaced with: A non cross drilled (smooth surface) rotor (iron)? A slotted rotor (iron)? A dimpled rotor (iron)?

Answer: The current rulebook does not allow these changes in Group 1.

Vote: Agree 14, No 0, Abstain 1

3. MI – Page 1-5, Sec. 1.7.1.3

Question, The form asks for a minor's signature. How are we expected to get a minor's signature that is under the age of 12?

Minors between that age of 12 through 17 sign for themselves.

Answer, the age limit for participation is minimum age 9 as a Rallye navigator, minimum age 16 for Low Speed, and 18 or over for High Speed. Therefore, with confirmation through K & K and George Gallant by Jack Wilson prior to this meeting, All minors under the age of 18 whether participating or not must have form 1068 **Parental Consent, Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement** signed on front side (page 1 of 2) by a parent or legal guardian. It is **Highly Recommended** that both parents sign this document. The **witness** signature must be someone of official NCCC capacity attending the event date and location identified on the waiver.

In addition, on the reverse side of form 1068, page 2 of 2, titled **Minor's assumption of Risk and Release and Waiver of Liability**, the minor's name, signature, age, date, and witness **MUST** also be filled out.

Also, form 1155 titled **Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement** **MUST** be signed by all participants, workers, and quests.

Vote: Agree 15

4. SW – Page 2-25, Sec. 2.7.1.8.41

Question, Is it permissible to replace the domed pistons with flat top pistons in a 360HP 327ci 1962 CLA Group 1 Drag Car?

Answer, not allowed in Group 1, but is allowed for Group 2.

Vote: Agree 15

5. WR – Page 2-32, Sec. 2.7.1.15.25

Question, is it required to install a radio in a 1969 Corvette that came with a radio delete option, and still has the GM radio “blank” in place of the radio?

Answer, no a radio does not have to be installed on a vehicle with a radio delete option for that year as long as the proper block-off plate “blank” is in place.

Vote: Agree 15

6. Revisited the 2/20/08 Gov's. Mtg. Clarification Page 1-2, Sec. 1.3.2,

It was decided to add the coma's and “or” to further clarify a listing of individuals of which

one is intended to be present. Therefore, the new language with changes in **green**, will read; **The Chairperson, or Co-Chairperson, or 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.**

Vote: Agree 15

Old Business:

1. The question concerning what the description of “Restricted Areas” meant as identified in the first paragraph of the Parental Consent..... form 1068 page 1 of 2, stating “IN CONSIDERATION of my minor child (“the Minor”) being permitted to participate in any way in the EVENTS(S) and/or being permitted to enter for any purpose any RESTRICTED AREA(S) (defined to be any area which requires special authorization, credentials or permission to enter or any area to which admission by the general public is restricted or prohibited). I agree:”

Again, with confirmation with K & K, George Gallant, and Jack Wilson, a restricted area is any area deemed by the Host Club during that day's event(s) to require form 1155 **Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption or Risk and Indemnity Agreement** to be signed to enter or be in.

New Business:

1. The question was raised as to why there is a form 1069 **Minor's Assumption of Risk and Release and Waiver of Liability** in the 2008 insurance packet.

The answer is: This was put in for a one time signature for the year for that event site. **For simplicity, don't use it!** George will advise K & K not to include it in future packets.

2. The question was raised as to why there was no form 1245 **Rally Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement** in the 2008 packet. Some clubs/regions still have some from prior packets.

The answer is: If you still have them, you can use them for Rallye events. If you **don't have** them, **use form 1155, titled Release and Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk and Indemnity Agreement from now on.**

3. The question was raised about the **Certificate of Liability Insurance** form received in the packet. At the bottom of the form it shows “Type of Event: Non-Speed Event” Therefore, can we use this form to request insurance for speed events or not.

The answer is: Yes. This form is a generic form designed by K & K for all types of organizations. Submit your information as usual on this form. K & K will reply with the proper documents you submitted to cover your insurance request.

4. When using the on-line Rand McNally Mileage Travel for calculating only use, per the examples under 8.1.2.4.3.A.B.& C of the rulebook where it clearly identifies using the distance from the member's Clubs declared home city, member's home city, or in MAL their own home city to the event site. The event site is the address/zip code of that site. Do not use the distance from the site back home.

Closed Session:

1. There were maintenance discussions to ensure all regions were providing the same standardized information, forms, etc. when communicating sanction requests, flyers, and results. i.e.
 - Emails should identify in heading if the attached is a sanction request, flyer, or results.
 - Standard descriptions about concours vs. people's choice vs. "Triple Fun Shows", "Show", etc.
 - Don't mix flyers and sanction requests on the same email as it loads both in both of Jack's systems.
 - Ensure an eight digit letter & number are used and they all match on the sanction requests, flyers, and result. i.e. CA-069-002
2. There was a brief round table discussion addressing any individual questions from RCDs.
3. Paul Haack gave a 45 minute overview presentation on the workings of the new NCCC Points System to the RCDs and some of their region people who assist them with their results.
4. Rulebook discussion took the balance of the meeting covering:
 - Timeline task for presenting rulebook updates to the Govs at the September mtg. for their vote at the November mtg.
 - How long to we want this rulebook to be. Yearly, two years, three years, four years?
 - Reviewed the Feedback Matrix from the four of fifteen regions who responded with input as to how we will approach and address the issues.
 - What other issues need to be added.

- To save time Jack will put the grammatical and spelling corrections together and email to the RCDs for review.
- An adhoc tire size committee was formed. They will gather data, communicate via email, and come up with a recommendation to the Competition Committee for consideration.
- It was decided to provide a basic coverage of items discussed during the Closed Session in the Competition Committee Meeting minutes, so members will have a feel for what we are discussing. Since the committee is formulating what changes will be recommended to the Board of Governors in September for a final vote, specific discussions as to what was said, or who said it, should be kept within the confines of the meeting. It would not be productive to communicate undecided discussions to create false rumors or expectations. The RCDs are committed to express their regions input and make decisions for the competitive good on the NCCC membership.
- It was decided those attending the NCCC Convention would be willing to meet to discuss the above items in preparation for the September STL. Govs. Mtg.

There were not Appeals to discuss.
Mtg. adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Jack C. Wilson
Vice-Pres. Competition

~ Attention Drag Record Holders ~

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NCCC OFFICIAL DRAG RECORDS June 5, 2008

Index time indicates record is retired. * - Indicates change since last printing.
Green indicates new record holders since last report of Jan. 1, 2008

CLASS	TIME	INDEX	RECORD HOLDER	CLUB	EVENT	DATE RECORD SET
GROUP III						
DPA	9.01	9.19 *	John Sharp	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-2 Oklahoma City, OK	10/19/03
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
RPAF	9.52	9.71 *	Pancho Thompson	N.E. Ohio Vette Club	NCCC Convention	06/28/01
RPA	9.78	9.97 *	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
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
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
MH		11.31 *				
MK		11.31 *				
CLM	10.12	10.22	Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-88 Crossroads CC 2005	10/15/05
LDPA	9.83	10.02 *	Delores Barncord	Cornhusker CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
LDPB	10.05	10.51 *	Vicki Burgess	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
LDPC		11.19 *				
LRPAF		10.10 *				
LRPA	10.26	10.97 *	Linda Garvin	Mid Texas Cust CC	SW-03 San Jacinto CC-1997	11/02/00
LRPB	10.57	10.71 *	Sylvia Hoaldrige	Cowtown Vettes	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
LMA	10.60	10.81 *	Loretta Spinrad	Capital City CC	MI-051 Capital City CC-2000	05/20/02
LMB	10.31	11.42 *	Linda Williams	San Jacinto CC	SW-37 Oklahoma City CC-1993	06/12/96
LME	11.09	11.82 *	Kathryn Pennington	Cowtown Vettes	SW-01 Oklahoma City CC-1997	06/07/00
LMH		11.31 *				
LМК		11.31 *				
LCLM	10.99		Abby Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06
GROUP II						
A	10.90	11.11 *	Stan Dedrickson	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/11/02
B	11.35	11.57 *	Jerry Benedict	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00
C	11.81	12.04 *	Jim Benedict	Cornhusker CC	MI-153 Royal Corvettes-1999	09/25/01
D	11.76	11.99 *	Dick Smith	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC-1999	09/06/01
E	12.69	12.82 *	Dale Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05
F		12.12 *				
G		13.13 *				
H	12.94	12.97 *	Chris Cantrell	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
J	12.41	12.65 *	John Oder	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04
K	12.20	12.62 *	Joe Szijarto	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
M		11.31 *				
CLA	12.92	13.18 *	Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
CL	13.42	14.56 *	Ron Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99
LA	10.61	11.72 *	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	WR-06 Cornhusker CC-1994	09/05/97
LB	11.70	11.93 *	Patty Wilson	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
LC	12.65	13.41 *	Linda Benedict	Cornhusker CC	WR-39 Cornhusker CC-1997	09/01/00
LD	11.92	12.16 *	Sharon Smith	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00
LE	12.69	12.82 *	Amanda Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05
LF		12.12 *				
LG		13.13 *				
LH		12.97 *				
LJ	12.49	12.73 *	Angela Oder	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04
LK	12.36	12.62 *	Janet Szijarto	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
LM		11.31 *				
LCLA	14.28	14.56 *	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
LCL	13.67	14.81 *	Jeannie Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99
GROUP I						
A	13.35	13.48	Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/28/05
AA	13.13	13.90 *	Bob Holliday	Tiretown CC	MI-100 Royal Corvettes-1997	09/20/00
B	13.45	13.72 *	Doug Shilen	Cowtown Vettes	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2004	05/30/04
C	13.42		Paul Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	
D	13.96	14.24 *	Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	SW-02 Sanjacinto CC-1999	11/14/01
E	13.45	13.71 *	Dale Acker	Competition Corv OK	SW-02 Sanjacinto CC-1999	11/14/01
F		12.62 *				
G	13.18	13.31	Kevin Anthony	Cowtown Vettes	SW-02 Competition Corvettes of Ok	04/17/05
H	12.94	13.06	Gary Foster	CC of Iowa	WR-054 CC of Iowa 2005	07/16/05
J	12.33		Dave Hawks	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06
K	12.36	12.77 *	Bob Schneider	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
M		11.61 *				
CLA	14.65	14.94 *	Jim Schwent	Boone Trail CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00
CL	14.81	15.10 *	Fred Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
LA	13.39	13.65 *	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
LAA	14.73	15.02 *	Merrilyn Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
LB	14.10	14.38 *	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-15 Boone Trail CC-1999	05/15/01
LC	14.11	14.39 *	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04
LD	14.08	14.36 *	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	SW-02 San Jacinto CC-1999	11/14/01
LE	13.75		Sharon Meesseman	Michigan Autocross Group	NCCC Convention	06/18/07
LF		12.62 *				
LG		13.63 *				
LH	13.33	13.43 *	Jeannie Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
LJ	12.64	13.11 *	Glenda Brown	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
LK		12.77 *				
LM		11.61 *				
LCLA	15.44	16.6 *	Sue Schwent	Boone Trail CC	WR-05 Cornhusker CC-1991	09/02/94
LCL	15.31	15.61 *	Terri Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01

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Tech Tips

by

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In the spring issue of Blue Bars, Tech Tips provided a high-level overview of the operation of the OnBoard Diagnostics found in 1996 and later vehicles (OBD II). In this issue, we will identify some basic components of OBD II systems and demonstrate how OBD II can facilitate diagnosis of vehicle problems.

OBD II systems monitor a number of sensors on the vehicle to determine the vehicle health and to control the operation of the vehicle. Should the vehicle diagnostic system identify conditions out of tolerance, it sets a standard Diagnostic Trouble Code (DTC). In this article, we'll identify many of the sensors employed, the structure of the DTCs and illustrate how the DTCs and some detective work can identify a problem with the vehicle.

Some of the sensors monitored on OBD II equipped vehicles include the Manifold Absolute Pressure (MAP) sensor; Mass Air Flow (MAF), Heated Oxygen (O₂) Sensors (HO₂S), Throttle Position Sensor (TPS), Crankshaft Position Sensor (CKP), Engine Coolant Temperature (ECT), EGR monitor, and evaporative emissions control monitor (EVAP). By monitoring inputs from these sensors, the Powertrain Control Module (PCM) can signal real time adjustments to be made to improve drivability and to reduce emissions. For instance, if the PCM determines from the HO₂S the engine is running lean, it can signal the injectors to add additional fuel or vice versa. *Note: this does occur regularly as fuel mixture should oscillate between lean and rich over the short term by design.*

Although emissions are not measured directly, by monitoring these sensors, OBD II systems can identify anomalies that could permit excessive emissions. Should a sensor or combination of sensors identify a condition that could cause emissions to exceed federal emissions standards by 150%, the Malfunction Indicator Lamp (MIL) or Check Engine light is lit and a DTC is set identifying the malfunction. The DTC does not necessarily identify the failing component, but understanding the purpose of each sensor, the interactions between sensors, and the conditions under which the DTC

is set facilitates the sleuthing of problems. The first time a malfunction occurs environmental conditions at the time of failure are recorded in Freeze Frame Records.

OBD II requires the use of a standardized code structure. OBD II DTCs contain an alphabetic prefix followed by four digits. The alphabetic character is either P, C, B or U where:

- P = Powertrain
- B = Body
- C = Chassis
- U = Network (or internal communications system)

The first digit after the alphabetic character is either a zero or a one where:

- 0 = represents generic code
- 1 = manufacturer specific code

The second digit after the alphabetic character identifies a specific vehicle system. As an example, the following digits identify Powertrain (P) systems:

1. = Fuel and Air Metering
2. = Fuel and Air Metering – (Injector circuit malfunction only)
3. = Ignition System and Misfire
4. = Auxiliary Emissions Control System
5. = Vehicle Speed Control and Idle Control System
6. = Computer Output Circuit
7. = Transmission
8. = Transmission
9. = Control Modules, input and output circuits

The third and fourth digits identify a specific vehicle system.

As an example of the manner in which input from the sensors can be used, we'll examine a misfire condition. Under normal conditions, each cylinder should contribute the same amount of pressure or *push* during the combustion stroke. If a cylinder is not carrying its share of the load, there will be a variation in the speed of the rotation of the crankshaft. The PCM can identify cylinders exhibiting a miss characteristic by monitoring these variations in crankshaft rotation speed through the CKP sensor. If the misfire rate occurs with sufficiency as to cause damage to the catalytic converter, The PCM also stores environmental data, termed Freeze Frame Records, and a DTC to assist in the diagnosis of problems.

As an example, a DTC of 'P0300' indicates a cylinder misfire (P = Powertrain, 0 = generic code, 3 = Ignition system or misfire and 00 = specific system fault). Some PCMs identify a specific cylinder that is misfiring by setting a code with the last digit being the cylinder having problems. For instance, a P0301 e indicates cylinder 1 is misfiring, a P0302 indicates cylinder 2 is misfiring and so on. The number of misfires is counted for each cylinder separately. OBD II systems keep a running log of the number of misses per cylinder that is constantly updated.

Since this information is available, technicians take advantage by employing a device called a scan tool. The scan tool retrieves DTCs and formats them for the technician. There are a variety of scan tools available in a wide price range to be used by the shade tree mechanic as well as auto repair shops. A future issue of *Tech Tips* will identify the types of tools

available. For now, let's examine how quickly complex problems can be diagnosed using the OBD II data and a scan tool by employing another *war story* from Rob.

Rob worked on a vehicle that was reported as running rough. He attached his scan tool to locate any DTCs that might have been set and determined that only one code had been set – a P0300. Since only the general misfire code was set and a specific cylinder was not identified, Rob examined the misfire counters to determine whether one or more cylinders were misfiring and which one(s). Rob started the engine and determined that only the Current Misfire Counter for cylinder 1 was increasing. The Current Misfire Counter for other cylinders remained constant. He immediately identified the offending cylinder ***without opening the hood!*** Rob knows the problem must be on one of three areas – a fuel problem, a spark problem or a compression/mechanical problem.

Rob attached his injector test lamp on the fuel injector for cylinder 1 and found the injector was at least getting the appropriate electrical pulses. OK! It appeared the cylinder *could* be getting fuel. He was not certain yet because he had not verified that fuel was flowing. However, since the fuel rail was common to all cylinders, fuel was not the likely culprit. Rob attached the spark tester to the ignition wire for cylinder 1, cranked the engine and found cylinder 1 was getting spark to the plug. Since there was a high probability of a bad plug, he visually inspected the plug from cylinder 1. Since he did not see any indication of a problem with the plug, he switched the plugs between cylinder 1 and cylinder 3 and reconnected the ignition wires. Using the scan tool, Rob noticed the Current Misfire Counter for cylinder 1 continued to increase when he started the engine. Since the problem did not move to cylinder 3 after the spark plug switch, it indicated the problem was with cylinder 1 and it was not a problem with the plugs. (If the Current Misfire Counter began to increase for cylinder 3, it would have indicated the spark plug that was switched to that cylinder was bad). Through the previous quick tests, Rob determined the problem had to be a problem with fuel being delivered to cylinder 1, possibly caused by a bad injector, or a problem with compression. Rob returned to the scan tool to review the freeze frame data that was recorded when the MIL was set. He learned the vehicle speed was 135 MPH at the time of the failure. Due to the high speed, Rob suspected a missed shift with the driver downshifting at too great a speed. He removed the valve cover from the cylinder bank for the odd numbered cylinders. He found the pushrod was bent and the intake valve was frozen closed. Thus, no fuel was getting to the cylinder causing the rough running condition.

Through the use of the DTC codes, the scan tool, and knowledge of the OBD II functionality, Rob's diagnosis was "*Elementary, Doctor Watson!*"

From the Vice President Membership

HELP WANTED...by the time this issue reaches you, my 4th year as your VP of Membership will be almost over. I only have two more Governors' meetings left. It has been a fun and exciting four years and I would like to find a person to pass this job onto before the year is over, so we can have a smooth transition. If you are interested and want to talk about the job, please contact me via phone or e-mail; the number and address is elsewhere in this issue.

I hope a lot of you had a chance to enjoy Convention in Tulsa and it is not too early to start planning on next year's convention in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

By the time this reaches you, we could be looking at \$5 a gallon gasoline. This price probably will surely have an impact on all of our daily lives and on what we do with our free time. How we deal with this problem and still put on our events is going to be a tough problem to solve. We will have to get creative, so we can still have events that other clubs and their members will be able to travel to. I'm sure our NCCC members will rise to the occasion and whip this problem. One thing in our favor is that the C4, C5 and C6 Corvettes are some of the more fuel-efficient vehicles on the road. We may have to stay closer to home in the future, but that doesn't have to keep us from having fun with our cars. We can recruit more members in our areas and get non-NCCC clubs around us to join our ranks, thus putting more NCCC members in easy reach.

Check out the May 3rd 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 fee of \$5 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 issue of *Blue Bars*.

I hope to see some of you at events around the Midwest. Have a great summer and fall of Corvette activities.

Until next time,

Bob Bowen

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

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

May 3, 2008

REGION	CLUBS	MEMBERS	MAL	L/T	FCOA	LARGEST CLUB IN REGION	MEMBERS
Carolina Region	17	314	22	18	31	CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	53
East Ohio	17	866	36	31	165	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	143
East Region	28	2406	57	34	223	LANCASTER COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	244
Florida Region	21	1127	32	11	195	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	242
Honorary members	0	8	7	0	0	N/A	
Indiana Region	17	890	20	24	115	CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	145
Michigan Region	16	1182	17	19	316	AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	243
Midwest Region	31	2167	48	19	480	SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	176
Northeast Region	9	418	7	3	44	SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	149
Northwest Region	1	115	1	0	1	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	114
Rocky Mountain Region	12	598	20	5	62	TOP OF THE ROCKIES CORVETTE CLUB	134
Roadrunner Region	13	835	19	28	111	DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	158
Southeast Region	13	928	25	4	95	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	239
Southwest Region	18	1440	32	36	159	TULSA VETTE SET	391
West Coast Region	27	2176	36	3	159	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	247
West Ohio	7	332	25	17	85	CORVETTE TROY	114
West Region	24	1552	8	24	406	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	351
TOTALS	271	17354	412	276	2647		

CLUBS WITH 300+ MEMBERS			
SW	248	TULSA VETTE SET	391
WR	095	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	351
CLUBS WITH 200+ MEMBERS			
WC	202	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	247
ER	266	LANCASTER COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	244
MI	488	AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	243
FL	276	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	242
SE	073	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	239
SW	207	LONGHORN CORVETTE CLUB	231
ER	098	CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	219
MI	006	CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	219
SW	063	SAN JACINTO CORVETTE CLUB	214
ER	263	BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	206
CLUBS WITH 150+ MEMBERS			
MW	051	SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	176
ER	108	YORK COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	174
ER	038	FREE STATE CORVETTE CLUB	166
WR	015	CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	166
WC	500	CORVETTES OF TEMECULA VALLEY	162
ER	001	CORVETTE CLUB OF AMERICA	161
RR	303	DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	158
MW	167	NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	150
CLUBS WITH 100+ MEMBERS			
NE	105	SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	149
WC	302	CORVETTES WEST	146
IN	281	CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	145
EO	010	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	143
MW	004	CHICAGO CORVETTE CLUB	139
RM	176	TOP OF THE ROCKIES CORVETTE CLUB	134
ER	196	CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVETTE CLUB	133
RR	331	TUCSON CORVETTE CLUB	133
MI	041	GRAND VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	132
FL	032	CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB	129
ER	357	NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB	127
MW	351	WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	127
SW	055	COWTOWN VETTES	127
WC	340	PALM SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	127
WC	420	RED LINE CORVETTES	127
MW	277	SUNBURST CORVETTE CLUB	125
ER	372	CORVETTE ANNAPOLIS	123
WC	447	CORVETTES LIMITED	123
WC	336	PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES	121
WR	126	SIOUX FALLS CORVETTE CLUB	121

CLUBS WITH 100+ MEMBERS - CONTINUED			
EO	005	CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.	120
MW	075	WISCONSIN CORVETTE CLUB	119
WC	434	POMONA VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	116
NW	483	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	114
WO	027	CORVETTE TROY	114
MW	054	MIDWEST CORVETTES	113
WC	325	O.C. VETTES, INC	113
RM	183	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	112
WR	022	CORVETTE CLUB OF IOWA	111
MI	047	KALAMAZOO CORVETTE CLUB	110
SW	131	OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	108
MW	391	MID-ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	107
SE	418	LANIER CORVETTES UNLIMITED, INC.	107
IN	133	TRI-STATE CORVETTE CLUB	106
ER	366	BEACHCOMBER CORVETTE CLUB	105
MW	526	R.A.C.E, INC	104
SE	253	EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	104
CLUBS WITH 75+ MEMBERS			
WC	326	CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	97
IN	115	FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	96
MW	465	MAD CITY VETTES	96
SE	142	CORVETTE ATLANTA	95
WC	299	CORVETTES OF FRESNO	95
MW	109	CORVETTE CLUB OF ILLINOIS	94
RR	530	SONORAN DESERT CORVETTES	93
MI	003	CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	92
RR	241	EL PASO CORVETTES	89
RR	452	SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB	87
EO	068	TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB	86
SE	348	VALLEY VETTES	86
WC	401	THE VETTE SET	86
WR	192	NEBRASKA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	85
EO	257	COMPETITION CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	84
ER	093	KEYSTONE STATE CORVETTE CLUB	84
FL	076	GULF COAST CORVETTE CLUB	84
SE	499	TRI-CITIES CORVETTE CLUB	84
FL	186	CENTRAL FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	83
IN	342	CORVETTE, INDY, INC.	82
IN	008	MICHIANA CORVETTE CLUB	82
IN	092	ANDERSON CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	80
WC	507	VICTOR VALLEY VETTES	79
ER	111	USA-1 CORVETTE CLUB	77
RR	154	NEW MEXICO CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	77
WO	039	GLASS CITY CORVETTE CLUB	75

Governors' Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2008

Dick Yanko – President

Dick called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. We had the pledge of allegiance. Members that have passed away since the last meeting were announced – *Ken Daby*, El Paso Corvette Club; *James Goad*, Palm Springs Corvette Club; *Karen Jenkins*, Colorado Springs Corvette Club; *Diane Veselmeyer*, Cornhusker Corvette Club; *Marlene Kortenhoven*, Crossed Flags Corvette Club; *Dale MacGruder*, Palm Springs Corvette Club; *Charles Mertz*, Midwest Region; *Frank Meyers*, Fort Wayne Corvette Club; and *Carl Young*, Route 66 Corvette Club. This was followed by a moment of silence. Dick asked that we also remember those serving in the armed forces in our thoughts and prayers.

Dick explained that due to comments about the intimidating number of people seated up front, some of the appointed officers would now be sitting in the front row of the audience and would step up to the microphone to give their reports from the floor. Dick introduced the Elected and Appointed Officials, the 2008 Convention Director, 2008 Convention Treasurer, and Dennis Patrick for NCCC Merchandise. The introduction of Regional Officers and Regional Officer Proxies was then made. Three new clubs were announced by the RMDs: Shenendoah Valley Corvette Club in the East Region, Inland Empire Corvettes in the West Coast Region and Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta in the Southeast Region.

Dick asked for a motion to pay the Regional Officers that were proxies. Motion made by Larry Hickman with a second by Allen Morris. No discussion, motion carried.

Officer Reports:

Cindy Urenda – Secretary

Due to the change of Secretary, we are having some e-mail issues. A lot of people did not receive the minutes. The 30 hard copies that were on the table have been picked up, so if you did not receive them and need a copy, e-mail your request to ncccsecretary@comcast.net. Cindy will send out an e-mail to all Governors and Regional Officers this week, so if you have not heard from her by Sunday (Mother's Day), e-mail her so she knows there is a problem with your e-mail address and she can work on resolving it.

There were no corrections to the minutes. Motion was made by Gary Kelly to accept the minutes with a second by Joe Scafero. No discussion, motion passed, minutes accepted as written.

Dave Heinemann – Parliamentarian

The REs are working on goals for NCCC Regions, seeing what they can do to make the organization better for everyone. They will continue their RE letters in *Blue Bars*. They have written some really good articles already. They are writing articles about what goes on in NCCC because very few members attend the National meetings, so their only real connection other than through their local clubs, is through *Blue Bars*.

All REs are on the By-laws Committee because Dave feels that they all represent their Regions and belong on the Committee

because that is what runs this organization. We run by the By-laws and Standing Rules. Years ago, the Committee used to have the ability to recommend. When proposals were presented, the REs were able to support or not, but that ability was taken away from them. There will be a By-law change proposed to empower the REs to make the decisions they were elected for.

Dave said that working with the REs is a rewarding experience and he encourages anyone interested to run for Parliamentarian.

The Newsletter Committee is in their final tally and awards will be presented at Convention.

Larry Beebe – Public Relations

The two traveling displays were used about 20 times around the nation last year. It's already been out once this year. If your club is celebrating something and would like to display it, let him know.

Public Relations is trying to make us more visible, so if anyone would consider writing an article for magazines, they could submit it to him. We need to get some recognition for NCCC.

Jack Wilson – VP of Competition

The 2007 rebates were distributed to all Regions, and the patches were distributed to the RCDs last night. Jack also gave the Southwest Region their number 1 National Club patches so they can enjoy those instead of waiting until Convention.

A couple of things were added for communication under the Competition section on the Web. The drivers' schools were added and Jack developed a detailed description of what's going on in the Competition meetings. His minutes for February are posted so anyone can see what was discussed.

It was recommended at the February meeting that clarifications be put at the end of the Rulebook on the Web, and that has been done and they will continue to be updated.

Their objective this year was to put out the current points standings monthly. 72 events were received and posted as of the end of April. All sanctions and flyers received were also posted as of April 30th.

2008 Points:

Top Clubs

5. Americas Corvette Club, Florida Region - 706
4. Gulf Coast Club, Florida Region - 729
3. East Carolina Corvette Club, Carolina Region - 886
2. North Florida Corvette Assoc., Florida Region - 1881
1. Corvettes of Naples, Florida Region - 1893

Ladies

5. Claudia Stouffer, East Region - 115
4. Joan Clark, Florida Region - 124
3. Mary Julie, Florida Region - 236
2. Donna Littlejohn, Carolina Region - 288
1. Tracy Gaudu, Southwest Region - 292

Men

5. Dave Burger, Florida Region - 144
4. Don Parks, Southeast Region - 150
3. Don Smith, Carolina Region - 193
2. Joe Tooley, Florida Region - 208
1. Robert Ellis, Florida Region - 312

These will be given to Joan to update on the Web.

The next record drags will be May 22nd in the Southwest Region, in Norman, OK. June 23rd, will be one at Convention, and September 20th there is one in the West Region in Kearney, NE.

Clarifications:

Regarding the advantage/disadvantage of quick release steering wheels, which is disallowed in Group I and II.

Answer: It is the Competition Committee's responsibility to provide Rulebook interpretation and not to define specific items that would provide a vehicle a competition advantage or disadvantage.

Can the quick release function be disabled, but left in the vehicle to satisfy this requirement?

Answer: The current Rulebook does not allow a quick release function for Group I and II.

Class M cars come equipped with cross drilled rotors in Group I and these would not be considered upgrades. Can these be replaced with a non-cross drilled, smooth surfaced iron rotor, a slotted iron rotor, or a dimpled iron rotor?

Answer: No. The current Rulebook does not allow these changes in Group I.

Regarding the waivers. At what age do minors have to sign for themselves?

Answer: There are 4 waivers. One is for everyone coming into the event. There is one that says "Minors Assumption of Risk and Release Waiver of Liability." This has a signature of the minor on one side and the parent/guardian must sign on the other side for the minor to be there. In the 2007 packet, there were Rally release waivers. In the 2008 packet is another "Minors Assumption of Risk and Release Waiver." The intent was to use the general waiver for rallies, but you may still use the Rally waivers if you have them. The second Minor waiver is for a specific track, so that the parents don't have to sign one each time. George and Jack have agreed that we will use the general waiver and the single use form for minors, and both parents should sign. Minor participants age 16-18 must also sign the general waiver.

Is it possible to replace the domed pistons with flat top pistons in a 360 hp, 327 ci, 1962 CLA Group I drag car?

Answer: It is not allowed in Group I, but is allowed in Group II.

A member has a 1969 with the radio delete option. The rule states that the radio cannot be removed. Must one be installed?

Answer: No. The radio does not have to be installed on a vehicle with radio delete option for that year, as long as the proper block out plate is in place.

There were questions in the meeting about the Certificate of Liability Insurance form. At the bottom, it says "type of event-non speed event". This is a generic form. K & K says to send it in and they will provide us with a speed event certificate.

The Committee had a presentation on the new system and how results are input to help everyone get up to speed. They discussed the Rulebook suggestions from the Regions. They are working on how to address the concerns around tire sizes, exhaust allowances, classifications, groupings, points, and making the forms more user friendly on line. When the RCDs make decisions, they are deciding what to recommend to the Governors at the September meeting, so

the Governors can decide how to vote in November. The minutes are on the Web and in *Blue Bars*. Everything is still in the discussion stage. Give your input to your RCD to bring back to the Committee. They want to make the program understandable and user friendly.

Deb Murphy – Treasurer

Due to weather problems, Deb's flight was delayed and there was no Finance Committee meeting last night. Deb reviewed the highlights of the Profit and Loss statement. The Sheraton bill arrived late so will show two meetings on the next P & L statement.

The Balance sheet shows what money we actually have. It represents the general operating account without Grants & Scholarships and Conventions. The amount shown is what we have at the end of April based on what we spent on the P & L. The number at the bottom of the P & L always represents that period. The ending balance will be the starting point of the next report.

The budget is set up on an annual basis. The Budget Overview shows Jan-Apr actual income and expenses. On this report, it is being compared to what we have set up in the budget for the year. We are starting on the 2009 budget, and we want you to understand it. We have to keep enough to cover our liabilities, such as the three-year contract with the hotel for meetings and whatever contracts we have signed for Conventions. We are liable for over \$100,000 for Convention hotel costs, alone. Insurance is about \$80,000 a year.

Deb answered questions from Ray Meesseman about income from membership dues, with Bob Bowen supplying numbers. The anticipated income was based on the rather flat numbers of the past three years. Membership in November was 18,920; 18,655; and 19,075. At the end of January, when most renewals are in we had 8859 in 2006, 8960 in 2007, and 9028 this year, so if history repeats itself, with new members over the summer, we should come in just about where we budgeted. Each year, we consistently lose about 3,000 from Nov-Feb and get the numbers back during the summer months. We have 17,354 members right now.

Larry Hickman asked about the profit of \$17,894 from 2007 Convention vs. the \$35,000 that was budgeted. Deb explained that \$32,000 in sponsorship went back out. There is nothing in here as far as what she thinks Convention will do. The invoices go through here, so that number will zero out and if there's anything, it will appear in another column.

If you have questions or think there is something missing in any of the budgets, please e-mail Deb. She will be happy to address it and include it in the budget if we need to.

Joan Thomas – Webmaster

Website contest entry ended yesterday. There are only 14 clubs entered out of 237 club Web sites. Judging starts tomorrow. Awards will be given out at Convention. Joan is looking for three judges for next year. All previous judges really enjoyed the experience.

She has started the process of putting NCCC history on the Web site and will need everyone's help getting the info. Joan needs 1985 top 12 Clubs, Ladies and Men. She only has the names of the first places. If anyone has it please let her know.

Convention information will be posted as she receives it, so keep checking for updates.

Patrick Dolan – Charity

The 2008 raffle car is in Tulsa. It is a black 6-speed coupe with a 3LT package.

The mailing to non-NCCC purchasers of tickets from last year cost about \$1,100 and about \$7,000 was collected from it. Patrick thanked Bill and Elana for sorting through all the previous year's tickets by hand.

Green sheets in the membership packet are the best deal you can get. Both member and spouse can get the 5/\$25 price. Green sheets will be accepted at Convention

Windy City Corvette Club and North Texas Vettes are now 100% clubs. One \$10 ticket sold for each member of your club gets you a plaque at Convention from NKF. Patrick needs to know by June 18th if your club has reached 100%. Contact him at his home address. If you bring it to Convention, you will be announced and receive your certificate later.

Scholarship program for 2008 ended on May 1st. The scholarships will be given away at Convention.

The Charity Committee is working with our Webmaster to link other car raffles to ours.

Treasurer's report reviewed. \$4,020 went to NKF. Patrick has not written the check for the raffle car yet.

Grants & Scholarships report reviewed.

Hal Bellamy – Steering Committee

Hal says he understands the criticism and appreciates the support. He will do the best he can to do a good job. The committee decided last night that since they are serving approximately 5% of the membership at Convention, they will be concentrating their efforts on making it more appealing to more people. They would like to have some new and unique venues and would like input on ideas for new activities.

The Committee will be updating the policy and procedure manual.

Anyone interested in becoming Convention Treasurer for 2009 should contact Dick Yanko.

2009 Convention: Co-director, Hal Tumbleson was supposed to be here, but did not make it, so we have no update. We can expect more information at the Tulsa Convention.

2010 Convention: Florida Region is working on a bid for Bonita Springs or Kissimmee.

2008 Convention: 414 are signed up for Tulsa. The finances are all in order, no huge loss/no huge gain, thanks to Ron and Betty and their hard work. Ron will talk about reservation confirmations.

Dale Acker talked about the fun they have planned for us with cool tours, neat parties, good food and racing at Hallett.

Ron said the warm up was two weeks ago. Based on what they learned and the number of cars they ran, they have expanded the entry list, so everyone on the waiting list for high or low speed is in the event. There are now 185 in the low and 175 in the high. If you still need to sign up, they will try to get everyone who wants to race in.

They are right at 100 on the bracket drags and 75 on the records.

Tech will be open on Friday afternoon.

Saturday- Hawaiian theme party with live band. Bring your Hawaiian shirts.

Sunday- Outdoor tent barbeque and washer tournament.

Proceeds will go to FCOA. Will also be doing the top 15 awards, so dress business casual for pictures.

Monday- Drag races, nothing at hotel.

*Tuesday -*Evening at the Riverwalk. There are three restaurants lined up. You will have a \$10 coupon and can pick any of the three between 4:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday- Steve Lancaster magic and hypnotism.

Thursday- Country Western Band. Wear boots & jeans.

Friday- SW Region hosting the traditional NCCC awards banquet. Drawing for the raffle car and all the traditional awards. About 70% of the people attending Convention will be attending. Dress in the best you brought with you. There will be assigned seating for the banquet. Top 15 need to see Bernyce for seating arrangements.

Frank Weithen asked about reservations. Ron said if you haven't received the e-mail confirmation from the hotel, e-mail or fax him, or call the 1-800 number of the hotel.

Rhonda Higgins – Distribution

She is down to 600 Rulebook CDs Renewals are still coming in so she will be using them up.

Pat Kelly – FCOA

There are now 2647 kids in FCOA. Pat has been pulling off a lot of 16 year olds. Membership cards and patches came in and everything has been mailed as of mid-April.

The 2007-2008 dash plaque has arrived. She is still waiting for something from Chevrolet and will mail the member packets out in early July. North Florida Corvette Association will be sponsoring the 2009 dash plaques for the kids.

Mid America will be featuring FCOA in the 2008 Funfest book. Pat will be writing something up for them.

Frank Weithen asked how many former FCOA kids are now primary members. Pat thinks about 30, but there is no record. She would like to find out and do an article for *Blue Bars* about second-generation FCOA members.

George Gallant – Business Manager

Make your room reservations at least 30 days ahead and cancel if not coming. If you do not reserve 30 days out, you may have to pay a higher price. The hotel is super to work with. The staff that manages our account is in the Convention center downstairs. If we need to arrange something special like a shuttle to take a group downtown, let George know so he can set it up at least 30 days prior to the meeting. The hotel is more than willing to help us out.

Thanks to the RCDs for the work they did on waivers. George says he is just the facilitator between NCCC and K & K. Our contract is based on the Rulebook. If you have questions or claims call George. The certificate in our packet is a generic one to use every possible place you can use. If you need to add insurance or the name of the venue, send it in and they'll send it back to you with a copy to George. Jason Mowery will be at Convention as a guest.

Ray Meesseman had a budget question on the promotion incentive. It was \$7,600 last year and is \$14,851 so far this year. That is because the perks and pins bill from last year was paid this year. Elana Siebel asked whether Mid America had paid for the pins and calendars. Debbie said the year before, it was part of the sponsorship agreement, but for last year, she used \$3,400 out of the total sponsorship money they gave us. Allen Morris asked what

Mid America did pay. Debbie clarified that the sponsorship money was used for a percentage of the cost. This year we spent approximately \$9,000 for 2008 pins plus the extra 2007 pins that we ordered for members who had not received them.

Debbie Lindsey – Sponsorship

Debbie reviewed for us what the sponsors were doing at Convention. Mid America is sponsoring the Funkhana; Goodyear is sponsoring the Rallye and the Awards Breakfast on Friday; Michelin is sponsoring the Low Speed; Khumo will be sponsoring the High Speed; Chevrolet and Hoosier will be there; Bridgestone/Firestone will be taking care of Tech; Corvette Central will sponsor the party on Saturday night; Zip Products will sponsor the Peoples Choice Car Show... just to name a few.

The Michelin program is like a ride and drive. They will have two Corvettes for you to drive. One will be on Michelin tires and one on other tires. You'll have to sign up for it *early* in the Corvette Mall. Les Willard, who designed the tires for the Z01 will do two tire seminars on Monday.

Hagerty Insurance is a new sponsor. They will be helping with the Concours and Hospitality. They will provide roadside assistance on the Rallye. They are going to be offering a 5% discount on insurance for NCCC members.

New sponsors not involved with Convention are ProTeam Corvette Sales working primarily with advertising through *Blue Bars* and the Web site. CorvetteGuys.com is another advertiser in *Blue Bars*.

Check the Web site for special discounts for members. And remember we get a rebate when you use your NCCC Bank of America card.

At Carlisle, we are trying to get something put together for Friday night. Watch the Web site for further information.

Bob Bowen – VP of Membership

Bob already reported our numbers during Deb's turn.

The RMDs decided on the perks for the renewal packet. They want something different for the 50th. They will have a special 50th anniversary pin available for purchase. Our distribution plan for last year didn't work well. It would have cost us \$11,000 to mail them. The new items will be flat and flexible to comply with postal regulations. No pins. No calendars. Those cost too much extra to mail.

His job is open and he would like to talk with anyone who is interested.

Gary Foster – Sgt. At Arms

Gary thanked the East Region for the Friday night hospitality room food, and Jay & Linda Homer for going out to get the alcohol and cookies and things. The Candidates will do the food for the September meeting.

Sylvia Hoaldrige - Publications

After we sang Happy Birthday to Sylvia, she announced that she has been declared cancer-free.

The deadline for the Summer issue is June 1. The Convention issue will be out in the fall. Sylvia commended everybody who responded to her request for articles. It's been a good response. Please keep up the good work.

Sylvia has decided to step aside and let someone with some fresh ideas take over the *Blue Bars* as of the winter issue. She has done it for six years and it has been a wonderful experience.

Old Business

This year the Chicago Corvette Club is celebrating 50 years.

A collection was taken up by her region for Leslie McCartney, who designed the new FCOA logo. A lifetime membership was purchased for her. She said in her thank you note that she will treasure it always and the For Sale sign is now out of the car.

The Governors' Meeting site ballots were counted. 269 were mailed; 208 returned; 4 were declared invalid. By a margin of 3 to 1, we will stay in St. Louis for the next three years. At the request of the Secretary, Dick asked for a motion to destroy the ballots as there is no reason to keep them. Bernyce Molenda made the motion and Allen Morris seconded. The motion was passed with no one opposed.

At the last meeting we tabled a dues increase for the second time. This was done primarily because we were out of time and had to get out of the room. We need everyone to understand why we think we need to increase the dues by \$5 a head. We like to have \$200,000 to \$250,000 in our savings account for unexpected liability issues and to keep the organization operating for the next year. A simple example is what Patrick does with the raffle car. When we went into the National Kidney Foundation as our charity, we had zero dollars in the bank. Patrick went out and got the car, we then got the money to pay for the car and we gave money to the NKF. As the years have gone on, Patrick has squirreled a little bit of money away each year, with the goal that we have enough money on January 1 to buy the car without ever selling a ticket. We are now to that point. We have \$50,000 in an account. The money belongs to the NKF, and they understand why we have it.

The same thing goes with Council on a bigger scale. Our liability for the hotel for the 2009 Convention is for 1,440 room nights over the 6-7 day period. We suffer no penalty if we're short less than 10%. If we don't fill 10%-30%, we pay a 30% penalty of the amount of money they would have gotten for filled rooms. If it's 30%-60%, we would have to pay 60% which would amount to approximately \$160,000. We could have the same thing happen this year in Tulsa with catastrophic results. Right here, we have \$20,000 a meeting liability for room nights. If we don't show up for a meeting, we have to write a check to the hotel for \$20,000. In addition to that, we would have to pay for all the meeting rooms we use.

The budget we presented last year was \$47,000 in the hole. We did that because prior to last year, the E-Board tried to present a balanced budget. Everyone turned in their budget and the Treasurer would put it together. When it was going to go over, we started cutting to get it down so we didn't lose any money. Some years we lost as much as \$20,000 and some years we did a really good job. If Convention was especially profitable, we could make as much as \$30,000-\$40,000. We could never tell you how much we were going to have. Last year, we put together the numbers we thought we would spend, using due diligence to not be in the hole. We are not going to make it this year. Mileage has gone up a nickel from last year, and may go up again. The numbers for Convention are in the range where we'll just about break even. If that happens, we will only have \$150,000 left in savings. Part of our income is

from the money market account, and the interest rates have gone down.

Mike Weil, RE for East Region, said that his Governors want justification, not just that mileage and postage have gone up. We can't keep balancing the budget by cutting it. We need a better plan. If we need more money to operate this organization, we need to decide what we're going to do with it and what it's going to cost. We need a vision of the future. The Governors want to know what they're getting for their money. Mike figures, based on the financial statements, we spend roughly \$1.50 more per member than we bring in. We need a good long term plan even if it means raising the dues more than \$10. What are we going to do to improve the benefits to the members? Until we can answer that, his Governors aren't going to vote for an increase.

Chuck Stephens, East Ohio RCD, wanted to know how we can be a non-profit organization when we have \$250,000 in a checking account. Deb explained the criteria for a hobby, non-profit organization. What we take in must be within the perimeters of our program. It's based on where you got the money and what you're doing with it. We use it for our membership, which is within our program guidelines. The money from Convention is entrant fees from members for an in-program program. It is reported on our 990 to the IRS.

Dick Runyan asked if it is a problem to pay someone for administrative duties. Deb said it is not.

Dick Yanko said that NCRS's financial statement last month showed they have \$980,000 in savings. They also have an office, furniture and a paid business manager.

Chuck Heretta, Governor of Buckeye Corvettes and RE for East Ohio, said that we had this discussion five years ago when we wanted a \$10 dues increase. He stood up at that time and said we needed financial responsibility and a \$5 dues increase. We have come a long way and the E-board has done a yeoman's job moving toward financial responsibility on that \$5 increase. We had 16,776 members in February 2007 and 16,664 in February 2008. In spite of the decrease in members, our assets have increased \$58,000. Where did it come from? We do need future planning. We need to spend our money on advertising and bringing more people into the organization.

Dick said the current budget for advertising is \$2,500. This morning the E-board discussed the advertising budget. The smallest ad in Corvette Quarterly is 2" x 4" and is \$11,000 for all 4 quarters. People who buy a new Corvette get a 3 year subscription. We are also looking at advertising on the Corvette Forum. A banner is \$1,200 per month/ \$14,400 per year, and it gives a link back to our Web site. If we're going to grow this organization, we need to advertise. How many of you put out a news release prior to an autocross, a car show, or a rally? We need to get people there to watch and get bitten by the bug. Next year, when we've eliminated that \$58,000 are you going to remember this conversation? As long as we have money in the bank, everyone thinks we're doing good.

Arnie Bailey asked about the committee for change that we talked about last meeting. That will be coming. He also said that his club had gone from about 80 members to 150 because they went to 100% NCCC to go for the Duntov award. Approximately 10% of them have anything to do with the competition program and a very few more than that will go to Convention. The rest don't care that much about NCCC, even though they've made the effort to drag them out to car shows and rallies to make them aware

of it. He doesn't want to ask them for a dues increase because it would be counter productive.

Jeannie Ruston said that people join because of the people.

Manny called the question to stop the debate and get it off the table.

Dave read from the November minutes, the motion that Dick Runyan made from the floor:

Dick Runyan, Governor from Corvette Club of Indiana, as the council is getting in dire need of funds to keep operating as we are operating now, made a motion to modify the first two sentences of standing rule 9 under financial matters be modified as follows: "The dues for NCCC are set at \$40.00 for new members, \$30.00 for renewals and \$15.00 for spouse/companion and dependents..." Dave stopped at this point to explain what we have to do before we can consider this motion for vote. There was a date applied, *"The dues are set as of 3/1/08."* assuming that we would make a decision on this at the February meeting. We were not able to address it in February because the meeting was lasting until 5:00 and we had to get out of the room. According to the February minutes, *"Dues increase was tabled at the last meeting. Allen Morris made a motion that we table the dues increase discussion until the May meeting so it can be reviewed further..."* Someone needs to make a motion to extend the date before we can even consider the motion, because we've already exceeded the timeline. If we apply a date, Dave suggests we make it at 2009 renewal. Allen Morris made a motion to amend the previous motion to take effect with the 2009 renewal process. John McGee seconded. Dave said that if it doesn't pass today, it cannot come up again until next year.

Ron Ruston asked for clarification of when it would take effect. It would start with anyone joining in September, since they pay dues 4 months early for the next year.

Chuck Heretta expressed concern that the REs have come from their regions with specific instructions on how to vote, but with the additional information brought forth today, they may not be voting in the best interest of NCCC. There is no time to go back to the clubs for further discussion. Dave says that the Governors elected the REs to represent them to the best of their ability at this meeting. It would be up to you to go back and explain the way things were presented, that you felt you needed to vote how you did. We only have four meetings a year, and it's very difficult to always get things back and forth. This has been out there since November. They elected you to make decisions, so that is how we need to look at it.

Patsy Shearer pointed out that many clubs have dues amounts in their By-laws and would need time to adjust that. Dave said that dues should be in Standing Rules. By-laws should say we have a dues procedure. The Standing Rules are the operating procedures that allow you to change the dues when you need to.

Bernyce Molenda clarified that the motion on the floor is only to change the date. She made a motion to call the question. Joe Scafero seconded. Dick said if the vote to change the date fails then the dues increase is off the table until 2009. Dave said that if this amendment fails, there can be another amendment proposed. Dick said we are now

voting to change the date from March 1st to the 2009 dues renewal process on the original motion for a \$5.00 dues increase. 79 voted opposed, no abstentions. We have a total of 245 (65 warm bodies and 180 proxies) so the motion passes.

Dave read the motion on the floor for the dues increase as made by Dick Runyon: "The dues for NCCC will be set at \$40.00 for new members, \$30.00 for renewals, and \$15.00 for spouse, companion or dependent." This is right out of Standing Rules with the \$5.00 added to each amount.

Dick explained that some of the \$58,000 that Chuck was questioning came from finding a cheaper vendor for the calendars. That, and the savings on mailing packets without pins and calendars, added up to almost \$23,000 for just those two cost savings.

Allen Morris seconded Manny's motion to stop the debate. Vote to stop discussion was unanimous. Dick called for the vote for all in favor of the motion to raise the dues by \$5.00 to the \$40.00, \$30.00 and \$15.00 rate effective with the 2009 renewals. 47 in favor; no abstentions; motion defeated. We will not be increasing the dues.

Larry Hickman, Governor of Crossed Flags Corvette Club and member of the Convention Steering Committee, thanked Jim Harris for being the Steering Committee Advisor/Chairman for the last 13 years and Jim Krebs for his 23+ years on the Committee. Larry then offered his resignation from the Committee, effective today. Dick thanked him for his eight years on the Committee.

The National Corvette Museum has not removed our display yet. On their web cam you can look at the construction area. It will be a month or two before they remove our stuff and the NCRS stuff. Dick was unable to attend the March 4th meeting at the Museum. It was the Friday after he had his knee operated on. John Pirkle from the NCRS made an impassioned plea about why the NCRS should be there. They will get a 42" flat screen monitor, space for several pictures, and a plaque in the library. We aren't getting anything. The E-board decided Dick would send a letter to Mr. Strode and Mr. Cooksey, the Chairman of the Board, and invite them to our September meeting to address the E-board on Saturday morning and the Governors on Saturday afternoon. Dick will probably have them box up our display and he will pick it up and store it. He would like the REs to get a count from the Governors of how many members are NCM members by August 1st. Alan Smith, Indianapolis Corvette Club, asked about the bricks. Dick said that we do own our bricks, but the only way you'll get it is if you replace it with a new one.

We talked about a Change Committee as we wind down our first 50 years and go into our next 50 years. This ties into the dues increase and the request that we come back with a plan. It is very hard for individuals on committees to objectively look at cutting the budget, eliminating themselves, or combining things. The new Committee could meet here. Most of their conversations will be on the internet or telephone. It is volunteer, not getting funded, and may have some expenses that will have to be submitted and approved. Nothing is sacred in their charge. They can look at everything that this organization does. They can look at how we have our regions structured, dues, charity, sponsorship, President's responsibilities, Steering Committee, the number of meetings we have a year...Dick envisions the Committee going for

approximately two years. The first six months would be primarily getting themselves familiar with what we do and how we do it, coming up with a plan to present to the Governors, and then proceeding about their business. Dick proposed to the Governors that the Committee is: Dennis Patrick, Penn Pritchett, Jim Asbury, Kevin Milton, Joe Vasta, and possibly one or two more that he will present at the September meeting after he's had a chance to talk to them. Dick Runyon made the motion to approve the Committee, Arnie Bailey seconded. Discussion: Larry Hickman asked about the possibility of seeking a member outside the organization. Dick said the Committee could request a consultant that would probably be paid and would have to be approved by the Governors. Chuck Heretta called the question, Sylvia seconded. The motion passed.

New Business

We need a candidate for Treasurer for the 2009 Convention. Applications and resume sheets are on the Web site. If interested, fill one out and get it back to Dick. We are also looking for a *Blue Bars* Editor. For those who are looking for an opportunity, offices coming open this year are President, Vice President of Membership, Treasurer, Parliamentarian and Director of Public Relations Applications are on the Web site. If interested, fill them out and turn them in to the Nominating Committee. Job descriptions are also on the Web site. Dick and Gary are at two years and can run again. The others are out due to term limits. Dick would like to have the name of the new *Blue Bars* Editor for nomination for approval in September, November at the latest. Sylvia will cover it until we get someone.

The 2008 Nominating Committee of Diane Bowen, Patsy Shearer, and Sue Puksich was unanimously approved.

Ray Meesseman asked why we send out two envelopes with ballots. Dave explained that the outside identification is to verify what club Governors have turned in their ballots, so the club can verify that they've voted. The inside envelope containing the ballot should be blank and inserted in the outside envelope that identifies who they are, so the teller committee gets all blank envelopes.

No other new business.

Paul Clawson, Governor of the Fort Wayne Corvette Club, won the 50/50 raffle.
Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Urenda
Secretary

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

From the

Treasurer

If you weren't at the last National Governors' Meeting, you missed some rather spirited discussions on our finances. I was glad to see so many members taking the time to actually understand the numbers that are on the reports that are distributed each time. The answers are: yes, we have some money but, no, we do not anticipate taking in more than we spend each year. Thankfully, we have not spent what we anticipated which keeps the finances looking great. Much of the discussion was around advertising and how NCCC can get new members. Let me tell you, advertising is expensive but, based on the discussion, we will be doing more of that, too. Anyway, it was good to see members engaged in the information.

BTW, this is my last year as NCCC Treasurer and I would love to see someone step up by August to take the job. Like many of the positions within NCCC, this one is not that complicated, it just takes some of your time. If you want to talk about the position or want to see the job description, I am available. Our organization could not last this long if we did not have great members who step up and help out.

See you at the next meeting.

Deb Murphy

From the

Director of Public Relations

The relaxing and enjoyable "Corvette Summer" is upon us and I hope everyone is enjoying their Club's events and activities. There are so many Club activities going on this time of year that you just have to step back and make a schedule to really keep track.

One aspect of NCCC that is lacking at the moment is that we are not as "visible" as we could be. In this time of wanting to increase membership, we need to do more than just send around the "Displays." We need to go to the Corvette owners. There are many Corvette magazines and Automobile magazines that have articles published about clubs and organizations. We need to get NCCC into some of these magazines!

I am asking everyone in NCCC to help with finding any relating articles to be published. These articles can be anything from the history of your club, a great fun event in which your club participated, a member of your club who has done something above and beyond the ordinary, tech articles about the Corvette, etc. Competition articles are also good if they are about an event or about techniques used. You can submit the articles or send them to me and I will send them in for you.

We are working with Corvette Forum to become a forum sponsor and will be able to publicize NCCC and the events that we sponsor around the nation.

I am in charge of scheduling and shipping 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@corvettesnccc.org The Display can be used at Car Shows, NCCC Competition Events, Special Club Anniversary or even a Club Meeting.

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.

As you read this, it is very possible that the Kiosk at the National Corvette Museum will have been taken down as the new addition to the Museum progresses. NCCC President, Richard Yanko, will be gathering all of the items that now make up the Kiosk and will make every effort to return the items that were donated from NCCC Clubs and/or Regions. I have had a few contact me about certain items and the message has been passed along.

Please help me "Make NCCC More Visible."

Larry Beebe

From the

Director of Sponsorship

SPONSORSHIP VIEWS

By the time you receive this edition of my comments, the 49th Annual NCCC convention will be an event of the past and I know that all of those who attended will be glad that you spent your time and money—even with the price of gas—to take part in this annual event. Our sponsorship participation has been great for this event and just one more time, I need to extend my public thanks to the following companies who have supported us so well: **GOODYEAR TIRE & RUBBER, HAGERTY INSURANCE, KUMHO TIRES, MICHELIN NORTH AMERICA, MID AMERICA MOTORWORKS, BRIDGESTONE/FIRESTONE, CHEVROLET/CORVETTE, HOOSIER RACING TIRE, ZIP PRODUCTS, CORVETTE CENTRAL, SPEED LINGERIE, SOUTHERN CORVETTE PARTS.COM, CORSA PERFORMANCE, FAST VETTE ACCESSORIES, PARAGON CORVETTE REPRODUCTIONS AND LANGKA.COM.** WHEW!! What a list! These companies were involved in sponsoring events, parties, registration materials, hospitality, trophies, etc. You name it and their funds were put to good use. I hope the Southwest Region members have received their due thanks for hosting this party. Two years of planning come to fruition and it is always great to know that you have done your best to entertain your NCCC friends. CONGRATULATIONS to this group of hardworking, dedicated NCCC members for a job that I am sure will be well done!

There are several other areas of the sponsorship program that have developed much more interest. One of those is the NCCC web site. This is the first year that I have offered space on the front page of the NCCC web site as a sponsorship option in itself and we have had quite a bit of interest. Several companies have

chosen to advertise on the web site only—Corvetteguys.com and Eckler's—to determine what amount of interest that can develop among NCCC members. Although Eckler's is not a web-based-only company, we do have two companies, Southern Car Parts.com and Corvetteguys.com, that are web-based-only and I think we may see more of that in the future. I do not have any numbers or statistics to back this up, but I know personally that I do shop online more than I have in the past and I see this type of purchasing continuing to grow.

Another area where I have seen more interest is in the option to email information to our members. Fortunately, we drive and "play" with high tech automobiles but, unfortunately, we seem to be behind the power curve in technology in making our organization available to companies that want to advertise in this manner. I am well aware that there will be a variety of opinions as to whether this is good or bad. Most of us probably receive a minimum of five email blasts per day from companies due to an online purchase that you made at one time. Currently, our sponsorship program guidelines limit use of our mailing list to only Platinum level sponsors and this year, three of the five companies that are Platinum level were surprised and disappointed that we only had mailing addresses and not email addresses to offer for our membership. Imagine that! Everyone wants to send emails and move away from the cost of print and mailing.

On the membership application that you turn in, there is a space to write in your email address. Many members do not do this, because we do not REQUIRE it. BOB BOWEN, JOAN THOMAS and I are working on a method to assist with obtaining email addresses in house, so we would have control of what is sent to you. Your email address will not be given to a sponsor, but it will be stored internally within our system and, if a company wants to email something to our members, it will come to our system and we will send it out. Please note that we are in the first steps of planning for this, but I think it will be a great asset and bargaining tool for me in dealing with potential companies who may be interested in becoming involved with NCCC. Remember that the monies these companies give us offset expenses that we would have to find monies for to meet our budget. It may not seem like much to you as an individual, but these sponsorship funds do help balance the budget!

Have you checked out the Special Discounts for Members page lately? With summer here, Choice Hotel and their SOS program is offering a great special to receive a gas card by utilizing their hotels. My husband and I recently booked online with Choice and stayed at a very nice Comfort Suites for a great price. The room was new, large and nice, and we had a great breakfast buffet the next morning. Be sure you check out these offers. Car rentals and car items, too!

One of the benefits of being at least a Gold Level sponsor is having the option to include a spotlight article about their company. Look in the upcoming issues of *Blue Bars* to find out more about some of these sponsors other than what their ads offer.

Out of space and out of time. Thanks to all of the sponsors for your continued support. I would not have a "job" without you!

Have a great summer!

Debbie Lindsey

From the Director of Publications

As most of you have read or heard by now, 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. Have YOU submitted your name to NCCC President, Dick Yanko, for consideration for this position? If you have an interest in applying for this position, please read the Job Description that appeared in the Spring issue of *Blue Bars* or go to NCCC's website. If, after reading the Job Description, you still have an interest in applying for this position, 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 gsvette@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.

Meanwhile, I still have one more issue of *Blue Bars* to publish -- the Convention/Fall issue -- and I need your help to do that. REMEMBER... The deadline for submitting articles, photos, etc. for that issue is August 31, 2008. That issue should be mailed out and in your hands by the middle of November.

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

I'm Just a Newbie

I am basically a newbie in the general population of the NCCC and the Rocky Mountain Region's Regional Executive. I live in Denver, CO. I am 43 years old and am now on my 4th Corvette and my 7th year in National Council. I am probably one of the youngest, if not the youngest attendee at the National Governor's meetings. After much discussion with my fellow members and Regional Executives, I wanted to tell everyone what it means to me to be a member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

First of all, I have come to the realization that you get far more out of the organization than you put in, but you have to experience it to know that!

When I started to become active in the Rocky Mountain Region in 2002, I saw how different we were in terms of NCCC, but we still had plenty to offer to the NCCC and have tried to continue in the good name of the Region. We know we're small, but we try to be the very best at what we do.

When I first started in the NCCC, I was rather tentative at attending some of the events, concerned that "I didn't know as much as the other folks" and "They might think less of me because I'm so young." From the moment I attended my first National Meeting, Roger Mitchell was President and both Dick and Hal Bellamy went out of their way to make me feel a part of the organization and that they valued my input. It has continued with Dick Yanko and all of the current board. I have to admit that I was VERY wrong. When you get involved in local clubs, it's one thing, a bit like a family. When you add the NCCC on top of that, you not only expand your horizons from a few, to many friends, but now, you have family and friends everywhere and from every walk of life!

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

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

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2007 TOP 15 LADIES COMPETITORS

1 *Betty Parks*

Corvette Atlanta - Southeast Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1974.

I've been competing since 1974.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007 was that it was packed with competition in all our usual places (generally in the Southeast, Florida, Carolina, Indiana and West Ohio Regions). Additionally – planning and executing activities for the Convention in Nashville was quite rewarding. Every weekend was like coming home again – with all the extended family that we have on the road!

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change? I wish that we had competed more during the summer!! We got a little lazy and decided not to campaign in the heat – which cost points and the potential #1 men's spot for Don. It would have been great to win the top spots again as a couple.

My plans for the future? This year I plan to spend more time at home with our grandson and remodeling the house. That doesn't mean that we won't be on the road though... look for us in all our usual places (as explained above).



3 *Janet Wilson*

Northern Illinois CC - Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1991.

I've been competing since 1992.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007 was traveling to many events in different Regions and being able to see our friends that we made in 2006.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change? I wouldn't change what we did in 2007, because we did the events we wanted and took vacations.

My plans for the future? Compete in different regions during 2008 as our schedule allows and enjoy what we do.



4 *Diana Haack*

Windy City Corvettes - Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 2000.

I started competing in 2005 and the first time out was all it took. After the first season competing on street tires, in 2006 my husband and I jumped in with both feet. We bought a trailer and a

truck and loaded our 2000 coupe and off we went. We went to as many events as possible. Our Vette, up to this point, was a show car, but not anymore. I enjoy autocrossing and the high speed road courses that give me the opportunity to experience the full performance capability of the Corvette.

NCCC provides me with great opportunities to have a lot of fun with the Corvette. I have met so many nice and interesting people with similar interests all over the country.

My plans for the future? To break in our 2008 Z06 on the track, continue to compete in regional and national events and meet more NCCC members throughout the country.



2 *Sharon Meesseman*

Michigan Autocross Group - Michigan Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1977. Thirty years! I didn't really expect to be this high in the standings after our accident, but here I am.

One of the great things I will remember about 2007 is how much fun we had, even though the car broke a lot. It was great having everyone help us, so we didn't miss many events. The fellowship was outstanding. It was also wonderful to realize how much better we got to know some of the other racers; and it was great traveling to the same events as Don & Betty Parks at the end of the season.

My plans for the future? To keep racing for as long as I can. Also, I want to spend some time with my grandkids. I missed some time while they were little because of the accident; I need to catch up.



5 **Peggy Marschand** Indiana Region

I've been an NCCC member since 2006.

What I enjoy most about competing in 2007 was Putman Park and getting to know all the neat people in the different Corvette Clubs.

If I had to do it all over again, I would change nothing. I love learning new and wonderful things.

My plans for the future? To RACE...RACE...RACE! Try to perfect it and always have fun.



6 **Eileen Fox** Tejas Vettes - Southwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 2000.

I've been competing since 2000.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007: Everything! I have to admit that 2007 was indeed a most enjoyable year for me. I raced harder and a lot more often than ever before, all in the name of points. The adrenalin rush you get each time you get in the car and take that first turn is so hard to explain; it is like nothing else you do. Part of the fun is the Friday and Saturday nights out in the parking lot, or in the pool with all the great friends you have met. And, of course, a beer or two!

If I had it to do all over again, I wouldn't change anything. I truly enjoyed each and every moment.

My plans for the future? To slow down this year just to get some things done around the house. However, in 2009, I hope to be back in full swing.



7 **Deb Murphy** TireTown CC - East Ohio Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1974.

I've been competing since 1974.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007: As always, I enjoy the people. Don't get me wrong, I like to compete; but we had some pretty awesome tailgate parties.

If I had it to do all over again, I can't think of anything that I have control of to change. I want everyone to be well and have fun!

My plans for the future? Move to FL. Manny, I cannot believe you are bidding a convention in Florida and you waited until we got down there. Oh, boy, this should be fun!



8 **Donna Littlejohn** Carolina Autocross Team – Carolina Region

I've been an NCCC member since 2005.

I've been competing since 2005.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007: NOT driving all over the country to compete like I did in 2006. I enjoyed going to local and regional events closer to home.

If I had it to do all over again, I would probably take some of the stickers OFF my car (LOL). I think I've gone a little over-board with stickers...

My plans for the future? To continue to compete in autocross events in both NCCC and SCCA. I'm also making the crossover to more HPDE and high speed events, as well.



9 Suzanne Ansley San Jacinto CC - Southwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since February 2002.

I've been competing on and off since 2003 but competing seriously from 2006.

What I enjoyed most about competing in

2007: In April 2007, my race car was out of action, so I took my new 2007 Z06 to the NCCC event at Hallett's 1.8 mile track near Tulsa, OK. I had the fastest time of the day in the high speed event over all competitors; yes, that includes the guys. There were a number of C6 Z06's at Hallett running on sticky tires, while I ran on street tires. What a great feeling! Also, the friendship and support of everyone who runs in the Southwest Region is second to none.

If I had it to do all over again, I would have started competing regularly from the beginning. I started off racing/playing in my 2001 convertible and it wasn't until 2005 that my husband decided I was getting serious and I should have a proper car to race.

My plans for the future? It would be great to get through most of the season driving the same car! Keep racing.



10 Tracy Gaudu Longhorn CC - Southwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 2006.

I've been competing since late 2006.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007 were all the great people who made me feel very welcome at their events outside of the SW Region and the high speed racing at Roebing Road. Setting the new C6 record was an incredible feeling and meant a lot to me.

If I had it to do all over again, I would NOT start seriously running for points in late November!

My plans for the future? To learn how to drive a standard transmission (on my new C6 Z06!) and to become a better driver. I've been told and now very well know that there is no substitute for seat time!!



11 Debbie Haskell Carolina Corvettes – Carolina Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1996.

I've been competing since 1997.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007 were the high speed events, which are the best! My favorite memory is

winning the High Speed competition at the Nashville Convention – definitely a highlight of my "career"!

If I had it to do all over again, I would NOT miss any local competition events – Johnny doesn't get a pink shirt this year!

My plans for the future? Taking it easy this year – not racing as much but getting more yard work done! We're working on the red beast again, so watch out later on this year!



12 Carolyn Samuelson Northern Illinois CC - Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1980.

I've been competing since 1980, both Regionally and Nationally, winning several Regional championships and three National championships.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007 was spending time competing and socializing with our extended NCCC family. The competition is getting tougher as more and more people step up to the new cars. The camaraderie and time spent with friends becomes more important each year.

If I had it to do all over again, what I would change is: I would like to attend some more high speed and out of region events, spend more time visiting friends, and attend more of our own clubs social outings.

My plans for the future? I plan to continue attending most of the Midwest Region events. We haven't missed a convention since 1983 and are looking forward to Tulsa and running Hallet. Of course, I look forward to having another fun year, spending time with friends, and our two grandchildren.



13 Joan Thomas Northern Illinois CC - Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1994.

I've been competing since 1995.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007: It was supposed to be the year that we wouldn't be able to go to many events, so my string of being in the Top 15 would end at 10. Jim's retirement mid-year changed all that and freed up our schedule, so we were then able to go to more events than we planned. I am thrilled to be in the Top 15 for another year.

If I had it to do all over again, it would have been nice to be able to travel to Events out of the Midwest Region more often. Competing the past years all over the country made for a long list of "places I like to compete." With so many great events in the Midwest Region and Jim's work schedule, there weren't many opportunities to visit our friends in the other Regions.

My plans for the future? 2008 just may be the year that we actually start stopping to visit places along the way to and from events that we usually just drove by due to time restraints. I am hoping to find a balance between autocrossing and all of the other things life has to offer. I hope to be able to compete for many more years, but I will definitely take the time to stop and smell the roses!



15 Marlene Pattillo San Jacinto CC – Southwest Region

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007 was the camaraderie.

My plans for the future? To continue enjoying the camaraderie.



14 Alysia Harding Nashville CC – Southeast Region

I've been an NCCC member since 2004.

I've been competing since 2005.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007 was the competition the most, along with and testing my ability and skill against some of the best women autocross drivers in the country. It has definitely been a learning experience and I continue to learn each time I compete. I also enjoyed the opportunity to make many new friends and I have tried to earn their respect as a fellow competitor.

If I had it to do all over again, I would try not to as many cones! I really don't think I would have changed a lot, though, other than maybe competing more. I would like to have more speed events within our region and surrounding states.

My plans for the future? To continue to compete regionally and find the time to travel to other events.



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How We Got Started

Long ago, (1972), when air was clean and sex was dirty, two proud Corvette owners, who lived in the Western area of the Metropolitan St. Louis area, decided to start a Vette Club for owners in this neck of the woods.

These two great thinker/owners who had this brilliant idea were Ron Reinhardt and David Sanson. At that time Ron owned a 1964 Roadster and David owned a 1965 Coupe. The two “membership directors” went to work. They contacted others they knew that were proud owners of a Vette. They actually had to make phone calls and talk to others that shared their passion. They did not have the Internet or e-mail to make contacts. Imagine??? They invited them to a meeting.

The First Gathering

The turnout was small, with 6 people showing up. The original six were Ron Reinhardt, David Sanson, Ken Benham, Jeff Schroer, Phyllis Avery and Sorge Hull. At this meeting the Boone Trail Vette Set was born. In 1974 the name was changed to Boone Trail Corvette Club and the home of the Club moved to St. Charles County, MO.

How Did the Club Name Come About?

Defiance, Missouri in St. Charles County was the last home of Daniel Boone. You remember him; he wore the infamous coonskin hat and buckskin clothes with fringed leather trim. An American pioneer and frontiersman. (1784-1820) He blazed the wilderness in Kentucky and later Missouri. Recon he was doing some advance scouting for the Vette plant in St. Louis and eventually Bowling Green, KY? A quote by Daniel, “I have never been lost, but I will admit to being confused for several weeks” The admittance of being lost, may sound very familiar to some members of the Club. He went on his final hunting trip at the age of 83 and died at 85. Daniel finished out his adventures living with his son Nathan in Defiance, MO.

Many anecdotes of Boone folklore are recorded. So with the same adventurer spirit and tenacity as Daniel, the clubs initial trail blazers, agreed on the name Boone Trail Corvette Club. Thank God they did not make any by-laws that mandated that members wear coonskin hats. However, some members have been seen wearing clothing with “fringed” leather trim. So over a 35 year span, there are many “tails” of Boone Trail and the evolution and development of the Club.

Racing, car shows, social outings, community service, friendship, fun, and the threads of common interest, the love of the Vette, have woven the fabric of our Club. We are all proud to wear the BTCC member logo and be a part of NCCC.

Driving Down Memory Lane

Some of the members: Sig Sutherland, Jim Schwent and Ron Reinhardt, are Charter Members and still active in the club. Here are a few updates:

Ron Reinhardt - It is hard to believe, but Ron has not missed a meeting or a sanctioned event in these 35 years. Is that commitment, passion, or compulsive behavior? Ron is still very competitive in autocross events. Ron's original ride, a 64 roadster that he campaigned with for many years, is still in his family. You can watch Roger (Ron's son) run the “Wild Child”. Now days Ron runs a C6. Ron says it's better with air and power.

Sig Sutherland and Jim Schwent – both are Drag Record Holders. Sig held a 1A class record with his '66 coupe (12.78 set on 5-4-99 until 7-28-05.) Jim still holds the CLA record at 14.65 with his '62 fuelie. *Sig's Automotive* is one of the very few garages listed in *Corvette Fever* as a place to go for Corvette repair.

Club Activities/Accomplishments

We are a part of the West Region of NCCC. Car shows, fund raisers for local charities, parades, rallies, autocrosses, hosting the NCCC 1998 convention, social outings, dine-outs, something for every interest! Our members give generously of their time and resources and want to make certain that members and friends have fun sharing their passion and knowledge.

In the Fall of 07 we celebrated our 35th anniversary by hosting a party. Current members attended the party and we invited as many former members that we could locate. We are grateful for the few former members who traveled quite a distance to be with us and celebrate! The day started with a very exciting and fun rally through St. Charles County Boone “trails” aka highways and byways. About 100 folks gathered for dinner and a slide show presentation of some of our hysterical historical events and to reminisce. We had a special guest, Greg Fadler, Chief Engineer of Aerodynamics of GM Racing. We all learned a great deal about the “future” and commitment by GM to racing.

It was a unanimous vote, they anniversary party was a success and everyone is excited about the bright future of the Club and what the next 35 years will bring.

Article was submitted by Bill Rush and the photos were submitted Lon Friesenborg, members of Boone Trail CC.



Corvette Troy \$340,000 Donated to Charity

Corvette Troy is well known in NCCC and often referred to as a “racing club,” a distinction we appreciate, although the club hosts the full range of typical Corvette activities. Twenty-four years ago, the club decided to improve our support to the community. Since 1984, we are pleased to have provided over \$340,000 to improve the lives of Spina Bifida families and assist other charities. The club currently contributes \$25,000 per year to charity.

Funding provided to the Spina Bifida Association of Greater Dayton is used to assist over 200 individuals in purchasing needed medical equipment, supplies and home modifications not covered by insurance and enables children to attend an all-accessible summer camp. We also host an annual Christmas party that provides an opportunity to spend some time with the Spina Bifida children and families. Santa presents toys specifically chosen for each of the children. Entertainment, such as a puppet show or magic show, is enjoyed by all.

The club’s fund raising this year enabled us to also allocate \$4,000 to a charity car repair program, the township emergency life squad, a college scholarship and to our local hospice in memory of members Jay Lamka and Ev Shuman.

Our major fund raising event is a benefit drawing where two new Corvettes are awarded to the lucky ticket holders. This is a moderately expensive but “good odds” event in that a maximum of 500 tickets are sold for \$250 each. This provides each ticket holder with two chances of winning a new Corvette!

Each ticket holder may bring a guest to the gala Benefit Drawing party featuring complimentary food, drinks, and live band. Ticket holders may view their ticket stubs before they are put in a barrel, and the tickets are drawn out one-by-one until the last remaining ticket wins the first car. The 499 non-winning tickets are then put back in the barrel and the winner of the second car is drawn as an instant winner. The benefit drawing is a precision process and well honed over the years.

Other prizes are presented, including a \$1,000 prize to the runner-up. Last year we gave away a 1:12 scale museum quality C5R model. Corvette Troy is sponsored by Bud’s Chevrolet in St. Mary’s, Ohio, one of the largest Corvette dealers in the country. They provide us with two new Corvettes at a competitive price delivered on time, every time!

We always sell all of the tickets, but would like to expand our ticket-buying base to include more avid Corvette enthusiasts. If you would like more information, please contact me via the phone number or email address shown below. We hope more of our NCCC friends will join us in our charity fund raising event this year!

Ken Schaper

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Vapor Valley Vettes Support LAM

The Vapor Trail Vettes Corvette Club (Sponsored by Home Motors) of Santa Maria, CA., presented a \$4,500 check to The LAM Foundation in honor of Charm Perry.

The contribution was possible through the Corvette club’s recent 3rd annual Corvette National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) slow speed autocross, poker rallye, people’s choice car show and an awards banquet and dance.

L.A.M. is short for Lymphangioleiomyomatosis, a progressive lung disease that usually strikes women during their childbearing years. L.A.M. is characterized by an abnormal growth of smooth muscle cells. These cells invade the tissue of the lungs, including the airways, and blood and lymph vessels. Although these cells are not considered cancerous, they grow uncontrollably within the lungs, and over time, can cause the walls of the airways, blood and lymph vessels to become obstructed, preventing delivery of oxygen to the rest of the body.

The L.A.M. Foundation was established in 1995 by Fran and Sue Byrnes when their daughter Andrea was diagnosed in 1994. They discovered a complete lack of evidence-based medical advice and scientific research, and began enlisting L.A.M. patients, their doctors, families, women’s organizations, educational associations, churches, schools, etc., to raise awareness and funds to support scientific research toward a cure.

While there is presently no cure for L.A.M., women with L.A.M. have every reason to be optimistic. Researchers believe a cure will be uncovered through scientific investigation, and undiagnosed women throughout the world will be identified. Funding for scientific research is the L.A.M. Foundation’s most urgent need.

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1958 Corvette, 283-270 hp, (2x4's), 4 speed. Signet Red. Body-off restored. NCRS Duntov award. From California.



1959 Corvette, two tops, 283-270 hp, (2x4's), 4 speed, numbers match. Triple Black. Body-on restored. 3.55 rear, Wonderbar radio, dual fours, off road exhaust.



1962 Corvette, two tops, 327-360 hp, (fuelie), 4 speed. Body-off restored. NCRS Duntov award. Very rare RPO-687 car (1 of 246 produced) with heavy duty suspension and brake package.



1963 Corvette Split Window Coupe, 327-300 hp, 4 speed. Tuxedo Black with Black interior. Newer paint, interior, chrome. Options include air, leather, knock-off wheels.



1965 Corvette, two tops, 327-375 hp, (fuelie), 4 speed. Rally Red with Red interior. Body-off restored. NCRS Top Flight. Power brakes, windows, teakwood wheel, telescopic, 3.70 posi, off road exhaust, Kelsey wheels, and gold stripe tires.



1966 Corvette Coupe, 427-425 hp, 4 speed, 27,725 actual miles. Tuxedo Black with Bright Blue/White interior. Super rare correct color. M-21, 4.11 posi, F-41. Documented.



1966 Corvette Convertible, 427-425 hp, 4 speed. Nassau Blue with Black interior. Body-on restored. NCRS Top Flight certified! Factory side exhaust, telescopic, headrests, transistorized ignition. M-21, 4.11 posi, K.O. wheels, goldstripe tires. Documented.



1967 Corvette Convertible, 427-435 hp, 4 speed. Rally Red with Black interior. Body-on restored. Factory side exhaust, M-21, 4.11 posi, F-41 suspension, B.O. wheels. Documented with the tank sticker (build sheet).



1967 Corvette Coupe, 427-435 hp, 4 speed. Tuxedo black with Red interior. Super rare and real color. NCRS certified (2006). Factory side exhaust. B.O. wheels, red stripe tires. Tank sticker, owner history.



1967 Corvette Convertible, 427-435 hp, 4 speed. Ermine White with Bright Blue interior. Very rare and correct color combination! Body-on restored. Bloomington certified in 02. Factory side exhaust, power steering, brakes, M-21, 3.70 posi, F-41. Documented.



1969 Corvette T-Top, 427-435 hp, 4 speed. Tuxedo Black with Gun Metal Gray interior. Body-off restoration. Absolute jewelry. Engine block heater, factory side exhaust, power steering, brakes, windows, leather, M-21, 4.11 posi, F-41 suspension, rear window defog. Smog system. Documented.



1969 Corvette Coupe, 427-435 hp, 4 speed, 54,927 actual miles. Monza Red with Black interior. Body-off restored. Multiple NCRS Top Flight certifications. Power windows, tilt-n-telescopic, M-21, 3.70 posi, F.41. Documented.



1969 Corvette Convertible, 400 hp, two tops, two owner car with 10,000 actual miles. White paint with Saddle interior. Documented. Original, unrestored, and excellent.



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It seems that each time we have either a track day or

competitive event there are a few new members who come out to try out this sport we call autocross and drag racing. It is amazing to us how many of our new members really enjoy the competitive aspect of NCCC or, as we like to call it, "driving your car in anger."

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This article and club photo were submitted by OCCC's Club Governor, Brett Ruston.



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Corvette Roulette is an all Corvette event and had five NCCC Sanctioned Events over 3 days in Las Vegas, Nevada. This year Corvette Roulette was held at The Orleans Hotel and Casino. The events started with a Concours Car Show that was located on the 4th floor roof top of the Arena

Time Trial competition. The two low-speed driving events tested the skills of all of the drivers and the handling capability of their Corvettes.

Parking Garage at The Orleans. From the roof all attendants



were able to overlook the fabulous Las Vegas Strip. All of the judges went through a judge's training program implemented by our LVCA-Corvette Roulette Chairman Jim Gregorius. The car show was followed by a Gimmick and Poker Rallye that took the Corvette participants

around the western portion of our Las Vegas Valley. The rallye route included a drive through The Lakes, Peccole Ranch and out to Calico



Basin in the Red Rock Canyon area. The rallye was less than 1½ hours long so that the participants could have plenty of time during their Saturday night to enjoy the various activities of Fabulous Las Vegas. Sunday morning started off with everyone gathering in the fenced off employee parking lot at The Orleans. This secured area provided an excellent and safe area to run a low speed Autocross and Matching

In addition to the NCCC events, LVCA hosted a Friday Welcome Party with a Hors d'oeuvre Buffet line, live music for dancing and a special appearance by the Ring Quartet. The get together evening offered a great time for everyone to meet with each other. Individuals from 15 different Corvette clubs from across the US attended. Our guest traveling the farthest came all the way from North Carolina.



The Corvette Roulette festivities concluded with a Sunday Night Roaring 20's Awards Banquet. The food was outstanding. Plaques were given out to all of our NCCC event winners as well as our 1920's costume contest winners. Over \$7000 worth of grand prizes were raffled off during the evening. This year's charity for Corvette Roulette is St. Jukes Ranch

for Children. Everyone who attended had a great time.



The tentative date for Corvette Roulette 2009 is for May 22-24, 2009 at the Orleans Hotel & Casino. We hope everyone will share the fun time they had this year and will mark their calendars to attend next year. For more information on the Las Vegas Corvettes Association, visit our website at www.vegasvettes.com.

Corvette...My Anti-Drug



When I was about 10 years old, I saw a Corvette and thought it looked neat. In 1995 when I was 11 years old, I got a chance to ride in a Corvette, a red (my favorite color) C4 with a glass top. From that point on, I was hooked. I decided I would own a Corvette when I turn 26.

When I turned 18 years old, I made the decision to say NO to smoking and drugs. I then said I wanted to save money that I would have spent smoking a pack of cigarettes a day, and do something great with the money I saved and the fact that I still had my health.

I figured that I would spend \$5.00 a day on a pack of cigarettes if I smoked. Instead, I set up an account to save that money, and I called it my Corvette Fund. That fund bought and maintains my Corvette, along with supporting the Corvette lifestyle.

With the money I saved, I was able to purchase a 1985 Corvette at the age of 22. You guessed it, red with a glass top, just like the car I got to ride in 11 years earlier at the age of 11.



I tell everyone I can that if you stay away from smoking, and drugs, and save your money, you can be driving your dream car.

The article and photos were submitted by Gaye Liddick, Editor of the Glass Gazette, Central PA CC, who adds the following: This "is a story from Andy Despot, one of our new, and young members, about what one of our local club events meant to

him" (The first Corvette ride that Andrew writes about was a Fly-in event hosted by the Lancaster County CC with support from the Cumberland Valley CC and Central PA CC. The event was held at the Capital City Airport in New Cumberland, PA and provided Corvette rides, airplane rides and other fun activities for children with disabilities. The concern and generosity of these NCCC clubs made a small difference in the life of one child born with Cerebral Palsy.) The photo also includes the second Corvette that Andrew and recently purchased.

Timeless – but not ageless.



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Press Release

Free State Corvette Club Honored by Maryland Legislature

Annapolis, Maryland, April 2, 2008:

In recognition of its charitable work, and generous donations to the *Spina Bifida Association of Maryland* and other Maryland charities, totaling over one-half million dollars over the past twenty years, the **Free State Corvette Club** was honored on April 2, 2008, by the Maryland House of Delegates with House Resolution 326. The presentation, made by Delegate Nancy Stocksdale on the steps of the State House, was accepted by FSCC President Wyatt Greenwalt, along with a group of club members. As well, Governor Martin O'Malley recognized the Club's work by issuing a Governor's Citation.

Possibly best known for its Ocean City Corvette Weekend, held each year in Ocean City, MD, the Club uses the proceeds from that event to support both its primary charity, the Spina Bifida Association of Maryland, as well as other local charities, including, most recently, the USO branch at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport and the Therapeutic & Recreational Riding Center (TRRC) in Glenwood, MD. This October will mark the twenty-second consecutive year for the Ocean City event, which last year hosted over 700 Corvettes. Information on this year's Ocean City Weekend will be posted on the Club's website (www.freestatecorvette.com) in June.



FIGURE 1

Front Row: Delegate Nancy Stockdale (2nd from left), Paulette Greenwalt (3rd from left), FSCC President Wyatt Greenwalt (4th from left)



FIGURE 2

Paulette Greenwalt, Governor Martin O'Malley, FSCC President Wyatt Greenwalt and Suzi Schmitz

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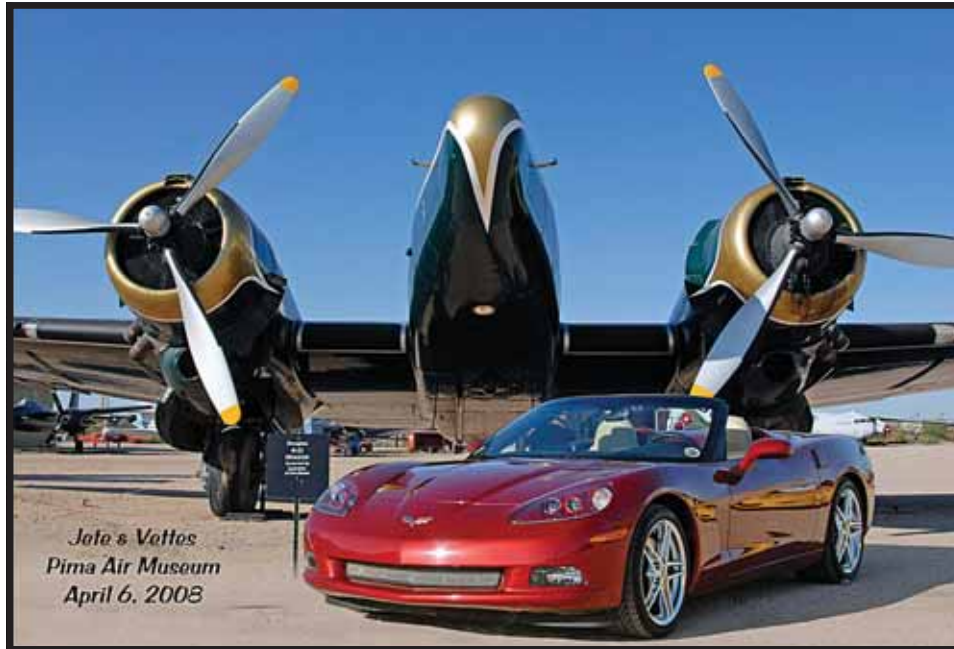


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ABOUT THE BACK COVER



The sixth annual Jets and Vets display was held at the Pima Air Museum on April 6, 2008. The Pima Air Museum is one of the largest air and space museums in the world where over 275 air and space craft can be seen, including many of the most historically significant and technically advanced craft ever produced from the United States and around the world.

As we do every year, we started by having pictures taken of all of our Corvettes by one of the aircraft on display. This year, it was a beautifully refurbished Douglas B-23 Dragon (picture 2008 Corvette).

After the pictures, our Corvettes were put on display inside the hanger that housed the SR-71 Blackbird. This plane was introduced in 1966 and still remains the world's fastest and highest-flying operational manned aircraft. At a top speed of 2,242 mph and an altitude of 80,000 feet, it can survey 100,000 square miles per hour. In addition, it was able to take a picture of a car license plate from this altitude. Two Corvette clubs participate in this annual event, the Sonoran Desert Corvettes, Tucson and The Tucson Corvette club.

Every year, it's a real treat for the general public to see some of the fastest cars on the road mixed in with the fastest aircraft. The picture shown below shows some of the Corvettes with the SR-71 Blackbird.

Article and pictures submitted by Bob Koblewski, Sonoran Desert Corvettes.



2007 TOP 15 MEN COMPETITORS

1 Ray Meesseman

Michigan Autocross Group - Michigan Region

Just after Convention, I asked Sharon what she thought about running all out for a number. I knew what the answer would be. It's the same one I get when I ask to go to any event: "Sure, why not."



So after two (2) half shafts, two (2) clutches, one (1) rear end carrier, one (1) pinion yoke, one (1) alternator, one (1) rear spring, one (1) cracked header pipe, one (1) rear shock, one (1) fan relay, one (1) drive shaft, one (1) water pump seal, four (4) brake rotors, six (6) sets of brake pads, 24 race tires, 412 gallons of 110 octane fuel, 2,117 gallons of diesel fuel, 102 hours on engine clock, 49 days at events, 282 events and 2,909 points, I ended up here.

Thanks to Dave Fulks, Chris Scafero, Jack Alexander, Dave Johnson, John & Debbie Haskell, Bob Hall, Jack & Janet Wilson, Tom Holland and Corky Key for lending the use of their car to me and/or Sharon.

To Betty and Don Parks, (as Roger M. would say...) "You're the BEST!"

Our plans for the future? To continue racing, seeing old friends and making new ones.

Remember, "Let's not ask what NCCC can do for us, but what can we do for NCCC."

Lakeland, FL, Xenia, OH and Roebing Road Raceway in Georgia. Really enjoyed the week before Thanksgiving relaxing on Tybee Island, GA!

If I had it to do all over again, I would move the finish line farther away!

My plans for the future? Keep on keeping on!

3

Jack Alexander

TireTown CC - East Ohio Region

I've been an NCCC member since September 1971 when I joined the Gadsden Corvette Club and NCCC/Southeast Region just a month after receiving my brand new white Corvette. I was a charter member of Corvette Birmingham in 1972. Being a vagabond helicopter pilot, I moved around but was a long-time member of the San Guacamole Race Team of the San Jacinto Corvette Club, before moving to the Midwest and East Ohio Region.

I've been competing since my first experience with NCCC as a waxer with my 1972 big block coupe, that is, until I met those crazy racers from "Corvette Atlanta" who adopted me and convinced me that a big block was for racing, not showing.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007: My friends old and new and, of course, making a little noise... "WHO WANTS A QUIET RACE CAR?"

If I had it to do all over again, I would be born rich instead of _____! Oh, well, it's hard when you miss out on it all.

My plans for the future? Who knows? Even old racecars and drivers can compete until???

4

Patrick Wrigley

Fort Wayne CC - Indiana Region

I've been an NCCC member since 2002.

I've been competing since 2003.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007: Sharing the enjoyment of NCCC and autocrossing with Peggy Marschand.

My plans for the future? To keep spending too much every month on gasoline, to keep having my car fixed and to keep enjoying the people and experiences of NCCC.



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Don Parks

Corvette Atlanta - Southeast Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1974

I've been competing since 1974

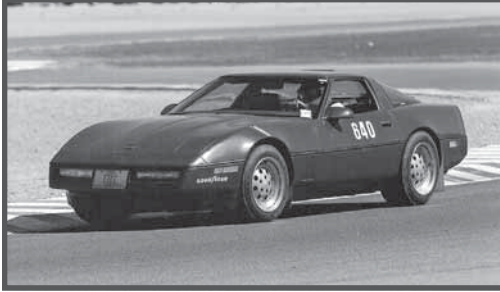
What I enjoyed most about competing in

2007 was ... duh ... anywhere there would likely be a tail-gate party after the events! Grissom & Putnam Park Road Course in Indiana for example. I also enjoyed autocrosses in places like Sanford, NC,



5 **Geoff Gott** TireTown CC – East Ohio Region

I have been racing a Corvette for 30 years starting in 1977 with a '67 tri carb convertible, then moving on to an '87 Z51 coupe. In 1993, I bought a tow vehicle and a car hauler, and have been out looking for the fun speed events ever since.



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

In 2008, my plan is to seek out the party racing wherever it can be found.

6 **Jack Wilson** Northern Illinois CC - Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1991.

I've been competing since 1991.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007 was Janet and I traveling together down new roads to repeat events and new roads to new events across this beautiful country. We looked forward to renewing old friendships and making new ones.

If I had it to do all over again, it's hard to change the opportunity to enjoy life, a hobby, and your companion all at the same time.

My plans for the future? To keep living the dream.



7 **Paul Haack** Windy City Corvettes - Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 2000.

I've been competing since 2005.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007 was the fact that I was fortunate to be able to compete in a wide variety of NCCC events

with others that share the same passion for Corvettes. Through these events, I have met so many interesting people and have made many new friendships all over the country.

If I had it to do all over again, I would make sure we had enough race tires to last the entire season! And I would adjust our travel schedule so we don't spend our wedding anniversary having dinner in a Truck Stop while on the road traveling between events!

My plans for the future? To continue to compete in as many regional and national events as I possibly can and support the NCCC competition program as the Midwest Region RCD.



8 **Neil Fox** Tejas Vettes - Southwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 2000.

I've been competing since 2000.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007: Have you ever gone into a turn at a speed that you thought might be too

much? Only to start drifting, you apply more power and it becomes the perfect turn! And you think OH MY GOD THAT WAS AWESOME! That's why I race. Even if I only get that feeling once in a weekend it is worth it. The hard work of loading and unloading the car, changing tires, fixing problems on the car and just traveling to the event is the soft prelude to the excitement of racing and competing against friends. My wife, Eileen and I have driven our '96 Purple LT1 for 7 seasons and thoroughly enjoyed every minute. There were a few problems along the way but with the support of our Tejas club members and our competitors we were able to have a great 2007.

If I had it to do all over again, I would go to more events!

My plans for the future? Get more horsepower! Eileen and I now have a 2004 Commemorative Z06 that we will campaign for the next



few years. Dean and Brenda Lackey graciously allowed us to "borrow" their Z06 a couple times during the 2007 season when our car lost a rear-end and also when it blew out the transmission AND I am stuck on HORSEPOWER! Now I just have to learn how to shift and handle all of the power...definitely something to look forward to.

age fifty. I would brake after the long straight at Nelson Ledges.

My plans for the future? I hope to compete as long as my health and money allow. With record gas prices, aging parents, and major surgery for my wife scheduled for late July/early August, 2008 will probably be limited.

9 *Johnny Haskell* Carolina Corvettes - Carolina Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1998.

I've been competing since 1998.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007: I enjoy the people and the speed.

If I had it to do all over again, I would still be running my first car and be completely retired on the money I have spent on so many cars since...but then again, I'd do it again. so I guess I wouldn't really change anything.

My plans for the future? We plan to run more high speed stuff and finish the show car that's been apart for years...



13 *Johnny Gann* Oklahoma City CC - Southwest Region

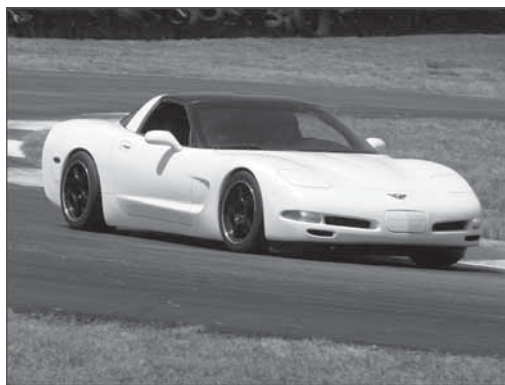
I've been an NCCC member since 2004.

I've been competing 2004.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007 was racing Neil Fox for the Southwest Region Points Championship, as well as meeting and racing a lot of great Corvette enthusiasts!

If I had it to do all over again, I would not change a thing. I had a total blast racing last year. Try it; you'll love it!

My plans for the future? Race as much as I can and as hard as I can. Oh, and win more races.



10 *Mike Edmondson* West Ohio Region

11 *Joe Tooley* Florida Region

12 *Robert Hall* Flint CC - Michigan Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1995.

I've been competing since 2000.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007 were renewing old friendships, making new ones, traveling to different states and competing on new courses.

If I had it to do all over again, I would definitely start racing before



14 *Richard Yanko* Nashville CC - Southeast Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1978.

I've been competing since 1978.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007 was the trip to Savannah at Thanksgiving for the high speed event at Roebbling Road. The weather was good, the practice day was fun, the food and scenery in Savannah is always enjoyable and we got to see a lot of friends prior to the Christmas Holiday.

If I had it to do all over again, the only thing I might have changed is getting a dedicated race car earlier. This is my family and I enjoy the activities all over the country.

My plans for the future? I plan to continue doing what I have done. Sometimes it's best not to change a good thing.



15**Jim Thomas**

Northern Illinois CC - Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1994.

I've been competing since 1995.

What I enjoyed most about competing in 2007 was the thrill of pushing a great sports car to its limits and sometimes beyond, along with the camaraderie, seeing old friends and meeting new ones.



If I had it to do all over again, I would stop running into things that don't move.

My plans for the future? I've been retired for a year now and wish I should have done this forty years ago. I'll be doing the usual house and yard duties. I plan on more fishing and golfing and as much autocrossing as the economy will allow.

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An event happened recently that I wanted to share with everyone, because I think it was probably one of the most profound moments in my NCCC career. As you know, a long time supporter of the NCCC, Karen Jenkins past away recently. She had asked her husband Walt (from the Colorado Springs Corvette Club and the 2009 Convention Chair) if she could have a Corvette Caravan at her funeral. Walt put this information out to the Regional NCCC Officers and we publicized it to the Region's clubs wanting to make sure that we fulfilled her last request.

Upon the day of the funeral, I was thinking that we might get about 30 cars at the event and that would be a pretty good showing for a person so active in the Region. When Nancy and I arrived at the church after a 55-mile drive, we pulled into the designated lot and more and more cars were showing up by the minute, with Colorado State Patrol and Colorado Springs Police in attendance. By the appointed time, 105 Corvettes had shown up from five states (as far away as St. Louis, 800 miles) with their members in all of their club colors to pay tribute to Karen. I had only one thought and the sentiment was shared by the hundreds of folks there, "WOW!"

We all formed up behind the State Patrol and began a "parade lap" around the church past Walt and the whole Jenkins family in memory of Karen, a very active racer in the autocross community. As we all paraded past, I couldn't help but feel the energy and love that was being given freely with this multi-region, multi-club group who was there for only one reason. Funerals are usually a time for black dress. The service was filled with every manner of bright club shirts with several club members speaking of very emotional and fond memories. I don't believe that there were many folks there who weren't touched by this, but it wasn't even close to being over.

Once we finished the service, it was time for the massive procession to the cemetery, being lead by Colorado State Patrol and 10 of Colorado Springs finest police officers. The procession was over a mile and half long...Corvettes as far as the eyes could see! Bystanders wondered if the president was there by the length of the procession and the quantity of police escort.

Once the full-hour long, 20 mile, procession was parked at the cemetery, the biggest surprise of the day was the State Patrol leading, lights and siren blaring, a lone yellow Z06 towing a shiny silver tire trailer driven by John Ames, with the Karen's casket in the back adorned by flowers and her autocross helmet. I thought I was going to make it without crying until I saw this scene with about 300 of my closest 'family' in attendance and suddenly knew it wasn't possible. We didn't know it was going to happen and we certainly weren't prepared for the affect that this had on each and every member of the procession, not to mention the impact on the Jenkins family.

This had confirmed the tone for what started as a very surprising day and continued to be one of the most moving experiences of my life, all made possible by membership in THIS organization. Karen will be missed greatly, but never forgotten.

I truly believe that the people who have never experienced this are missing out on one of the most fulfilling and gratifying organizations that I have ever been involved in, not to mention the other more tangible benefits which non-NCCC clubs will never be able to match. You get significantly more from the NCCC than insurance and this just proves it.

I belong to several other organizations that give much less for much more money, but none compare to the tangible and intangible benefits that I receive from my membership and active participation in the National Council of Corvette Clubs, my club, and my friends which are my extended family!

I encourage you to get active in YOUR organization and participate as much as you can. We will all be better because of it. Save the wave.

John Maxwell, Rocky Mountain Region RE

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Hello Fellow Corvetters!

As I write this, the hot, humid days of summer are upon us and the competition season is in full swing. Here in the Carolinas, as in several years past, we hosted the 3 day Memorial Day weekend with 21 events at Sanford, North Carolina. As in the past, the success was due in large part to all those workers who volunteered to "help" in the true spirit of our NCCC family. Our thanks to all who helped make our weekend fun for everyone. In spite of outrageous fuel prices, we had participants from Florida, Tennessee, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Colorado, Texas, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Georgia, as well as the Carolinas, many of whom have been to all seven Annual Hot Asphalt Events. It seems that each year our little corvette family gets together, not only to compete on the course, but also to share meals and swap stories.

By the time you read this, the Carolina Region will also have hosted concours and peoples choice car shows and a 14 event weekend in Greenville, NC and another 14 event weekend in Greenville SC, and rallyes in Shelby, NC, with more events set up for the fall. Remember, it is more fun to participate in some activity with other corvettes and owners to share the experience. Check the NCCC web site and join us.

Margaret Bohannon, Carolina Region RE

The region is moving along at a pace keeping with all of the outside influences from the shores of Saudi Arabia to the frozen tundra...at this moment the real feel is \$3.89 and climbing. Makes for more diet food to offset the increases. lol

In the last issue, I meant to thank all of the folks who have helped the Region by donating materials, certificates and even

just plain old help. There are many I have received items from over the years. During 2007 and 2008, in no special order, they are KUMHO tires - Rudy Consolacion; ZIP Products - Andy Young and Justin Abbot; Vette Brakes Products - Gary Gonzales; Carolina Clutch - Tom Haus; Kevin Whitaker Chevrolet - Kevin Whitaker and Donnie Wagner; Goodyear Tires - John Taube in the past, Bridgestone-Firestone - Rod Stotsenburg, Cowart Awards - Leanne Long.

Summertime and the livin' is easy, right? This year we are going to really take it easy...with four Fun Rallyes scheduled on the same day in July! Can only picture the last Rallye in this Region, many, many moons ago. Will be fun, I am sure.

These type of events are much more public and expose NCCC and the local Clubs to the population more than High Speed and Autocross events. We need the exposure to build our membership, so if you have any idea of putting on a Rallye, just go ahead and do it.

That's all folks!

Pete Dawley, Carolina Region RCD

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EAST REGION EVENT SCHEDULE -- 2008

DATE	EVENT	HOST CLUB
8/2	REGION MEETING	
8/10	3 AutoX	Central PA CC/Lancaster Cty CC
8/16	3 PC Concours	Chesapeake CC
8/17	2 Rallyes	Classic Club of Maryland
8/23	1 Concours	York County CC
9/7	1 PC Concours	Corvette Annapolis
9/20	1 Funkhana	Corvette Annapolis
9/20	1 PC Concours	Cumberland Valley CC
9/20	1 Funkhana	G-Burg Vettes
9/21	1 PC Concours	CC of America
9/21	1 Drags	CC of America
9/21	1 AutoX	Central PA CC
9/21	1 AutoX	Lancaster County CC
9/21	1 Concours	Pocono Mountains CC
9/21	4 PC Concours	Pocono Mountains CC
9/27	1 PC Concours	Allentown Area CC
9/28	2 AutoX	Tri-County Vettes
10/4	3 PCC/2 Rallyes	Free State CC
10/11	REGION MEETING	
10/12	2 PC Concours	Classic Club of Maryland
10/18	1 HS	Cornerstone CC of Carroll County
10/18	1 PC Concours	Cumberland Valley CC
10/18	6 HS	Northern VA CC
10/19	7 HS	Hampton Roads CC
10/19	1 PC Concours	York County CC
10/25	2 Rallyes	G-Burg Vettes
10/26	1 Rallye	Central PA CC
10/26	1 PC Concours	Lancaster County CC
11/1	3 Rallyes	Pocono Mountains CC
11/2	3 PC Concours	Keystone State CC
12/6	REGION MEETING	

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EAST OHIO REGION EVENT SCHEDULE -- 2008

DATE	EVENT	HOST CLUB
8/2	5 LS	Competition CC
8/3	3 LS	CC of W. Virginia
8/9	2 Car shows	Blennerhasset CC
8/10	4 Car shows	Central W. Virginia
8/17	7 Car shows	Lake Shore CC
8/23	5 Car shows	Mound City CC
8/24	2 Rallyes	Mound City CC
9/1	3 HS @ Nelson Ledges	Corvette Cleveland/CC of W. Virginia
9/7	3 Rallyes	Medina CC
9/21	2 Car shows	Buckeye CC
9/27-28	8 LS	Tiretown CC/Mid-Ohio CC
10/4	3 LS	Tiretown CC
10/5	3 LS	Tiretown CC/Corvette Canton
10/11	REGION MEETING -- Canton, OH	
10/18-19	5 Rallyes	Kanawha Valley CC
10/26	3 Rallyes	Central W. Virginia CC
11/1	2 Rallyes	Competition Corvettes
12/6	REGION MEETING -- Canton, OH	

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What have you done for NCCC?

We have been asking each other what does NCCC do for us and what do we get out of NCCC? Well I'm asking what are we doing for our own organization? We need to take care of our own house and make an effort to promote and make NCCC a priority when we get out and mix with other Corvette owners. Talk up NCCC and let your fellow Corvette owners know that NCCC is more than just a great place to get insurance for your club. NCCC is about meeting fellow Corvette enthusiasts talking about our favorite past times, CORVETTES and participating in the activities of your choice, whether it be Auto Crossing, Drag Racing, Concours, Rallies or other social outings. Whichever is your favorite event, you will meet new and old friends at each outing. This is what the Corvette hobby and NCCC is all about, FRIENDSHIP!!!

Somehow friendship turns in to an extended family. I know that is true for Sandy & Me. We love our car hobby and the friends it brings to us!!!

Please take the time when you meet new Corvette friends and start talking Vettes and clubs, to let them know that you and your club are members of a national organization called NCCC and explain what NCCC is and the benefits it awards you and your club.

If I can be of help to any club in the FL Region please let me know. The offer still stands if any club wants me to attend their meeting and talk on any subject. Just let me know and I will schedule it in at your request.

Glenn Hutchinson, Florida Region RE

FLORIDA REGION EVENT SCHEDULE -- 2008			
DATE	EVENT	HOST CLUB	LOCATION
8/16	LS		St. Augustine, FL
9/21		REGION MEETING -- Orlando, FL	
9/27	LS		St. Augustine, FL
10/25-26	14 LS		Brooksville, FL
11/22-23	14 LS		Brooksville, FL
11/29-30	10 HS	Corvette Atlanta / N. FL. Corvette Assn.	Roebbling Rd
12/13-14	14 LS	Cypress Garden CC	Lakeland, FL
12/21		REGION MEETING -- Orlando, FL	

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Hi from the now thawed-out people of the Indiana Region. One week we were having snowstorms and the next spring rains and the start of tornado season, I mean, Corvette Season. The kind folks from the Hoosier Corvette Club out of Indianapolis started our Corvette season with "The Spring Fling" which was at the Ray Skillman Museum for a cook out, car show, fun and just plain old car talk. The next party of the season was a 14-event weekend with our Regional Banquet on a Saturday night. Now for all those racers, don't think you missed 14-low speeds, because this was 14 poker rallyes over a Saturday and Sunday. Our next event was for the racers: The Indiana Region and West Ohio Region had their annual high speed events at Putnam Park Raceway. Just prior to going to Convention, a 14 low speed event weekend was held at the Tire Rack in South Bend with the Michigan Region.

Now who can say we haven't got something for everyone. The Indiana Region will be having three more 14 low speed event weekends to be held at Grissom Air Base this year along

with two seven-event weekends, one in Anderson and one in South Bend. A Concours in Evansville on the weekend of July 26th is always a lot of fun, because the Tri State Corvette Club will not only put on a great Concours but also have a great time planned for everyone. Evansville is in the beautiful Ohio River area, not a real easy place to get to, but well worth the trip. Indiana has long finished up their year with an October cook out in the Brown County State Park the first weekend of October and then end the year with a night rallye on Saturday along with 13 speed events on Saturday and Sunday the last weekend of October.

Tally it up: three Region-wide parties, one at a museum and one in beautiful Brown County State park just as the trees are beginning to change colors, poker rallyes, gimmick rallyes, low speed events, high speed events, car shows and concours. What more can a Corvette owner ask for?

Mary Bellamy, Indiana Region RE

INDIANA REGION EVENT SCHEDULE -- 2008			
DATE	EVENT	HOST CLUB	LOCATION
8/2-3	14 LS	Circle City CC / Corvette Indy	Fishers, IN
8/9-10	7 LS	Michiana CC	Tire Rack
8/23-24	14 LS	Fort Wayne CC / CC of Indiana	Grissom AFB
9/27-28	14 LS	Indiana Region	Grissom AFB
11/1-2	5 LS/2 Rallyes	Glass Menagerie CC	Grissom AFB
11/1-2	7 LS	Tri-State CC	Grissom AFB

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Michigan Region would like to thank the Flint Corvette Club, under the leadership of JIM HARRIS, for hosting our annual banquet. Saturday afternoon started out with a walking rallye chaired by BARB HARRIS, PAT FULKS and the Chamber of Commerce of Frankenmuth, MI, known for the largest Christmas store. The banquet was outstanding once again. DANNY KELLERMEYER has been putting together DVD's of all the top competitors for the past several years. Not only does Danny put together the DVD, he also finds sponsor money for the door prizes and the little extras he finds for the members who attend the banquet. One of the items Danny found for our top overall competitors was Jones Beverage, who furnished a case of soda with the photo and car on the bottles. Congratulations to Men's winner, RAY MEESSEMAN; and to BARB BUSH and SHARON MEESSEMAN who tied for Ladies' winner.

Would like to thank our sponsors: Graff Chevrolet, Les Stanford Chevrolet, Cauley Chevrolet, Jones Beverage, Drago Corvette Parts & Service, Mid America Motorworks, D J Racing, Hoosier Tires, GM Parts Performance, Hawks Chevrolet and Corvette Central. A special thanks goes to our Michigan Region Corvette clubs for their donations.

Danny arranged for our guest speaker, Mr Tony Delorenzo, who has been racing Corvettes for many years. Just a little note on Danny's other talents: he has been a crew chief for the Rolex 24-hour series. Plus he has been a great help to members giving them advice on their Corvettes.

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Bill Siebel, Michigan Region RE

New ad rates went into effect with the Winter 2008 issue.
Please access the NCCC web site, corvettesnccc.org, for a copy of the ad rates and specs.
However, a 15% discount will be given to any sponsor making a one-time purchase of four (4) ads, either full page or half page, full color or black/white.

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Hello everyone,

We hope you're having a great summer enjoying all of your club activities and Midwest Region activities. As you read this, we're deep into this summer's list of 150+ events in the Midwest Region and have plenty of opportunities to rallye, autocross or show off your car at the various car shows. Don't forget to check out our sanction event schedule at MWRegion.com. As some of you know, I may be leaving the region due to a work transfer and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for making the Midwest Region the best one in NCCC! It's the great people behind the scenes who make things work so well at each event,

so please take the time to appreciate the hard work everyone puts in so everyone can enjoy each event. I also want to thank everyone for making the RE's job so rewarding and know that we have a couple of great candidates looking to take over next year. I've made a lot of great friends over the past few years as RE and hope to see everyone at the governors' meetings even if we move. Remember, you only get out of life what you put into it, so get out there and have fun!!!

Save the wave,
Calvin Camp, Midwest Region RE

MIDWEST REGION EVENT SCHEDULE -- 2008

DATE	EVENT	HOST CLUB	LOCATION
8/2	1 PC Concours	N. Illinois CC	Machesney Park, IL
8/3	1 PC Concours	Windy City Corvettes	Lisle, IL
8/10	7 LS	River City Corvettes	West Salem, WI
8/16	2 Rallyes	Sunburst CC	Crystal Lake, IL
8/23	4 Rallyes	Corvettes of Minnesota	Rosemount, MN
8/24	3 LS	Corvettes of Minnesota	Rosemount, MN
8/24	1 Concours/1 PCC	Badger State Vettes	West Allis, WI
8/30-31	6 LS	NICC/N. Rays/Windy City	South Bend, IN
9/6	2 Concours/1 PCC	Sunburst CC	South Bend, IN
9/6	6 LS	Little Egypt CC	Centralia, IL
9/13	REGION MEETING		St. Louis, MO
9/20	4 Rallyes	Minnesota Renegades	Maplewood, MN
9/28	7 LS	Glass Favorites Corvettes	Galesburg, IL
10/4-5	MWR CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES		
10/11-12	7 LS	Route 66 CC	Wentzville, MO
10/18	7 LS	Land of Lincoln Corvettes	South Bend, IN
10/26	1 Rallye	Windy City Corvettes	Crystal Lake, IL
11/8	REGION MEETING		St. Louis, MO

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We in the Northeast have had a miserable spring with temperatures staying in the 40's to 50's until early June, but at least the snow has melted and it has given the waxers and shiners a chance to spruce up their Corvettes while sitting in the garage. All of a sudden, we are in the 90's and everybody is out cruising, racing, picnicking and partying. The first event of the year was opening day at the famous Watkins Glen racetrack. The charity event brought hundreds of Corvettes and everything else from Ferraris to Neons. Corvettes were featured and given their own heats to run the track 3 or 4 laps at a time at speed, behind the pace car. There is nothing more exciting than running the Glen and then flying by the straight away in front of the Grandstand at 120 MPH., except maybe the cold beer and burgers after the race event.

There are many sanctioned events scheduled for this year in the Northeast Region. Destiny Corvette Club has seven events scheduled; Tri Vettes has their seven scheduled at Edinburge, although it would be nice to run their events on one day instead of split into two days. Southern Tier Corvette Club is scheduling seven events this year, so far un-announced where and when. The Buffalo club is having a sanctioned event, and The Adirondack CC has its famous event on top of that mountain again. Last year was as close as any club has come to dethroning the Destiny CC (NE Champions the last six years) from the NE points championship, and Southern Tier will try again this year to keep it close. Southern Tier club members actually won the men's and ladies' 1st place trophies for 2007. All of the clubs that race would love to see more NCCC clubs get into auto-crossing and there certainly are lots of volunteers to help schedule and organize those events.

Of course, there are lots of social events this year, too. The

Syracuse Corvette Club will be celebrating their 40th anniversary as an NCCC club, and they expect to break attendance records for Vettes At The Beach again this year, the largest Corvette show in the Northeast after Carlisle. Last year, the NE Region Corvettes at Woodstock event drew many Corvettes from many states and a 2nd "Woodstock" event is being scheduled for 2009.

There are so many social events being held around the Region that it is impossible to mention them all, and I would like to ask the clubs to please e-mail their event information or event reports to me, so they can be reported here in *Blue Bars*. Many times, clubs have an association with other clubs either thru NCCC or just socially and invite these clubs to join them. I would suggest that if you are one of these clubs doing this that it might be Corvette friendly to invite all the clubs in your area to participate with you, regardless of association.

Finally, I would like to mention an insurance program that one of the largest Corvette parts suppliers has available to NCCC clubs. I have looked at that program and, in my opinion, I have found it restrictive and lacking in many aspects of coverage. There is no better insurance than that offered by K & K Insurance thru your affiliation with NCCC, along with all the other benefits of being an NCCC member. Where can you find or buy ONE MILLION DOLLARS of liability coverage for every club event you attend all year for under \$50.00? Hey, after all, we're not driving a Neon.

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Regional News

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It has been a good summer with lots of Corvette events to attend. We have had some great events already, but there are still more upcoming. The Region web site has all the latest information about things going on in the Rocky Mountain Region. The address for the site is www.rmnrccc.org and it is also linked to National's web site. Let one of the region officers

know if there is anything else you think should be on our web page.

If there is anything that I can help with please contact me.

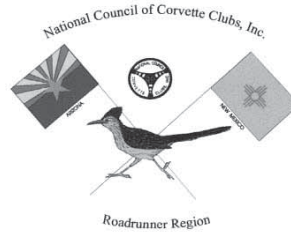
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ROCKY MTN 2008 EVENT SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT	HOST CLUB	CONTACT	
9/TBD	Dealer PC Show	Down the Road Corvettes	303-464-4664	Sanctioned
9/12-13	National Governors' Meeting - St. Louis, MO			
9/21	Regional Governors' Meeting (Conference call mtg) - 303-709-9388			
9/28	2 LS	Down the Road Corvettes	303-465-4664	Sanctioned
10/4	2 LS	Colorado Springs CC	719-302-5472	Sanctioned
10/5	Open Track Practice (am)	Denver Corvette Assn	303-739-9515	Non-Sanctioned
10/5	HS Time Trial (pm), Pueblo	Denver Corvette Assn	303-739-9515	Sanctioned
10/12	3 LS	Colorado West CC	970-434-5120	Sanctioned
10/18	Regional Governors' Meeting - 303-709-9388			
10/19	All Hallows Eve Rallye	Top of the Rockies Corvette Assn.	303-532-7619	Sanctioned
11/2	Sno-Flake Rallye	Colorado Springs CC	719-302-5472	Sanctioned
11/7-8	National Governors' Meeting - St. Louis, MO			
11/8	9 Shares & Vets Parade	Colorado CC	970-724-3506	Non-Sanctioned
11/22	Sno Big Deal PC Shows	Down the Road Corvettes	303-464-4664	Sanctioned
11/23	Fun Rallyes	Denver Corvette Assn.	303-781-4896	Sanctioned

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With the Council's 50th Anniversary arriving next year, we all need to continue promoting its benefits so that we can be ready for the next 50!

We have a 'family' and it's a shame that more Corvette owners don't realize this and join us.

I've been a Corvette owner for over 40 years and was bringing my daughter to events before she could walk. Through our involvement with 'Corvetters,' we have made lasting friendships that are priceless!!

Jim Gray, Roadrunner Region RE

The 2008 competition year is nearing halfway as I write this. With May drawing to a close and 100+ temperatures expected daily for the next four months, speed events are done until the Labor Day weekend. To date, 7 Roadrunner clubs have held 3 Gimmick and 2 Chance Rallyes, 1 Concours, 13 Autocrosses, 2 Peoples Choice shows, and 1 Bracket Drags. Events were held in Tucson, Sierra Vista, Tucson, Cottonwood, Scottsdale, and Phoenix.

The summer will see Roadrunner members escaping the heat to enjoy the El Paso Corvette Club's Ruidoso NM weekend with a PC show, 2 TSD Rallyes, and 4 Chance Rallyes. The 3rd Quarter RR Governor's Meeting will be in Ruidoso NM too.

Labor Day will see more clubs returning to action with Desert Corvette Ass'n holding a PC, a Concours, and 2 Chance Rallyes in Scottsdale; and Thunder Vette Set holding a PC, Chance Rallye, and 2 autocrosses in Sierra Vista. October will feature a PC and 6 Chance Rallyes in Tombstone by Corvette Motorsports; Verde Valley Vettes will hold a PC and 4 Chance Rallyes in Cottonwood; and AZ Competition Corvettes will be holding 3 Autocrosses in Phoenix.

November will feature the Corvette Club of Arizona's Thorobred thunder PC show along with the 4th Qtr region meeting on the 1st and AZ Competition Corvettes is holding multiple autocrosses in Phoenix.

I want to congratulate Corvette Motorsports members Bennie Ellis and Chet Willis on their fantastic finishes in the annual Nevada

Open Road Challenge May 18, 2008. Chet's blown C5 won the 135 MPH class and Bennie won the 150 MPH class in his new Z06. Think about this – a 90- mile run on a public highway through high desert and mountains. Got it? Chet's average speed was 135.0098 and Bennie's average speed was 150.0005. Bennie was only 0.007 seconds off a perfect time for running the 90 miles at exactly 150 miles per hour. Amazing!!!

Roadrunner Region Points through May 2008 are:

RR REGION 2008 POINTS STANDINGS		
Club		Points
1	Tucson CC	1008
2	AZ Competition Corvettes	682
3	Thunder Vette Set	467
4	CC of AZ	458
Men		
1	Paul Hamersly	127
2	Wallace Ricks	99
3	Richard Gray	96
4	Kim Kemper	82
5	Jim Enriquez	76
Ladies		
1	Debi Hamersly	130
2	Kat Kemper	36
3	Sharon McCaul	34
4	Barb Shaw	28
5	Diane Cox	26

*RCD Challenge for the balance of the year -:
– bring a new Corvetter to the next event!!*

The full 2008 event schedule is available at:
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People ask me from time to time, what is NCCC all about? I respond by saying, "It is one very large family." Think of your immediate family, with your in-laws, then cousins and all their related families.

Fifty-five years ago in June of 1953, a father with the initials, GM, had a child born, who was named Corvette. During the next few years, this child began to have more and more friends and all of them liked what they'd seen and heard and enjoyed going out to play with him. Each time he would play hard, even more people would become his friend, and that friend would tell someone else. Soon this family of friends would grow to numbers in the thousands and would need some direction to grow without having squabbles. At this time, some people had the forethought to sit down and set some family guidelines to try to keep peace within the family. These people called it the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

Moses sat down and chiseled out the 10 Commandments and NCCC sat down and put a rulebook together for the family to abide by. As in all families, some people chose not to follow the rules and are looked down upon within the family. How many of you know the Black Sheep??

As a kid growing up, we would go to Chicago, Detroit, and Port Huron to visit my aunts, uncles, and cousins. When we arrived, they would take me to their friend to let them hear me talk. They said I had an accent. I would disagree, and tell them that they talked funny! Now when I go to an event, it is the exact same thing. They still talk Funny, but we still hug and shake hands as a family will do.

One of the better programs put together by NCCC was a yearly family reunion. It is called CONVENTION!!! During this week, we get to see long-lost family members and see what they have been doing since we last talked with them and their families.

On club meeting night, I feel as if I am with my sisters and brothers. Attending events, I feel like visiting with a cousin and their family and all of us going out to play.

268 Cousins, 19,000 Children, Priceless!!!

John McGee, Southeast Region RE

SOUTHEAST REGION EVENT SCHEDULE -- 2008			
DATE	EVENT	HOST CLUB	LOCATION
11/1-2	14 LS		Huntsville, AL
11/29-30	10 HS	Corvette Atlanta/N. FL Corvette Assn	Roebing Road
12/6	14 LS		Huntsville, LA

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The *Blue Bars* editor has asked all of us to have an article to her by June 1st. Convention 2008 in Tulsa will be 20 days later, which ties into what we were asked to write about in this Regional Executive section: **What we believe in NCCC?**

To me the friendship is like no other. Although you may only see your extended family on racing weekends or at club meetings, it is that bond that allows you to go and do what you like best. It could be caravanning, it could be getting a group together on a trip, it could be waxing and showing your car, or it could be racing. What, you think it is hot? Nah, can't be in Texas in the middle of July or August where the temperature is 120 on the asphalt. But there we are, having fun, trying to keep cool and making sure that everyone else is doing okay. That is what NCCC members do best, working together to have a good time and looking out for each other. We have members who do not race, but let something break down on your Corvette and they are right there trying to help get it fixed, so you can be ready for the next autocross. You break down on the side of the road

and it looks like a caravan of tow vehicles and Corvettes have stopped and what they are doing: trying to help you out. Who else would do this for you?

I believe that the camaraderie is what keeps us going. Who wants to belong to an organization that doesn't care about you, who couldn't care less if you are a member and all they want are your dues. You are not a number in an organization, you are a member. There are members all over the United States. You can go to any part of the country and find someone who has a Corvette, could be a member of a Corvette club and you have found a friend.

So, what do I believe in NCCC? There will always be friendship, a way of life that we all enjoy and one day will look back and for those people who touched us, we remember with fond memories.

Bernyce Molenda, Southwest Region RE

SOUTHWEST REGION EVENT SCHEDULE -- 2008			
DATE	EVENT	HOST CLUB	LOCATION
8/16	4 LS	Brazos River CC	Mineral Wells, TX
8/23	7 LS	Tulsa Vette Set	Oklahoma City, OK
9/6-7	14 LS	CC Texas / North Texas Vettes	Sherman, TX
REGION MEETING -- Sherman, TX			
9/20-21	10 LS	Cowtown Vettes/ Brazos River C	TMS - Ft. Worth, TX
9/27-28	11 LS	San Jacinto CC / COAST	Houston, TX
10/4-5	11 LS	Longhorn CC / Cen-Tex CC	Waco, TX
REGION MEETING -- Waco, TX			
10/11-12	TBD	Tejas Vettes	TBA
10/25-26	TBD	Texas Outlaws CC	TBA

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Hope everyone is having a fun summer with your Corvettes! We are looking forward to Tulsa 2008 Convention. It will be over by the time you receive this report. I am sure those who attended will have had a great time. The lineup of parties and events, especially Route 66, sounds super. Thank you to all who worked hard to put this Convention on.

Next year the 2009 Convention will be in Colorado Springs. As always, we have a few new members sign up who want to join in the fun at Convention. We had an increase of 69 members since February giving us a total membership of 1562. I hope that with our Corvette season now under way, we will be able to add many more members. So, while you are out cruising, keep your eyes open for new prospects. Also, don't forget to sign up children to FCOA. We only increased our FCOA membership by two (2) taking into consideration that we had a decrease of six (6) who reached the age of 16. Take advantage of those 16 year olds and sign them up as new dependent members. It only costs \$10 per year. We do not want to lose them between the age of 15 (FCOA) and when they can be owning their own Corvette. You can find information on FCOA within this issue of *Blue Bars* or on the NCCC website. Also, the West Region gives out scholarships to members' children and grandchildren. Check out the West Region website for more information or contact me at my e-mail address. We will award the scholarships at our September West Region meeting. Applicants who win the National scholarship will not be eligible for the West Region scholarship; otherwise, there are no other requirements. If you have friends who belong to a Corvette Club that is not NCCC, explain the advantages of being an NCCC member (other than the insurance). You will find there are a lot of exciting events put on by other clubs in other Regions. It's also nice to know that when you are out traveling, you have a great resource of fellow "Vetters"

who will be more than happy to come to your aid if you are in need of anything. Join NCCC! Be a part of the camaraderie with people who have an enthusiasm for America's greatest sports car, the Corvette.

Happy Corvetting! Hope to see you out and about this summer.

PS: I am finishing my last year as WR RMD. WR by-laws have term limits of four (4) years. If you are interested in this job, please contact me at my e-mail address or phone number. Nominations have to be in to Kathy, our WR Secretary, by the September Governors' meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane Bowen, West Region RMD

May has come to a close with June poised to provide us with jam-packed events every weekend until Convention. Our autocrosses have been well attended and the Host Clubs have been doing an outstanding job.

An autocross school was put on by one of the regional clubs and was a huge success. We welcome all the new racers and hope they continue with their new skills. As we move into summer, we anticipate the competition of the high speed events and also the record drags. It's never too late to send in your request for sanctions; there's always room for more events.

We are always looking for new and exciting places to hold our events. If you are aware of any new venue in your area, please contact your club Governor. Your help would be well appreciated.

Jerry Koraleski, West Region RCD

Regional News

WEST COAST REGION (WC)



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If you are new to the Region, welcome to a great organization made up of members who know how to enjoy life and have fun with their Corvettes. New clubs bring new enthusiasm to the Region. The latest statistics shows our Region has slipped into third place. With 17,000 new Corvettes owners nation wide each year, we should be able to turn this around and be the largest region in NCCC.

The West Coast competition year is well underway and everyone should have had an opportunity to look at the new rulebook for 2008. The matrix of that is allowed for each of the classes is a quantum leap in clarity over the previous rulebook.

An April High Speed Certification School held at Spring Mountain was completed by: Charlie Perry, Scott Mergele, Dale Sharp, Jim Gregorio, John Tully, Kevin Jones, John Manfred, Paul Cope, Steve Stevens, Jay Stevens, Mike Baddley, Ray Stahl, Carl Corbett, Janet Curran, Ed Norris, Bud Norris and Dawnette Norris. Congratulations and welcome to the fast lane.

The CORVETTE ROULETTE event by Las Vegas Corvettes Association was well done and, as a region, we need to support events like this. We look forward to this event next year.

O. C. Vettes' car show is a first class presentation in Huntington Beach and, if you missed it this year, put it on your to-do list for next year. The partying and relaxation of Corvettes West Big Bear Bash this year was the talk of the Region. With their new format of picking what you want to do, made the event fit most people's pocketbook. By the time you read this, most of the Summer Corvette Events will be great memories with Corvette Super Sports and Millennium holding car shows in August. The fun doesn't stop because Summer is over. We still have a lot of great Fall events on the West Coast Regional calendar. If you have ideas for a single or weekend event, bring them up at the next Regional meeting, September 20th in Redlands.

Regional Points are posted on the West Coast website at

<http://www.ncccwcregion.org> and are updated as events results are submitted. Event results must be turned in using the new updated Excel Forms from the National NCCC website. Be sure to download the instructions also. This allows results to be directly imported into the NCCC point's database.

Let us get out and support the clubs that put on events.

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

As stated above, the Regional meeting will be September 20, 2008 in Redlands. Ask your club Governor about the location. All NCCC members are welcome to come to the meeting and participate in the running of your Region.

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

Save the Wave!

Your Regional Officers,

Allen Morris, RE

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Regional News

WEST OHIO REGION (WO)



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We just came back from spending the weekend at Putnam Park, and a good time was definitely had by all. As I walked around at the “bull session” on Saturday night, I started to notice how many of the people there I knew (starting to have trouble with that face-and-name at the same-time-thing; getting old sucks). Now we are talking about well over 100 people, covering probably 20 clubs, from at least six regions. I guess I’ll take that as proof that you really do get back from an organization, what you are willing to put in. There were groups from two clubs that don’t race at all; I don’t think that most of them had ever been on a track. They come over every year to work the corners and watch the race. Hey, it’s the best seat in the house! Of course, they participate in the Saturday night festivities, consisting of food, beer, stories, lies, and damn lies. NCCC is a family and, like any family, you drift apart if you don’t see each other now and then. So get out there and renew those friendships.

If it’s September, it must be time to go to Defiance for Labor Day weekend again. Hope to see all my friends there, too! October brings about Color Tour time. Troy is going to the Biltmore House in Asheville, NC, this year. I haven’t heard where Fountain City is going this year. It’s also regional election time; we are really looking for an RMD to give Pat a well-needed break.

Jerry Limpach, West Ohio RE

WEST OHIO REGION EVENT SCHEDULE -- 2008

DATE	EVENT	HOST CLUB	LOCATION
8/30	7 LS	Fountain City CC	Defiance, OH
8/31	7 LS	Glass City CC	Defiance, OH
10/11	5 LS	Corvette Troy/Greenville CC	Kilkare
10/12	5 LS	Corvette Troy/Greenville CC/Glass Society	Kilkare

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.

September 12-13, 2008
November 7-8, 2008
February 27-28, 2009
May 1-2, 2009
August 7-14, 2009 (TBA)
September 11-12, 2009
November 13-14, 2009

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FCOA MEMBER #3800 ~ STEVEN

When Theresa Luebcke handed Pat Kelly a FCOA membership application after the February, 2008 Governors Meeting she never suspected that her grandson would be assigned FCOA #3800! 4-year old Steven is in pre-kindergarten and his favorite color is red. Like most kids his age, he really dreads "time-out" but he likes to tell jokes and thinks he's very funny. He is very creative, always trying new and different angles. Steven loves to read and is good at making up stories especially at bedtime when he doesn't want to go to sleep. He loves trains with "Thomas" being his favorite. Steven likes car shows and is interested in all kinds of cars especially racecars. He really likes to watch Corvettes go by and can point them out from other cars.



Steven's grandparents have been members of St Louis Corvette Club for 4 years. Both are active in their club spending 3 years as Activity Directors and Rich is currently SLCC's Governor. They were married in 2000 on Missouri's Route 66 with 11 Corvettes in the wedding party. They are the proud owners of a Bloomington Gold Survivor 1973 coupe as well as a 2003 50th Anniversary convertible. Steven already has his eye on that convertible and is eagerly awaiting the day when it's parked in his garage! As you can



see from the picture above, Steven really likes his own 50th Anniversary Vette! And in a more recent photo it looks like he's seeking out a different kind of horsepower!

Congratulations, Steven, for being FCOA member #3800!



Future Corvette Owners Assn. Membership Application

NCCC's youth organization sponsored by Mid America Motorworks

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Membership Fee**

FCOA Membership is limited to family members of current NCCC members.

*****Applicants must be less than 16 years old.*****

Applicant: (ONE MEMBER PER APPLICATION; PLEASE PRINT)

FCOA Member Name: _____ boy girl

Birthdate: _____ — _____ — _____ Phone # _____

Address: _____

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

Interests/Hobbies: _____

Sponsor Information:

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

NCCC Member Name: _____

NCCC Membership #: _____ — _____ Club: _____

Model Year(s) of Corvette(s) now owned by Sponsoring NCCC member: _____

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

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ — _____

IS THIS A GIFT? (*Allow 30 days!*) YES NO SPECIFY OCCASION: _____

Send Form & Fee to: NCCC-FCOA, c/o Pat Kelly, S68 W17323 Rossmar Ct., Muskego WI 53150-8575

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

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NCCC Convention 2009

**Colorado Springs, Colorado
August 8-14, 2009**

The 50th Anniversary of the NCCC Convention brings with it a fantastic event in a spectacular location. Colorado Springs, Colorado, with all of its natural beauty and plenty of fantastic events for both racers and non-racers has been chosen for the NCCC's Golden Anniversary Convention. With the Rocky Mountain Region's history of NCCC Conventions in 1979, 1999 and now 2009, we've been a part of some great birthday parties and this one will be no exception!

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- Low Speed Autocross at World Arena
- Concours Car Show
- People's Choice Car Show
- Gold country tours
- Flying W Ranch evening for participants
- Garden of the Gods
- Cave of the Winds
- Royal Gorge
- Old Colorado City
- Molly Kathleen Mine
- Pikes Peak and the Cog Railway
- Plenty of party fun with music and bands!
- And much much more!!!

We can't wait to treat you all of God's glory in our back yard. We're confident that you'll have a great time and we'll create a memorable time for you! Look for more information and tentative schedules in future Blue Bars!

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COLLECTOR CARS:

CHEVROLET: 1969 Camaro RS SS Coupe, 124379L524098, 396 4Speed, F. AC, Restored Beauty, 1970 SS El Camino, 136800L141776 350hp 396, AT, Restored Beauty, WOW! 1995 Corvette Coupe, 1G1YY22P4S5104149 Custom 1957 Belair 2dr Hard Top- Beautiful Frame off- Blue and White, V-8, Custom Interior, 1957 Belair 2dr Hard Top-VC570126628, older restore project, V-8, 3speed, 1969 Corvette Stinray 427 4speed Coupe- 194379S73073, original Big Block Car, 1993 Corvette 40th Anniversary Corvette Coupe, 1G1YY23P595106515, 1978 Indy 500 25th Anniversary Pace Car- 1Z8748S904693, original car L82 V-8, 4speed, 1970 Chevelle SS Coupe Drag Car- 136370K189917, 454 V-8, Factory AC car, 4speed, 1969 1/2 ton Custom 2WD pickup- started project, 1969 Chevelle Drag Car- 134379G314850, no motor or trans, Fact. AC car, 1956 3200 Series Stepside Pickup- original pickup for rod, Restore, Custom 1956 Belair 2dr Hard Top- VC56C153220, frame off custom. Beautiful orange/black paint, V-8, CD, DVD, Boyd Codington rims, and more! 1980 Z28 Camaro Coupe-1P87LAL6550349, original car, 1964 Impala SS 2dr HT-41447J104275, original project was 409 car, 1957 Belair 2dr Hard Top- 57J234399, black and white original, V-8, 3speed, 1960 Impala Bubble Top- 01837J102399, original car, black and white, V-8, 3speed, 1964 Impala SS 2dr HT 409 car- 41447S133243, original car, have 409 currently 283, 4 speed, 1965 Impala SS 2dr HT-166375J242960, original project-parts, 396 4speed, 1959 Impala 2dr HT-Bubble Top-590148087 older restore project, V-8, AT, 1969 Corvette Stinray 427 4speed Coupe-194379S727326, Updated Big block, 4speed, 1969 300 Deluxe 2dr Sedan- 134279Z3550152, original project-parts, damage, 1965 Impala SS 2dr HT- project, parts, 1972 Malibu 2dr HT-1D37F21504875, original project, parts, 1955 Belair 2dr Hard Top-VC55J122334, original project, 1988 IROC Z28 Camaro- 305 TPI, original car, needs work, 1962 Impala 2dr HT- 21847J288934 project, no motor or trans, 1965 Caprice 4dr Hard Top, Derby, Project, Parts, 1955 2dr Sedan Body Only, 1955 Belair 2dr HTC55L 004213, original project, 1951 Deluxe 2dr Sedan-5JK-C33564, Rblt 6 cylinder, Body work done, Nice Project-Rat rod, 1951 Deluxe 2dr Sedan- project-parts, 1951 Deluxe 4dr Sedan- project parts, 1956 Belair 2dr Hard Top-VC56L 097399, Original Project, no motor or trans, Original Barn-Find 1969 Chevrolet SS 396 4Speed-136379K452203, original car-Wow-Restore, 1957 Belair 2dr Hard Top- VC57K163244, project-parts,

PLYMOUTH: ORIGINAL 1970 RoadRunner-RM23N0G242625, Orange, Black Vinyl Top, 383 V-8, 4Speed, air Grabber Coyote Air Cleaner, 4bbl Carb, WOW!, 1970 Belvedere 2dr Coupe-RL21C0G212875, Red, older restore, 6 cylinder, 2bbl, AT, 1968 Belvedere GTX Coupe- RS23L8G258936 440 V-8, AT, project- Complete, 1969 Belvedere GTX Coupe- RS23L9G128469, Rolling Body...

FORD: 1970 BOSS 302 Mustang Coupe-0F02G172398, older restore, Boss 302 V-8, 4 Speed, Green/Black, WOW!, 1957 Fairlane 500 2dr Hard Top- beautifully restored white V-8 car, 1957 Fairlane 500 2dr Hard Top-G7PV112994, original project car, 1940 Ford 2dr Coupe Body on Frame...

PONTIAC: 1962 Grand Prix 2dr Hard Top-62P5387, blue, white vinyl interior, loaded, V-8, AT-console, 1978 Trans Am- no motor or trans, parts....

COLLECTOR PARTS: Motors including 396, 283, 350, few 409 parts, Transmissions, Carbs, and other parts....

COLLECTOR TRACTORS/TRUCK: Farmall Super H- WF, Gas 4cylinder, older restore

Farmall Super H- WF, PTO, Drawbar, 4cylinder gas, Older Restore,

Farmall Super H- older restore, NF, 4cylinder gas, PTO, drawbar, Farmall F-14- NF, nicely restored tractor. Gas 4 cylinder motor, PTO, Drawbar, Newer tires, Farmall 300- WF, PTO, Drawbar, appears to be original tractor, nice tin, 4 cylinder gas, 2 hydraulics, Torque Amplifier

International L-130 Series Grain Truck- Nice original Truck. Wood Box.

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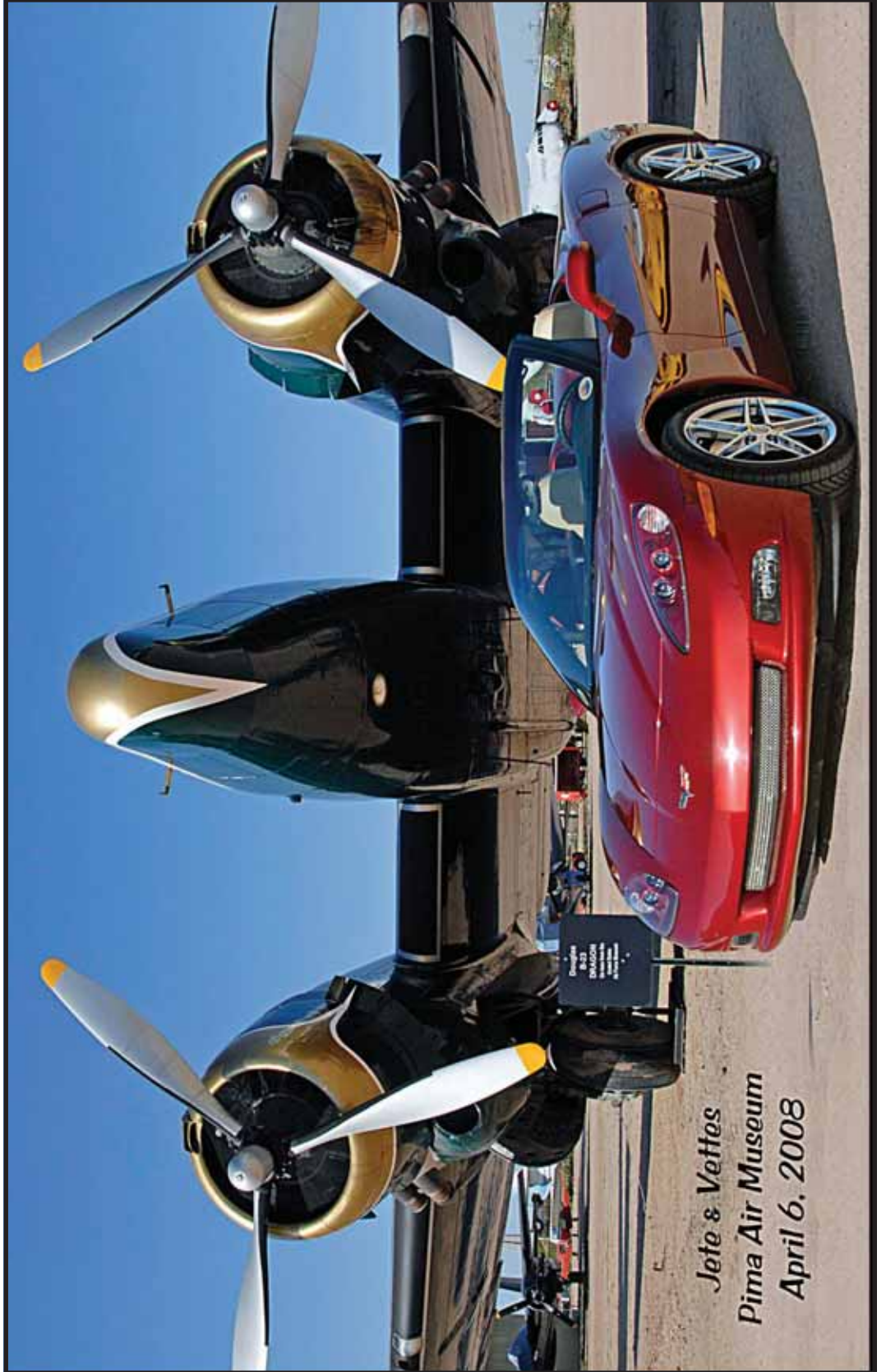
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