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From the President

I think that as we age the time seems to go by much faster than it did in our younger years. Having given this some thought I have decided that time is still probably progressing at the same rate, but as we age we try to get 36 hours worth of time out of a 24-hour day that just seems to fly by.

I want to welcome our new E-Board Members: Cindy Urenda as Secretary, Jack Wilson as Vice President of Competition, George Gallant as Business Manager and Gary Foster as our returning Sergeant-at-Arms. As we go forward in 2008, your continued support for the efforts of these and the returning members of the E-Board is greatly appreciated.

In 2008, Council will take a step forward and have the Competition Rulebook, along with the Standing Rules and By-Laws, on CD's. This will make it possible to update information much quicker, make storage much easier and, hopefully, realize a cost savings in the form of printing, handling and postage. For those of you who, like myself, are electronically challenged, any office supply store can convert that CD into a paper book for a nominal cost and no frustration at all. For me, the good thing is that I can get it in large print so I can read it without the magnifying glass.

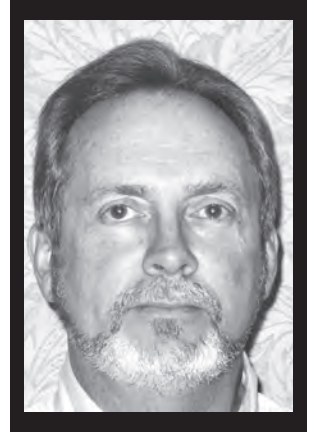
For many of us who keep some of our Vettes in the garage for the winter, it is time to start making all the repairs and cleaning that we said we were going to do when we put them up last fall. After all, you want your Vette to be in the best shape possible for that trip to Tulsa this year. Ron and his group have promised us some exciting changes this year and I would encourage you to come and be a part of the festivities for 2008. This year, for the first time, online registration is in place. The 2007 Competitors Awards will be given out Sunday night and the Friday Banquet will be specially priced to attract your attendance.

As we go about a busy daily schedule, sometimes a thought pops up that we should call someone special or possibly an old friend or acquaintance whom we have not seen or heard from for sometime. Many times we have really good intentions but our schedules seem to get in the way. I would encourage each of you to take a minute the next time such a thought pops into your head and follow the advice; you just don't know how much that minute will mean to some else.

See you in Tulsa,

Richard Yanko

President, National Council of Corvette Clubs



NCCC Scholarships

NCCC Scholarship Information

The NCCC Scholarship program is funded through donations from Clubs, individuals and corporate friends, such as Mid America Motorworks. The NCCC Scholarship Committee awards \$1,000 scholarships to worthy young people, who have some connection with NCCC through a father, mother, grandparent, etc., who has been a member of NCCC for at least three years. "Some connection" implies that the applicant's relatives should have knowledge of the various requirements of the Scholarship Program.

Remember...If the relative is not the Applicant's parent, the relative must write a letter to be included with the completed application indicating the following:

His/Her relationship with the Applicant

His/Her NCCC Member Number

If He/She will be the Applicant Sponsor

If He/She has been closely involved with NCCC for a period of three or more years.

Application forms for the Scholarship Program may be obtained from **PATRICK DOLAN** or **RHONDA HIGGINS** at any National Governors' Meeting, from www.corvettesnccc.org or by mail from Rhonda at:

Rhonda Higgins
National Distribution Center
907 Oakcrest Drive
Champaign, IL 61821-4167

All scholarship applications must be completed correctly, returned and residing in the post office box shown below **no later than MAY 1, 2008:**

John Osborn
Scholarship Committee Chairman
P. O. Box 5032
Lafayette, IN 47903

Please note that the deadline is not a mailing date but a date in which the completed application appears in P. O. Box 5032. Applicants submitting forms after MAY 1, 2008 will be asked to have their application considered in 2009. This delay for late applications has been in effect for a number of years. The deadline may change from year to year depending upon the date of the annual NCCC Convention.

From the Vice President Competition

2008-2009 Vice-Pres. Competition Introduction:

I would like to first extend my sincere appreciation to everyone for their trust and support in electing me as your new Vice-Pres. of Competition. I am honored to have this opportunity to serve the membership in this capacity.

What the NCCC has accomplished over the years did not happen by accident. There have been many volunteers holding offices at the club, regional, and national level that have dedicated their time and made the best-intended decisions for the organization. We may not always agree with everything, but we all know that decisions are a part of the process of improvement initiatives for future organizational growth. I applaud all those current and past volunteers.

I believe it is important that an organization and the individuals within that organization share a common Vision of the future, Objective to reach that goal, and a Mission to commit to fulfilling that task. Even though I base my performance on these key principles and being organized and focused, I cannot do it myself.

I have been fortunate to have served with fifteen talented and dedicated RCD's over the past five years on the Competition Committee. Membership and the organizational leadership have shared their inputs as to what they would like to see addressed in the future. Collectively our committee can focus on what I believe are these three key initiatives to enhance the Competition Program and the NCCC organization. They are:

1. Provide a more timely national points reporting system to the membership.
2. Improve the communication, clarity, and understanding of the rulebook.
3. Provide Competition Program cost reduction initiatives to NCCC.

I will keep you all posted as to the plans and progress made to achieve these initiatives.

Thank you,

Jack

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about NCCC news and
events, be sure to CLICK
on the NCCC website,
www.corvettesnccc.org.**

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

November 10, 2007

REGION	CLUBS	MEMBERS	MAL	L/T	FCOA	LARGEST CLUB IN REGION	MEMBERS
Carolina Region	17	350	33	17	31	CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	61
East Ohio	17	900	34	31	163	BUCKEYE CORVETTES	154
East Region	29	2638	73	36	210	LANCASTER COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	276
Florida Region	21	1204	33	11	171	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	244
Honorary members	0	8	7	0	0	N/A	
Indiana Region	17	877	25	22	118	CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	135
Michigan Region	16	1311	24	19	315	AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	246
Midwest Region	33	2307	49	17	477	SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	176
Northeast Region	11	595	14	5	44	SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	181
Northwest Region	1	128	3	0	1	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	125
Rocky Mountain Region	13	692	18	4	62	TOP OF THE ROCKIES C.C.	120
Roadrunner Region	16	1011	26	30	111	DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	209
Southeast Region	13	1024	29	4	96	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	258
Southwest Region	19	1577	33	35	155	TULSA VETTE SET	440
West Coast Region	27	2457	37	2	154	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	288
West Ohio	7	377	28	18	88	CORVETTE TROY	130
West Region	24	1619	11	21	408	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	364
TOTALS	281	19075	477	272	2604		

CLUBS WITH 400+ MEMBERS			
SW	248	TULSA VETTE SET	440
CLUBS WITH 300+ MEMBERS			
WR	095	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	364
CLUBS WITH 200+ MEMBERS			
WC	202	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	288
ER	266	LANCASTER COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	276
SE	073	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	258
MI	488	AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	246
FL	276	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	244
MI	006	CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	243
SW	207	LONGHORN CORVETTE CLUB	238
ER	098	CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	235
RR	303	DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	209
CLUBS WITH 150+ MEMBERS			
ER	263	BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	199
WC	302	CORVETTES WEST	186
ER	108	YORK COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	182
NE	105	SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	181
ER	001	CORVETTE CLUB OF AMERICA	178
SW	063	SAN JACINTO CORVETTE CLUB	177
WC	500	CORVETTES OF TEMECULA VALLEY	177
MW	051	SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	176
WR	015	CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	171
ER	038	FREE STATE CORVETTE CLUB	167
WC	340	PALM SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	160
FL	032	CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB	154
EO	010	BUCKEYE CORVETTES	154
MW	004	CHICAGO CORVETTE CLUB	152
MW	167	NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	151
SW	055	COWTOWN VETTES	151
CLUBS WITH 100+ MEMBERS			
ER	196	CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVETTE CLUB	148
RR	331	TUCSON CORVETTE CLUB	143
ER	357	NORTHERN VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB	142
MW	351	WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	140
WC	420	RED LINE CORVETTES	138
WC	447	CORVETTES LIMITED	135
IN	281	CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	135
MW	277	SUNBURST CORVETTE CLUB	134
MW	391	MID-ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	131
MI	003	CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	131
MI	041	GRAND VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	130
WO	027	CORVETTE TROY	130
WR	022	CORVETTE CLUB OF IOWA	129
MW	075	WISCONSIN CORVETTE CLUB	128
NW	483	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	125
ER	372	CORVETTE ANNAPOLIS	124

CLUBS WITH 100+ MEMBERS - CONTINUED			
WR	126	SIOUX FALLS CORVETTE CLUB	123
WC	434	POMONA VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	122
RM	176	TOP OF THE ROCKIES CORVETTE CLUB	120
EO	005	CORVETTE CLEVELAND	120
SW	131	OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	119
MW	526	R.A.C.E., INC	117
MI	047	KALAMAZOO CORVETTE CLUB	116
ER	366	BEACHCOMBER CORVETTE CLUB	115
RM	183	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	115
WC	299	CORVETTES OF FRESNO	114
SE	142	CORVETTE ATLANTA	113
SE	253	EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	113
WC	325	O.C. VETTES, INC	111
MW	465	MAD CITY VETTES	108
WC	336	PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES	108
WC	401	THE VETTE SET	107
MW	054	MIDWEST CORVETTES	105
RR	241	EL PASO CORVETTES	104
RR	452	SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB	103
WC	326	CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	103
CLUBS WITH 75+ MEMBERS			
SE	499	TRI-CITIES CORVETTE CLUB	98
RR	530	SONORAN DESERT CORVETTES	98
SE	418	LANIER CORVETTES UNLIMITED, INC.	97
WC	397	CORVETTES OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	96
RR	154	NEW MEXICO CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	96
IN	133	TRI-STATE CORVETTE CLUB	95
ER	430	ACQUIA CREEK CORVETTE CLUB	95
IN	115	FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	94
NE	157	VETTES IN PERFECTION, LTD.	94
FL	058	NORTH FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	92
SE	348	VALLEY VETTES	92
EO	068	TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB	91
EO	257	COMPETITION CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	88
SE	239	MIRACLE STRIP CORVETTE CLUB	87
WO	039	GLASS CITY CORVETTE CLUB	84
IN	092	ANDERSON CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	83
FL	076	GULF COAST CORVETTE CLUB	83
MW	109	CORVETTE CLUB OF ILLINOIS	83
ER	111	USA-1 CORVETTE CLUB	82
IN	342	CORVETTE, INDY, INC.	81
WR	192	NEBRASKA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	80
FL	186	CENTRAL FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	80
IN	008	MICHIANA CORVETTE CLUB	79
WC	398	SOUTHWEST CORVETTES	78
MI	136	CORVETTE COVENTRY OF SW MICHIGAN	77
MW	084	KETTLE MORAINNE CORVETTE CLUB	76

11/10/2007

From the Vice President Membership

While writing this we are well into the renewal process. My office is filled with stacks of club renewals; this is great. This year we seem to be ahead of last year, so I would like to thank all of you Governors for getting your club renewals in early. It makes it a lot easier for me and Rhonda and Larry Higgins in the Distribution Center, if we can get a lot of these done before the holidays so that way we can enjoy them a little more. Thanks Governors! One comment I hear at this time of the year is from clubs that are considering dropping out of NCCC or have already decided to do so and they are informing me of their decision. The comment usually goes like this, "Our club doesn't race so our members decided that we didn't need to belong to NCCC any more". This or a comment very similar is what I hear from every club that says they are not renewing their membership. How do we get rid of the perception that all we in NCCC do is race? Often times they ask me to tell them why they should belong to NCCC. My first reaction is to say, "If I have to tell you why you should belong to NCCC then one of us has not been doing their job." I don't say that; I usually list all of the things we do in NCCC: Our charity program, our FCOA program for kids, our college scholarship program for children and grandchildren. Does NCRS, C5/C6 Registry, NCM, or any other Corvette organization, offer its members' children and grandchildren six to eight \$1000 college scholarships a year? I think the correct answer is no. All of the above-mentioned organizations have annual dues costing much more than our NCCC dues and, in some cases, twice as much. NCCC provides you a network of friends all across this great country of ours. When you are traveling around and need some help you can count on a NCCC member to help you out. Why do we belong to the organizations that we belong to? You know, our churches, civic organizations school groups, etc. Generally I think it is because we want to be with people with like beliefs, passions, interests, goals, etc. The point I am trying to make here is that I think we get out of any organization what we put into it. It is never a one-way street. If your club doesn't do anything then they are probably not going to get anything back in return. You don't have to race your Corvette to have fun with it. Put on a car show, a fun rally, or go out to dinner as a group. Invite other clubs in your area to your events; you'll be pleasantly surprised at how many new and great friends you'll make. All of these things I mentioned are easy to set up and conduct. As NCCC members you don't have to worry about liability insurance because our policy covers you and your club for club events. Interestingly most of our claims are for non-racing events. So why should you belong to NCCC? If the answer isn't apparent by now then, as I said at the beginning, one of us isn't doing their job. I hope that by now the answer is apparent. Get off those couches and go "See the USA in your Chevrolet"; it's not too late to have fun.

Check out the November 10thth Governors meeting Membership Report elsewhere in this issue of Blue Bars.

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

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

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

Until next time,

Bob

From the Secretary

Governors' Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2007

Dick Yanko - President

Dick called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. and welcomed all to St. Louis. We then had the pledge of allegiance. Members that have passed since the last meeting were announced – Dick Sutton of Tin Hall Toys with the SW Region, Richard McDunn with Electric City Corvette Club, and Marvin Jensen of North Florida Corvette Association. Marvin was a past FL RCD and VP of Competition. This was followed by a moment of silence. Dick asked that we also take another moment of silence for all our friends and fellow members who are having their own personal battles with disease and for our troops who are off serving our country.

Dick introduced the Executive Board, the 2008 Convention Director, Ron Ruston, and the 2008 Convention treasurer Betty Parks, The introduction of the Regional officers and proxies was then made.

Dick asked for a motion to pay the proxy officers, motion made by Allen Morris with a second by Larry Hickman. No discussion, motion carried.

Officer Reports

Carolyn Montgomery – Secretary

No corrections to the September minutes. No comments, questions. Motion made by Don Schmitt to accept the minutes as written with a second by Bernyce Molenda. No discussion, motion passed, minutes accepted as written.

As this was the secretary's last meeting she commented that this has been a very interesting four years and she appreciated everyone being so kind. She knows that all will be as kind to the new incoming secretary Cindy Urenda.

Gary Foster – Sgt. at Arms

He apologized for running out of beverages in the hospitality room, at the last meeting he over bought and trying to watch the budget, this time

he under bought. He will do better next time. He sent a real special thanks to the St. Louis Corvette Club for taking care of munchies last night, they did a great job.

Bob Bowen – VP of Membership

Covered the reports, there are 19,075 members as of last Thursday 11/8 and this is the highest we have been since this meeting of 2004. The meeting site presentations will be made in February and we will vote on those in May. We have had two submittals, one from St. Louis where we are today, and one from the convention hotel in Nashville. The presentations will be in February for you to decide on as to where we are going to meet for 2010-2012.

He gave out three membership awards – this year they divided these as we have clubs varying in size. The categories were more than 100 members and under 100 members. The award for the highest % increase in members for fewer than 100 members for 2007 goes to the Hot Nevada Vettes Corvette Club of the West Coast region. Cliff Harris accepted the award. For the club over 100 members for the highest % increase in members for 2007, this award went to Northern Virginia Corvette Club of the East Region. Then an award to the RMD that recruited the most new members goes to Elvira from the West Coast region, Cliff Harris. The awards are sponsored by the Mid America Motor Works and are called the Dolphin awards.

Rhonda Higgins – Distribution

It's time for renewals and she is ready and excited. Last meeting we talked about having the extra 2007 pins, she did bring them and the RMD's have them. If you need some for yourself or your members see your RMD. Also the RMD's were given or mailed this week the 2008 pins and calendars. They have them, she does not. She is putting a note in the packet that says do not contact her for these items as she does not have them. So as governors they were given to you as you turn in your renewals so the note will say please contact your club governor to get your calendar and pin, one calendar and one pin per member.

Debbie Lindsey – Director of Sponsorship

She has sent out the sponsorship packets and so far has sponsors from Bridgestone and Kumho. It is a little slow but the packets just went out in October so hopefully by February will have a much better idea of where monies will be coming from.

She has an interesting proposal from Hagerty Insurance Company; they do specialty car insurance and they may be providing a special offer for those who are coming to convention if you register by the first cut off. She is not sure about the specific details but something along the line they will issue you a special card and you will have a special package where if your car breaks down on the way to convention within 50 miles you can get your car towed and they will provide \$100 in roadside assistance. You will be able to get more information about this once it is available on the website.

There is a change in the credit card program coming up, it will still be with Bank of America but is going to a rewards program where you will earn points that can be used for purchasing. This can be used for airline mileage, car rentals etc and there will be more information coming out about this. She has given the contract for this to Hal, the business manager to look at and once we sign this the program will start up with the next offering. You will receive an information sheet in the membership packet and there will be a number to call if you want to sign up for the credit card. The rebate we get from them is \$30. If you sign up through the information that we send out NCCC receives a \$30 rebate, if you sign up from a mailing we only receive \$1 so we want to be sure we go the \$30 route. Please pass this on to your members.

The special discount for member's page continues on the website and she wants to remind you about the Choice Hotel program. They wanted you to

know they are offering a special through November 30th so those that may be traveling through the Thanksgiving holidays may want to look at this site.

Some of our platinum level sponsors may be doing some advertising through our email. The secretary will be sending out some notes soon. All of the governors, regional officers etc will be receiving an email from Goodyear and she asks you as governors or within your club to please pass this on to each member via email. This is going to be more of the way we go as more and more advertise via email instead of hard copy. She asks that you try and forward this upcoming email to your members because it is an advantage, a gift certificate for them to use for tires.

Chuck Heretta had a question – you talk about the Bank of America which used to be MBNA, did they or did they not give us a rebate for purchases that we made using their card in the original program? Per Debbie, yes they did. Chuck asked if that was now suspended and is it only going to be the points to the individual person. Per Debbie, no, we will get both, but it will be at a reduced rate. The example that was given to her was that in the past the rebate was 5% of sales now rebating at 3%, however their experience with other groups they have done this with is that use of the card has increased by a minimum of 25% because now people are going to get rewards. In essence we should be better off or at least the same.

Dick asked Debbie what was required to be a platinum sponsor and her response was \$9,000. Dick ask the RE's and governors to tell the members that the emails they would be getting would be mostly coupon offers to save money, it is a good deal for you and it is a good deal for us.

Jim Harris – Convention Steering Committee

2007 Program - Reviewed the final financial report for the 2007 program and there was a profit of \$34,517.29. He did not go into a lot of detail re this but the profit was due to good turnout, good negotiation, buying smart etc, it all adds up.

2008 Program – After this meeting the bank account should be open with the advanced deposit money and ready to do business. One thing they are going to be doing in 2008 is to offer on-line registration in addition to the hard copy registration. The registration form will still be in your *Blue Bars*, and membership packets,

2009 Program – The voting results will be announced later in the program.

2010 Program – He has not had any serious inquiries about this program, if interested let him know and he will get you some information. You and anyone else are welcome to sit in on the steering committee meetings.

Ron Ruston gave an update on the **2008 program**. The Southwest region wants all to come to Tulsa for the 2008 convention. The dates are June 21st through June 27th. Some of the highlights mentioned-drag will be at night, on Monday night, autocrosses at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, thinks it is 1.8 miles, ten turns, lots of elevation changes, will run the low and high speed on the same day, will be out there for two days but you will come out one day and run both, will have some route 66 cruises, will be on the same day as the autocrosses. The awards banquet will be on Friday night, will be \$10 per head to eat, they cut the price to see if could get more people to stay and go to the banquet.

One thing that is being changed is the Top 15 awards for the competitors. This will be done on Sunday night in conjunction with the adult party; have not yet figured out all the details of how this will be done. Part of their thinking on this is these people work really hard to get this award so they are going to try and make it bigger and better than what would happen on Friday night. This will give them a little more recognition and let them walk around wearing their shirt every day if they want to.

The hotel reservations will be electronic, thanks to Walt Jenkins and he says this will work. They will also require that the reservations for the hotel come through the treasurer, hoping to do all of this electronically and

until you have your convention # from registration you can not get to the next level to do your hotel reservation.

So come to Tulsa, you will have a great time!

Patrick Dolan – Director of Charity

Patrick gave an update on Elana Siebel, who is being treated for cancer. She had surgery this past Monday and everything went well and better than expected. As soon as she is out of the hospital and healthy enough she will be undergoing more chemo. She thanks everyone for all of the cards, letters and support she is getting. Patrick provided the address for those that might want to send her a card - 8916 South 8th Street, Kalamazoo MI 49009-8940. Bill Siebel is the RE for Michigan and his address is in *Blue Bars* also.

They have received a request from the Windy City Corvette Club pertaining to a hardship for one of their members. This individual has had numerous back surgeries and has had other significant family crises. This individual certainly deserves this and the request was granted.

The transplant games will be July 11-16, 2008 and will be held in Pittsburg PA. The raffle car is the 2008 black coupe. The last show they went to was Effingham, Mid America Motorworks Funfest and he thanked all those that were there and helped work. NCCC was well represented by Public Relations and by Membership. Everyone worked really hard and they signed up some new members and also raised \$6,000. It was a very successful event. Debbie was able to secure a tire certificate from Goodyear Tires so a double raffle was done offering the tires to anyone that bought a ticket that weekend. Richard Breedlove from Morrisville IN won the tires.

Will be doing the 100% club program again – this is one \$10 ticket for everyone in your club. He has been asked as to what time one is considered a member. Is it at the start of the year? The bottom line on this program is to help raise money and to recognize the clubs that are supporting our charity program. If you send a check and indicate you have 32 members and the check is for \$320 they will trust that this is reasonably close to what your membership is at the time. There is no specific date that is locked in to this; they just appreciate your participating in this program.

Scholarship applications have to be in by May 1, 2008. They are available from many sources, Patrick, John Osborn, Rhonda, and on the website.

The financial reports were covered.

Patrick provided his contact information. Phone is better than email. Daytime phone # is 989-463-5891 or 463-2420. The evening home phone # is 517-651-2029 and cell # 517-648-1603.

Calvin Camp presented a check to Patrick for \$54 for NKF from Little Egypt Corvette Club of Southern IL.

Deb Murphy – Treasurer

Covered the treasure reports, which will also be in the minutes. She pointed out on the Profit and Loss statement through November 7th year to date there is a new category shown that is convention income and is for \$635. She indicated this is when a convention makes money they pay to National the operating expenses back for their mileage and per diem that they are paid to come to the meeting. The deal then is the convention director is appointed the year before, so John McGee was appointed in 2006 and she had already closed those books so she really did not have any place to put this money. That is why it is in that category. The rest of it is to offset what we spent on his meeting expenses for this year. The other item we paid this last time which is on page 3 was for the convention *Blue Bars*, this was expensive but we are still a tad under budget so hopefully we are not going to be too far off under that.

Things are looking good this year, when you mind what you are doing and you make a little money on convention and you don't have a lot of unexpected expenses it looks real good. If you look at the balance sheet you also see the prepaid membership incentives which you get in your

perks packets, those will show up in the prepaid membership incentives because those are for 2008. We have not paid for the pins yet; we have to pay whatever our sponsor doesn't pay.

John McGee, on behalf of the 2007 convention, gave Deb a check for \$34,517.

Hal Bellamy – Business Manager

With the 2008 insurance renewal there is a little bit of change. You will no longer be able to request a certificate from K&K without sending the money. They have had several cases where they have had a difficult time collecting the money after the certificate was issued. K & K can go back and cancel that certificate after the fact if the money does not get to them. Be sure you share this information with your members. He has not yet received the new premium for next year, should get this soon. We have had some claims.

He has distributed some reservation sheets for next year, the dates are good, and the phone #'s are good.

Pat Kelly – FCOA Director

She recently assigned FCOA# 3700. The grandfather of the four-year-old boy is a member of the Windy City Corvettes in the Midwest Region and the grandfather is well known in the region as DJ Thom. She thanked Windy City Corvettes for providing the notepads for the FCOA kids and Tejas Vettes from Southwest Region who had given her a check at the last meeting and will be used towards the 2008 dash plaques. She also thanked the FCOA kids from her club, Badger State Vettes. They have a concession stand at their speed events every year and the profits they make are donated to FCOA so they gave her some money. The chef, Gino Piacentine also a member of the club, grilled stuff and made side dishes for the FCOA kids to sell. She also received a check from Cedar Rapids Corvette Club.

She has been mailing out packets to FCOA and already is getting some back with incorrect addresses. Please make sure your members update addresses as this cost money to have to re-mail.

At the last meeting she had talked about the 2007 dash plaques in wanting to use the FCOA logo, which was going to end up being very expensive. She has talked to Tex from Desert Corvette Association who is the main sponsor of the plaques for 2007 and what they have decided to do is to have a combination dash plaque for 2007-2008. The kids will receive these early next year.

She has been working with Gene Patrick in looking for an inexpensive manufacture where she could get good quality but would not be costing FCOA an arm and leg. She has found someone and feels she can get the dash plaques for the kids at a fairly reasonable price. What she has done, since the kids do not have the dash plaques for this year, is to use the monies that were donated from her club to buy some rulers to put in the packets.

If you look at the FCOA membership report you will see that one of the regions has a 98% increase in membership, a big round of applause to the Florida Region. In the 10 years she has been doing this job, she has never had a region with this large of an increase. A lot of this has to do with the region RE and RMD and if you look at the last issue of *Blue Bars* and read the article from the Florida Region you will see their region is very aware that kids need to be encouraged and taught about Corvettes. There will also be something in an upcoming issue about a car show that was held in this region just for kids.

This year when membership started coming in for FCOA, she had kind of a slow start so thought she would make it through to next year with the membership cards and patches. In mid summer she started getting a huge influx of memberships so she will be running out of patches and membership cards by the end of the year. Mid America has them on order for her as they provide these for the kids. If one of the FCOA kids gets a packet that does not include these, they will get as soon as she receives them.

From the Director of Public Relations

On three occasions recently she has had the opportunity to talk with people at Mid America Motorworks re FCOA and one of the things they told her is they want to become more of an advocate for the younger generation. They will be taking more steps to promote the passion of Corvettes and the car hobby in general. One of the things they talked about was how they were really happy to hear from her that she is starting to get a lot of second generation FCOA kids. They also complimented NCCC on the fact that it was the first organization that really realized that in order to carry on the Corvette club and Corvette hobby that you needed to do something to get the kids involved. They are very complimentary about that. Also wanted us to know that Will Cooksey, who is the plant manager, has visited the FCOA website and he is also very excited for our organization to have FCOA.

Thanks for all your support.

Sylvia Hoaldrige – Publications

The biggest *Blue Bars* in the history of NCCC, 84 pages and is the convention issue has been mailed out. She thanked Doug McMahan, Joan, Roger and Nelda, and Dick for all the photos. The front and back covers were done by Doug McMahan. All should have received this issue. If you know of anyone who has not received their copy, tell them to contact their RMD. For the record, this magazine was dedicated to Sue McGee.

The fall issue is at the printer now and will be mailed out the week of Thanksgiving; the majority of us should get our copy by the first of December.

She needs articles and the RE's and RMD's have stepped up to the plate and have committed to helping her accomplish this by challenging their regions to come up with articles.

Please remind your members SHE CANNOT CHANGE ADDRESSES!

She let us know that she is still cancer-free and SYLVIA IS BACK!

Joan Thomas – Webmaster

Joan threw some numbers at us – an increase from 400 to 300,000, increase from 28 to 3000 and a decrease from 180 to 93. What this represents is the availability of space on our server. She has increased our space from 400 megabytes to 300,000, bandwidth from 28 gigabytes to 3000, and the cost from \$180 down to \$93.

She mentioned information that she puts on the website that has worked extremely well, one being when the renewal packets go out. When Rhonda mails a group of packets Joan will put this information under Latest News for NCCC members. This will let your club know packets were mailed so that you can be aware they are coming. If you see yours have been mailed but you have not received within two weeks contact your RMD.

Another thing that will be constantly on the website is new information regarding convention. The application will be on there but will not be open for registration until February 1st. Try to teach your club members to get themselves familiar with what is on the website. For example, all deadlines for *Blue Bars* can be found on the website. If you are looking for information and can not find it get with her and she will see if it can be put on.

She is still looking for website judges for 2008, she has two people that have volunteered and she appreciates that. She is looking for three but would love to pick from five. If you know of anyone in your club that would be a good candidate for a website judge she would love to have their name.

Larry Beebe – Public Relations

He gave an update on the traveling displays, soon to be going to Michigan for the last trip of the year. The display was at the Mid America Funfest; they had a good time, met a lot of people, got some new members, and so was very worthwhile.

In January he will be sending out information with a calendar for the display usage, be sure to go to the website to see the information that is

As I sit here in Eastern Iowa the wind is blowing and I am in the middle of winter. Most of my club members have their cars tucked away and are awaiting the warmth and sunshine of spring. The two NCCC Promotional Displays are inventoried and waiting to be assigned their travel plans.

Please 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

I am comfortable and warm as I sit by the computer working on my NCCC “Display” Calendar and PDF file. The PDF file that will go out with each NCCC Promotional Display will contain an inventory of all of the materials that are included in each Display, instructions and pictures on how to set up and secure the Display, instructions on how to set up and use the DVD Player and DVD, and instructions and pictures on how to pack the Display back up and ship it back to me.

I am in charge of scheduling and the shipping of the two NCCC Promotional Displays and will be working with you or a member of your club if you choose to use one of them. I will be available at: publicrelations@corvetesnccc.org The Display can be used at Car Shows, NCCC Competition Events, Special Club Anniversary, or just a Club Meeting.

The NCCC Promotional Display consists of a display board with pictures showing NCCC members taking part many of the activities that make NCCC such a great organization. The Display will be shipped with *Blue Bars* to distribute to interested individuals, NCCC brochures for viewing, NCCC Application Forms, FCOA Application Forms, K&K Insurance Brochure, a DVD that explains what NCCC is all about, and DVD player. The displays will be shipped to you and you will ship them back to me at no cost to you or your club. Included in the Display will be the return FedEx shipping label for you to attach to the Display for shipping back to me. There may be times when you will ship the Display to another club if there is not enough time to get it to me. I know we can get this done with just a little communication.

If you have pictures or information you would like posted please contact me and we can discuss your ideas. Feel free to contact me for suggestions and/or ideas.

Please help me to keep the “Displays on the Move”,

Larry

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**From the
Director of Publications**

Be sure to check out the new column, "Korvette Korner," that will be appearing in each issue beginning with this issue. In addition to numerous club articles, you will also find information on how to register for Convention (to be held in Tulsa, OK, June 21-27).

REMEMBER...The deadline for submitting articles, photos, etc. for the Spring 2008 issue is March 1, 2008. That issue should be mailed out and in your hand by the 1st of May.

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

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

Sylvia

PS: I asked the following question in the Fall issue and as yet have received no responses..."If *Blue Bars* was available for purchase on the newsstand, how much do you think is a fair price to obtain a copy?" I'd like to hear from you.

**From the
Director of Sponsorship**

The year 2007 was a very successful year for our sponsorship program. We were able to maintain participation from most of our key sponsors and were even able to add a few names to the roster. Those who were sponsors for 2007 were: Chevrolet-Corvette, Goodyear, Kumho, Mid America Motorworks, Bridgestone-Firestone, ZIP Products, Corvette Central, Langka Products, Corvette Arthouse, Southern CarParts.com, Adams Polishes, Paragon Corvette Reproductions and Fast Vette Accessories. These companies combined to provide approximately \$55,000 in monies to help support NCCC activities that include competition, Convention, *Blue Bars*, FCOA, the Charity Program and membership, as well as providing some very nice door prizes for Convention, the Charity Program and our membership. We greatly appreciate their support and interest in our membership and its activities. The key question for me now is, "Will they return?"

Sponsorship materials for 2008 were sent out several months ago and I have already had responses from some of these companies stating, "Sign me up again for 2008; we like NCCC and its members." Some, however, may not return. The "fit" may not have been right for involvement with NCCC and in

this financial climate, many companies must look at the bottom dollar only to determine where their time and monies will be spent. Some companies are able to see the value of having their company name exposed to our membership regardless of the bottom line and continue to be involved with NCCC. We can certainly speculate about the reasons for the involvement of these companies, but certainly the bottom line will eventually become a factor. So, what are you doing to show your appreciation to these sponsors? Hopefully, you are contacting them regarding their products, purchasing from them and identifying yourself as an NCCC member who greatly appreciates their support. At this point, I have had verbal commitments for 2008 from Kumho, Bridgestone-Firestone, Goodyear, Mid America Motorworks, Paragon Corvette Reproductions, ZIP Products, and Adams Polishes; and these numbers should grow. I have had some interest from some former sponsors, so it will be great to have their support once again.

Several members have recently told me that they used the links on the Special Discounts for Members Page to receive discounts on hotels and car rentals and they were very pleased. I hope that everyone is at least checking this link on the web site to determine if there is a service that is helpful to you. The Banc of America credit card will change this year, since they will be providing a Reward card. You will be able to collect points to use for purchases much like other credit cards are offering. Again, use of this card will not only help you with your points for purchases but will also provide a rebate to NCCC. Members will be receiving information about this change very soon, so I hope you take the time to review carefully and sign up for this new option.

Whether you have your Corvette stored for the winter or have the chance to be driving it in nice weather at this time of the year, I hope you are enjoying the opportunities you have through NCCC to be a part of a great organization. Hope 2008 is a great year for you and your family—personal and Corvette!!

Debbie

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.

February 29-March 1, 2008
May 2-3, 2008
June 21-27, 2008 (Convention)
September 12-13, 2008
November 7-8, 2008

From the 2008 Convention Director

The Southwest Region is very proud to invite everyone to the 49th Annual NCCC Convention to be held in Tulsa, OK, June 21 – 27, 2008. We have many exciting events planned for you:

The Low and High Speed Autocrosses will be held at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit. The Low Speed will be held on the technical portion of the track with a few well-placed cones and the High Speed will be the full course (no cones). See the NCCC web site for more information on Hallett.

The Drag Race events will be held at Tulsa Raceway Park on Monday night. Better air for those RECORD RUNS!!

We will also be hosting a Funkhana, a Rallye and an indoor Concours. We are working on a couple of road tours on Route 66 and, of course, parties with plenty of cold adult beverages. We also have plans for a youth program. The content and cost will depend on the demand we have.

Plan to join us in Tulsa...for 'Racin' on Tulsa Time 2008.' You will have a great time!!!!

Later,

Ron

NOTE: Convention registration form, hotel registration form, tentative convention schedule and event descriptions can be found elsewhere in this issue.

NCCC Convention from a NON-Competitor Point of View

I am a second-generation member of NCCC, joining Corvette Cleveland when I was 19 (already 22 years ago!). I have attended a total of 20 Conventions. I competed at a few of them but, for the majority, my husband and I have just attended for the fun. If you've never been to a NCCC Convention, you really should consider it. Even if you do not plan to compete, there are plenty of things for you to do.

The first thing you MUST do upon arrival at the Convention site is to visit the Registration area. You need to sign the insurance waiver, pick up your goodie bag and, most importantly, pick up your Convention Badge. Your badge allows for entry into the week's parties and events.

Next, you should consider attending a few of the meetings. If you have any interest at all in becoming a Regional or National officer, or if you just want to see what goes on at the National level, you should attend a meeting. The committee and office-specific (RCD, RMD, etc.) meetings are generally held on Saturday evening, while the Governors' meeting is on Sunday. The most important meeting is the Convention Entrants' meeting, usually held after the Governors' meeting. Even if you don't compete, you will get needed information about parties, door-prize drawings, hospitality room, parking and spectator information for the competition events.

Now as for things to do during the week, that's up to you, but here are a few options. The number one activity you MUST do is to meet

other NCCC members! Talk to people from other regions; find out their history with NCCC and their interests. It is great to meet people who love Corvetting as much as we do. We have met so many nice people from all over the country!!! We now have friends, who are like extended family, in almost every state and we usually only see them at Convention. Email and NCCCnet have made keeping in touch easier, but it's nothing like talking to them in person at Convention. Hanging out by the pool or in the hospitality room are great places to meet other NCCC members.

Most Conventions are held in a city with plenty of sites to see. Sometimes the Convention plans formal side trips for the attendees, while at other times it is up to you to do a little research and find out what is around. At any rate, there is bound to be somewhere interesting you can visit. I personally don't like to shop, but that is also an option. For those too busy to browse a mall at home, you can explore a mall in the host city.

You can also shop at the Convention site. Each year they set up what is referred to as "Corvette Mall." Various vendors, Corvette related or not, set up stands in a Convention center room. Usually it is adjacent to the hospitality room. NCCC merchandise is available in Corvette Mall as well. The NCCC Charity committee also has a booth in Corvette Mall. They have a variety of raffle tickets available for purchase – for the NCCC/NKF raffle car—plus the other merchandise given away after Friday night's banquet. If you have a few hours to spare, the Charity committee could use some help manning their booth. Mike and I, and now our daughter, Andrea, try to help them out every year. Again, it's a good opportunity to meet people, plus support NCCC.

Then, there are the parties! A party is planned almost every night of Convention week. Sometimes they have a live band performing; other times it's a DJ. Usually there is a theme of some type for each of the parties. Sometimes people dress special for the parties – whether it's a custom t-shirt or a full-blown costume. The main goals are to have fun and to meet people! Friday evening's banquet is an additional cost, but it includes a formal sit-down dinner. It is also when the NCCC Competition Director presents the National Top 15 winners (ladies, men, and clubs) from the prior year with their awards. After that is over, the winner of the NCCC/NKF drawing is pulled, as well as the winners of the other charity committee prizes mentioned above.

If you are not a competitor, you are welcome to spectate at most of the events. (It's kind of hard for a rally.) The Convention program will have maps to all the venues so it's just a matter of getting yourself there. Usually the concours is at or near Convention headquarters. Lately, the funkhana has been a non-car event held at the host hotel. The speed event locations, of course, vary by host city, so sometimes they are close and other times it may take an hour or so to get to the track. Your old and new friends will always appreciate your support at the events. Another way to show your support is to volunteer to work an event. Chair people are ALWAYS in need of workers, whether for a few hours or the whole day.

If you are not a racer and/or not able to bring your Corvette to Convention, you can still enter some of the events if you would like. Most years, they allow metal cars in the Rallye and the Funkhanas usually do not require a car at all. Even if you don't answer any of the Rallye questions, it is an excellent opportunity to sightsee in and around the host city. I can tell you from experience there are some scenic areas, nice homes and tourist type locations I would not have seen otherwise. Funkhanas are just that – fun. At times, the tasks require some skill while at other times just some luck is needed. It all depends on what the chairmen have in mind when they set it up.

Registration for the 2008 Convention in Tulsa should be open by the time you read this. Please register; you won't regret it! If you do decide to compete, you MUST sign up prior to arriving at Convention, since there are entry limits and other technicalities specific to Convention.

My family and I would love to meet you!

Article was submitted by Janice Sudia, Corvette Cleveland (50 year old club & founding NCCC club), East Ohio Region



NCCC CONVENTION 2008

TULSA, OKLAHOMA ~ JUNE 21 THRU 27
HOSTED BY THE SOUTHWEST REGION

We will be Livin', Racin', and Partyin' on TULSA TIME

The Southwest Region is pleased to invite you to Convention 2008 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We will have something for everyone.

- Night Drags at Tulsa Raceway Park
- High and Low Speed at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit
- Indoor Concours / Outdoor Car Show
- Fun and Challenging Rallye
- Funkhana
- An evening at the River Walk
- Various Day Trips – Including Cruises on Route 66
- Nightly Parties

We also will have a children's program to be planned around the ages of the attendees.

Plan to join us for some good ol' Southwest Region Hospitality and some great times.

Hints for Completing the 2008 Convention Registration Form

The best way to fill out the registration form is to do it online – please go the NCCC Web Site for complete details.

Hotel reservations must be made through the Convention Treasurer.

Credit Card Payments by Master Card and Visa Only.

Prices for Adult, Dependant, or Youth Registration are **per person and date sensitive.**

Name on Convention Badge: This is the name that will appear on the Badge that you will wear all week. It can be your first & last names, first name only, or your nickname.

Youth Registration: Can be either IN or OUT of the program. IN program means that younger children (3 – 10) will be cared for and entertained during the day - for example, a trip to the Aquarium, or the Zoo, or a Movie, depending on the number of children and their ages. They can also go into Hospitality to get soft drinks and snacks, as well as attend the food functions. OUT of Program would be for older children (11 to 15) that might accompany you to the various events. They would be eligible for soft drinks and snacks from hospitality as well as the food events. NO Youths will be allowed at the Nightly adult parties.

Note: Babysitting will be available in the evenings at an additional cost.

Classes for Autocross, Record Drags, Concours, and Peoples Choice Car Show are available in the NCCC Rule Book.

Brackets Drags are in one of four Brackets based on how your car performs, find your car's ET in the below listed table to determine what bracket you will enter.

Bracket A	12.69 and Faster
Bracket B	12.70 - 13.39
Bracket C	13.40 - 13.99
Bracket D	14.00 and Slower

Funkhana is classed as: Man Driver / Lady Navigator
Man Driver / Man Navigator
Lady Driver / Man Navigator
Lady Driver / Lady Navigator

Rallye: All entries are in one class for Corvettes. Metal cars will be a separate class.

Route 66 Tours will be on Wednesday and Thursday one will run East from Tulsa towards Missouri and the other will run

West from Tulsa towards Oklahoma City. You have the option of driving either or both.

Note: The autocross events are also Wednesday and Thursday; please plan accordingly.

There is **no additional charge** for the Champions BBQ, Dinner at the River Walk or Convention Awards Breakfast but, if you plan to attend, you need to so indicate.

NCCC 2007 Awards Banquet - Please let us know if you prefer Beef or Chicken so that we can prepare the proper amount of each.



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

2008 NCCC's Southwest Region Convention Registration Form

See enclosed "Hints for completing the 2008 Convention Registration Form" for help in completing this form

The best way to fill out the form is to do it **ONLINE!!**

Adult Registration to Mar 15 - \$140.00, Mar 16 to May 1 - \$165.00. After May 2nd - \$190.00.			Subtotal: \$ _____
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	Name For Badge: _____	
Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____	
Zip: _____	Phone: () _____	E-Mail: _____	
Club Name: _____		NCCC Member #: _____	
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	Name For Badge: _____	
Address: _____	City: _____	State: _____	
Zip: _____	Phone: () _____	E-Mail: _____	
Club Name: _____		NCCC Member #: _____	

Dependent Registration to Mar 15 - \$140.00, Mar 16 to May 1 - \$165.00, May 2nd to May 31st - \$190.00.			Subtotal: \$ _____
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	NCCC Member #: _____	DOB: _____
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	NCCC Member #: _____	DOB: _____

Youth Registration (ages 3 to 15) In Program - \$110.00 Out of Program - \$60.00			Subtotal: \$ _____
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	Date of Birth: _____	In/Out of Program: <input type="radio"/> In <input type="radio"/> Out
Last Name: _____	First Name: _____	Date of Birth: _____	In/Out of Program: <input type="radio"/> In <input type="radio"/> Out

Emergency Contact Name: _____	Phone: _____	Relationship: _____
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Competition Entry Deadline May 15th - (Registration Fee Required to Compete)

Events, Tours, Golf and Meals	Adult ¹		Adult ²		Dependent ¹		Dependent ²		Subtotal		
	Class	Year	Class	Year	Class	Year	Class	Year			
High Speed Autocross (150 Limit) (\$50.00 ea)									\$ _____		
Low Speed Autocross (150 Limit) (\$45.00 ea)									\$ _____		
Bracket Drags (100 Limit) (\$50.00 ea)									\$ _____		
Record Drags (75 Limit) (\$40.00 ea)									\$ _____		
Judged Concours (40 Limit) (\$35.00 per car)									\$ _____		
People's Choice Car Show (\$20.00 per car)									\$ _____		
Funkhana (\$15.00 Drivers Pay)	<input type="radio"/> Driver	<input type="radio"/> Navigator	<input type="radio"/> Driver	<input type="radio"/> Navigator	<input type="radio"/> Driver	<input type="radio"/> Navigator	<input type="radio"/> Driver	<input type="radio"/> Navigator	\$ _____		
Rallye (\$20.00 Drivers Pay)	<input type="radio"/> Driver	<input type="radio"/> Navigator	<input type="radio"/> Driver	<input type="radio"/> Navigator	<input type="radio"/> Driver	<input type="radio"/> Navigator	<input type="radio"/> Driver	<input type="radio"/> Navigator	\$ _____		
Overall Competitor (\$20.00 each)	<input type="checkbox"/> Enter		<input type="checkbox"/> Enter		<input type="checkbox"/> Enter		<input type="checkbox"/> Enter		\$ _____		
Route 66 Tour (\$15.00/car/day)	<input type="radio"/> Wednesday		<input type="radio"/> Thursday		<input type="radio"/> Both		<input type="radio"/> Wednesday		<input type="radio"/> Thursday	<input type="radio"/> Both	\$ _____
Golf (limit 48) (\$50.00 each)	<input type="checkbox"/> Enter		<input type="checkbox"/> Enter		<input type="checkbox"/> Enter		<input type="checkbox"/> Enter		\$ _____		
Champions BBQ (Included in Convention Registration)	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend		<input type="checkbox"/> Attend		<input type="checkbox"/> Attend		<input type="checkbox"/> Attend		\$ 0.00		
Dinner at the River Walk (Included in Convention Registration)	<input type="checkbox"/> Attend		<input type="checkbox"/> Attend		<input type="checkbox"/> Attend		<input type="checkbox"/> Attend		\$ 0.00		
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CONVENTION 2008 SCHEDULE

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Saturday, June 21

Registration and Tech	10am – 6pm
Corvette Mall	10am – 6pm
National Meetings	6pm – 8pm
Hospitality	12pm – 8pm
Party - Hawaiian Theme	8pm – 12am

Sunday, June 22

E-Board Meeting	8am – 12pm	
Registration and Tech	10am – 12pm	4pm – 7pm
Corvette Mall	10am – 6pm	
National Governors' Meeting	12pm – 2pm	
Drivers Meeting	2pm – 4pm	
Peoples Choice Car Show and Display	4pm – 6pm	
Champions BBQ	6pm – 7pm	
Hospitality	12pm – 7pm	
Party – Champions Night	7pm – 12am	

Monday, June 23

Concours	9am – 1pm	
Funkhana	10am – 3pm	
Corvette Mall	10am – 4pm	
Drags – Night	3pm –	Gates open 2:30
Hospitality	12pm – 6pm	

Tuesday, June 24

Drags – Rain Day	8am –	Gates Open 7:00
Golf Tournament	7am – 12pm	
Rallye	11am – 4pm	
Corvette Mall	3pm – 6pm	
Hospitality	12pm – 6pm	
River Walk / Dinner / Live Music	4pm – 9pm	

Wednesday, June 25

Hi-Lo Speed Auto (Group 2&3)	8am –	Gates Open 7:00
Corvette Mall	3pm – 6pm	
Tours	8am – 7pm	
Hospitality	12pm – 7pm	
Party – Art of Magic	7pm – 11pm	

Thursday, June 26

Hi-Lo Speed Auto (Group 1&1S)	8am –	Gates Open 7:00
Corvette Mall	3pm – 6pm	
Tours	8am – 7pm	
Hospitality	12pm – 7pm	
Party – Country / Western Theme	7pm – 11pm	

Friday, June 27

Convention Breakfast	8am – 10am	
Awards	10am – 12pm	
Corvette Mall	10am – 5pm	
Hospitality	12pm – 6pm	10pm – 12am
Banquet	6pm – 10pm	

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CINCINNATI CORVETTE CLUB 50th ANNIVERSARY

The Cincinnati Corvette Club was formed in 1957 by a few dedicated early Corvette owners and was one of the very first Corvette clubs to be established. Back then we were known as the Queen City Corvette Club. Today, we are proud



to be sponsored by the Joseph Chevrolet dealership on Colerain Avenue in Cincinnati and we are a Charter Member club of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). On September 15, 2007, the Cincinnati Corvette Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a party in Cincinnati, Ohio, that included current and former club members, special guests, and other local Corvette enthusiasts.

Over 250 people browsed among the amazing cars and exhibits. Several special interest Corvettes were on display - four 1957 Corvettes, (including the earliest known 1957 RPO579E Airbox car with race history), Serial Number 001 1953 Corvette, two 1963 Grand Sports, a 1963 Z06, a red '63 fuel injected coupe, a black '58 roadster, and even a 1964 Cheetah.

One special display had a collection of 1957 Fuel Injection units - the Serial Number One unit (first built), sent to Harley J. Earl for special chrome plating and polishing at GM Styling for the Corvette "Super Sport"



Fuel Injection Show car that debuted Fuel Injection for Chevrolet at the 1956 New York Automobile Show, the Serial Number Three (third FI built) that was used on one of the 12 "Pilot" Fuel Injection Corvettes. Also included was an original unrestored FI unit from an early Airbox RPO-579D Corvette that has the original rare sheet metal components and matching early 908 Distributor.

Other displays included collectible early Corvettes, Indy race cars, engines, and memorabilia in the garage of our hosts. Chevy Club Connection provided us with the Compuware C6R #64, and a 2007 atomic orange Indy Pace Car.

Goody bag items and many door prizes were donated by several local and national Corvette related companies. Trophies for the People's Choice car show were donated by Nancy Fickas of Shaklee Products, and Jim Jennings



obtained the trophies and dash plaques and coordinated the votes for the favorite People's Choice cars.

Guest speaker, Jerry Burton, editor of *Corvette Quarterly* magazine, was on hand to autograph his latest book and entertained us with a history of the Corvette, more recent Corvette news and even tried to tempt us with hints of a C7. The day passed too quickly as old friends and new members reminisced and toasted the club and the Corvette!

By Pat Brown (with special thanks to all who worked and contributed to this event) (Photos by Debbie & Denny Davis, Linda Lake, Ron Gough)



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CORVETTE CLEVELAND CELEBRATES 50 YEARS IN 2007!!



How do you celebrate 50 years of an organization? For Corvette Cleveland, the planning started in March 2006, when a group of members, led by Elaine Obert, got together to start the planning. Many of the members were around for our last large anniversary party in 1982, so of course over the next year of planning, topics tended

to stray to reminiscing about the days gone by!

It was decided to not just have one party at some point during the year, but to have a year-long celebration. Fiftieth anniversary merchandise was created and ordered, dash plaques were created for each of our events for the year, and the fun times were ready to continue!

The first celebration occurred over the weekend of May 5 & 6, 2007. Over 150 people attended the reunion party driving 47 Corvettes (all who drove their Vette received a special plaque). Waiting for them



at the reunion were 12 tables of club memorabilia, displaying 25 photo albums, club trophies, old club shirts, patches, and



helmets through the years. A special display included congratulatory letters from the Cuyahoga County Board of Commissioners, Will Cooksey,

Mike Yeager, Bob Bondurant, Ron Fellows and Roger Penske.



Attendees were treated to a running slide show featuring over 1,000 photos from the 50 years of the club. Each attendee also received a dash plaque and memory book. The memory book was 102 pages and had a review of each year of the club's history. The book also included lists of all previous officers, points champions, charity involvement, Blue Bars articles, National Corvette Museum involvement, Member Updates and Nelson Ledges records (high speed venue where we have been hosting events since 1962) and a section titled "In the Blood" about

the club's 2nd generation members (currently 9) and its first 3rd generation member as well as its FCOA membership (57).

During the evening, presentations were made reviewing each decade of the club's history. Awards were given to Early Members of the Club, Honorary Members, Distance Traveled (MI-2, KS, NC), Most Years of Offices Held, Past Officers, Social "Life of the Party" and People's Choice for favorite Corvette at the reunion. Drawings were held for a "Corvette" basket, 1/12 scale Corvette, 50/50, NCM membership and a 50th anniversary blanket.

The party lasted into the next morning, but most everyone who had planned to attend the brunch made it to a brunch the following morning. At the brunch, 91 attendees had one last chance to reminisce and look over some of the memorabilia from the previous night and plan for the next activity in June!

June brought together a long time of planning by the club's National Corvette Museum (NCM) "Master" Ambassador Jim Egan. It was decided to take a club "road trip" to the NCM, coinciding with the ending weekend of NCCC convention in Nashville.

On Thursday, June 21, twenty-eight Corvettes, two metal cars and a trailer began their caravan south from Cleveland. There were planned rest breaks along the way and the caravan broke into



different “speed” levels, but everyone made it to Bowling Green! There, we were joined by conventioners and former members now living in FL and WV.



Friday started with a back road caravan to the Corvette Plant for a tour, which happened to

strong interest in a fine motor car, a desire to socialize and/or compete with others who have like interests and for those who do not mind a little work with their fun.”

Thank you to NCCC and all the members and clubs that have participated in our events over the years. See you during the next 50!

Article and photos were submitted by Tim Obert, Corvette Cleveland member.

coincide with the last 2007/ first 2008 production. The afternoon members set off on the NCM “Lake” road tour (what great roads around the NCM for “driving” your Corvette!). Friday night it was off to dinner, then to show off our go-kart driving skills. The night was capped off by returning to host Jim Egan’s room for more “socializing.”

Saturday morning the club’s 50th Anniversary brick was unveiled, marking two years of fundraising efforts. Members then toured the NCM, gathering in the afternoon for a club photo. Saturday evening, Corvette Cleveland joined the Anniversary Registry and Street Elite Corvette Club (non-NCCC) for a dinner in the NCM atrium. The night was capped off by returning to host Jim Egan’s room for more “socializing.”

Sunday morning, weary members woke up and headed home, already remembering all the great events that took place over the past few days.

The 50th Anniversary year of Corvette Cleveland was one to be remembered. It was a time to reflect on those things over the last 50 years that have shaped what we are today. It is a time to remember that Corvette Cleveland is: “A club for those with a



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ABOUT THE BACK COVER

Tri-State Corvette Club was established in 1974 in Newburgh, IN and we are a Corvette club that like to be behind the wheel of the plastic. TSCC had this picture taken near our Club meeting location in Newburgh. TSCC has taken trips on Route 66 from Chicago to Los Angeles; Booth Bay, ME; Las Vegas, NV; Glacier National Park, MT and all around this wonderful country. We will go to just about any location a TSCC member will bring up for discussion. We just love to run the highway and by-ways of this great country of ours, and what better way to do it that in a Corvette. If should see us out and about, please wave or say, "Hi."

Article and photo was submitted by Bob Bean, TSCC President.



Corvettes of Naples has committed to covering the yearly payment costs, mostly from our annual charity show for the next six years. At that point, the van will belong to the Gabriel House free and clear. If the show has the continued success we have enjoyed the past few years, there should be excess funds to donate to the Gabriel House for their general needs. We are very proud to help support this very loving, giving organization.

NOTE: CCN has been supporting this organization for over ten years and has raised over \$90,000 for the Gabriel House through our Annual Vette Together for Charity Car Show. The last two years, we have donated over \$13,000 each year.

Article was submitted by Jane Colapietro, founding Member 1977 of Corvettes of Naples.

GABRIEL HOUSE

The Gabriel House in Ft. Myers, FL was established by Annie & Ed Ravish in 1992. They have taken in many children from all over the world at risk of injury and even have put their own lives on the line doing so. Their goal is to provide a home and medical care for these children who have been discarded, have a medical problem or were born with severe birth defects and find them a loving and caring home. More than 200 children have been adopted. The Gabriel House is not an adoption agency, but screens applicants and approves their appropriateness. The Gabriel House is a home not an agency, but a home.

To update our association with the Gabriel House, Glenn Hutchinson and Don Colapietro were invited to be members of their Board of Directors in response to their past interest and caring for which they both felt quite honored.

It came to their attention that the Gabriel House needed a new van to transport the children, one with the capability of being able to tie down Emma Rose's new wheelchair and still afford the room for the rest of the "family." The vehicle they had was never intended to carry so many passengers and the insurance on this type of vehicle started to skyrocket—not to mention the safety factors involved. The Dodge Sprinter Van diesel fit the requirements perfectly. It offers the room, safety and comfort of being able to walk through (because it is a high top) to check the children's seat belts, etc.

Don Colapietro spoke to Don DeVoe (a friend and former President of Corvettes of Naples) whose brother went to school with John Myers of Naples Dodge. John recommended that Don Colapietro talk to Tony at Naples Dodge regarding the purchase or lease of this vehicle. Don and Jane Colapietro went to speak with Tony and see what was available. Later that same afternoon Don Colapietro and Ed Ravish returned to the dealership and purchased a new 2006 diesel Sprinter (high top), 10-passenger capability at a sale price.



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SCICC Fall Field Trip

Our Fall Road Trip was a wonderful cornucopia of fall colors, wonderful aromas, great food, old and new friends, and beautiful scenes for the 19 Corvettes participating in our trip to and through Kentucky.

Friday morning, October 26th we started gathering south of Indianapolis at SR44 and I65, where we had a quick breakfast. Then we headed south to where we picked up more cars along the way at two more stops. Our destination on Friday was the Bowling Green Assembly Plant and the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. We had two excellent tour guides take us through the Corvette Assembly Plant, pointing out highlights of how those beautiful cars are made. We were all amazed at the painstaking care and attention to detail that is part of



constructing a Corvette. It felt like we were watching brightly colored soldiers marching through the manufacturing lines. The men in our group really loved watching the finished car go into the “cyclone” test room where it was pounded with water and wind from all directions to check for any possible leaks. Most of the women enjoyed seeing all the beautiful colors of the cars and trying to decide which paint color and interior color would be on their next Vette.

After spending the night in Bowling Green, we headed out Saturday morning for Bloomfield and on to Bardstown. We took a short drive through Mammoth Cave Park and made a pit stop (and shopping stop) there. Upon leaving the park we made our way along some beautiful roads that were great for testing the handling on those sweet cars. Along the way we passed through the quaint town of Bloomfield and then made our way toward Bardstown. For those of us who have never been to Bardstown, it was a great treat. Saturday there were many sites to visit and places to tour, sample the goods, and do some shopping. There were several B&B's and hotels where the group stayed Saturday

night in historic Bardstown, after we all met for dinner. Lots of options for this large group were available and everyone found something they enjoyed. Some of the places available for touring were, Makers Mark, Jim Beam, Heaven Hill distilleries, Spring Hill Winery, Bloomfield shopping, Gethsemani Abbey, horse-drawn trolley tours, ghost tour of Bardstown, MyOldKentucky Home, Civil War Museum, historic homes of Bardstown, and more shopping.



Our trip was planned and organized by Mike Cope of Mecca Designs. Mike was assisted with the planning and implementation by Vickie Garrett. The 19 cars participating in this great weekend owe a big THANK YOU to Mike and Vickie for all their hard work.

The fall road trip is our outing for relaxing and enjoying our cars after working hard on our annual car show. During August of each year our club sponsors a car show to raise money to pay for a room for a full year at the Ronald McDonald House at Riley Hospital for Children and make a donation to the Spina Bifida Association of Indianapolis, from the proceeds of the car show. This year we raised over \$7,000. Info on our club can be found at www.scincc.com — Website coordinator - Judy Carey.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Carey, Governor - South Central Indiana Corvette Club.



Corvette Annapolis Celebrates 17 Years!

CORVETTE ANNAPOLIS (MD) IS CELEBRATING 17 YEARS AND GROWING!!

Corvette Annapolis was established in 1991 in the capital of the state, Annapolis, Maryland and immediately became a member of NCCC. The club organizes yearly rallies, Concours, judged / fun car shows, picnics, brunches, cruises and other Corvette oriented social activities. The organization is actively involved in the community and has contributed \$12,300 to the Anne Arundel Medical Center to purchase equipment for the Cancer Infusion Unit.

In 2005 the club elected its first female president, Sherry Arigo, who was re-elected for a third term in 2008. Arigo said, "We have a great organization with everyone contributing to club efforts in some way." Corvette Annapolis has grown significantly in the last two years, with over 50 members joining since 2006 resulting in a current roster of 125 members, a tribute to the leadership and focus of the organization.

The club celebrated its 16th anniversary last year at the Bonefish Grill in Glen Burnie, MD and the establishment has pledged a long-term relationship with Corvette Annapolis in view of their community efforts.

This past year, Corvette Annapolis sponsored club member Shannon Shepherd who participated in and won the Corvette Idol contest at the 2007 Ocean City Corvette Cruise Week-end, the club contributed \$350 to the charity effort in support of Shannon.

Corvette Annapolis continues to be involved with the community and Corvette enthusiasts in the Annapolis metropolitan area, meetings are held monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:00 PM at the Annapolis Library. For further information, visit www.corvetteannapolis.com.

Photograph of Corvette Annapolis at the Bonefish Grill submitted by Image Power, Inc., C.O. Hynson, President



50 YEARS OF CHICAGO CORVETTE CLUB

The Chicago Corvette Club began when the Corvette was in its six model year – 1958. In Chicago, Keith Lais, Corvette owner and salesman at Ferrell Hicks Chevrolet, had been surveying other Corvette owners, through a variety of means including newspaper ads, to determine if enough people were interested in forming a club. On March 21, twenty-two people became members of the Chicago Corvette Club (CCC). The first meeting was held in the salesman's meeting room at the Ferrell Hicks dealership, which became the club's home for some time. Later on meetings were held at local restaurants, then for a period of time at the GM training center in Hinsdale, Illinois.

The new club acted quickly, electing temporary officers with Keith Lais as President and unanimously adopting the name "Chicago Corvette Club." Committees were formed at subsequent meetings to generate a constitution, club logo, jacket patches, stationery, membership cards and the club newspaper called the "Grand Prix." On June 28, 1958, the club held its first social banquet and installed its first permanent officers. The club's first dues per member were \$15 and currently are just \$40. Membership grew to an active group of 35-40 members. The club wanted to hold its membership to under 100 members in order to maintain close working relationships.

The members' great enthusiasm expanded competition activities rapidly. In May of 1958, CCC held its first gymkhana open to all sports cars in the Chicago area. Concourses, rallies and economy runs quickly followed. Social events also grew. Two banquets were held yearly, one to honor past and new club officers and a second to present the "Competitor of the Year" and "Member of the Year" awards. The club ran caravans to the St. Louis Corvette assembly plant and the Indy 500 race. Ken Bonser and his brother in law, John Fenton, owners of Clarendon Hills Auto Repair, held "garage events" where members could work on their cars for free using their facilities. CCC held an annual picnic called "Christmas in July" which included a concourse for members, family and guests. There were also occasional house parties and non-automotive sports events. Our club spawned the formation of two new clubs, the original Windy City Corvette Club and the Northern Rays Corvette Club.

Other clubs devoted to the Corvette emerged nationwide. The idea arose of having a national organization of Corvette clubs. The Chicago Corvette Club was one of the key instruments in forming the resulting National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) in January 1961. CCC is one of a very few charter members of NCCC and indeed much of NCCC's present structure; even the design of the steering wheel logo, was drawn from that of the Chicago Corvette Club. William Burda, our club member and NCCC's first treasurer, set up a bank account at the Bank of Elmhurst

that served formally as NCCC's bank into the 1980's.

The Chicago Corvette Club, over a rich 50-year history, has sponsored many unique events, many of them "firsts." CCC sponsored the first car club speed events in several Illinois parking lots at Chicago Soldiers South Field, Gurnee's Great America, and Oak Brook Shopping Plaza. Speed events were also held at the following Illinois tracks – O'Hare Stadium, 1/4 mile track, in Schiller Park; Meadowdale Raceway in Carpentersville; and Utica Go-Kart Track. In Wisconsin speed events were held at Wilmot Hills Road Course, now a ski hill, and Lynndale Farms in Pewaukee. In the late 60's and early 70's we didn't store our "Vettes" during winter — we had fun and challenging events on ice!! Lake Geneva had a Winter Festival that had ice-skating and motorcycle racing on the lake. Our club held ice races on the lake during this festival. Corvettes would race around pylons — one car at a time to beat the clock! This event proved very interesting as the ice melted from the heat of the cars. We also did ice racing on Wisconsin's Pell Lake and Twin Lakes. Car shows were held at various Chevrolet dealerships, Gurnee's Great America amusement park, and even in conjunction with a promotion at Lake Geneva's Playboy Club. Many of these facilities no longer exist.

Eighteen CCC members attended the first NCCC convention in Lansing, Michigan, in July of 1962. CCC began running driver training schools for gymkhanas early in its history. On June 7, 1970, CCC sponsored the first Allan Clarke Memorial Time Trials to honor Allan Clarke, one of our members who past away after a

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motorcycle accident. The first event was held on the 1/2-mile oval of Illiana Speedway. This yearly event in honor of Allan was held at the following tracks: Blackhawk Farms in Rockton, Illinois; Grundy County Speedway's 1/2 mile track; Rockford Speedway's 1/4 mile NASCAR sanctioned track; Love's Park Go-Cart Track in Rockford, Illinois; and Lake Geneva Raceway.

CCC was the originator of the popular "Corvette Corral" at the Road America Race track in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. The "Touch of Glass" Concourse in September of 1975 was another landmark event. Naturally, Corvette fans wanted to see where these cars came to life. CCC was one of the first clubs to tour the original St. Louis assembly plant. This tradition continues, as members tour the assembly plant now located in Bowling Green, Kentucky, as well as the Corvette Museum.

Chicago Corvette Clubs' emphasis has changed throughout the years to the desires of its membership. In 1996 the membership had dropped and the club temporarily faded away. At present, the CCC has roughly 150 members of incredibly diverse backgrounds and interests, all unified by enjoyment of Corvettes. With such diverse interests, our members enjoy a variety of activities, which include an annual picture day at the beginning of "Corvette season," many day or weekend road trips, picnics, and our annual Christmas party. Additionally, the club is active in many area civic activities, community sponsored parades and charity events. For example, CCC has worked with the following charitable organizations: American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Salvation Army, West Chicago Police Children's Fund, and the Westwood Resource Center. Currently, it is supporting events with the Shriners Hospital in Chicago to benefit disabled children and is

involved with Marklund Children's Home to help raise money for their organization. These activities allow others to experience not only our passion for Corvettes, but also our desire to meet the needs of the community in which we believe.

Certainly, the next 50 years will bring about change in the Chicago Corvette Club. However, it is clear that the last 50 have impacted not only the lives of each of its members, but Corvette history as well.

Look for the Chicago Corvette Club at the following 2008 events: Spring Chevy VetteFest in Rosemont, Illinois, on April 5 & 6; Chicago Corvette Club Brunch & Picture Day on May 4; Bloomington Gold in St. Charles, Illinois, on June 27, 28, 29; Mid-America Fun Fest in Effingham on September 19, 20, 21; Fall Chevy VetteFest in Rosemont, Illinois, on November 22 & 23; and the Chicago Corvette Club's Christmas Party December 7.

If you were part of the Chicago Corvette Club in the past and want to join the fun, please contact any of the people below for more information:

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available. If you can work it in your schedule next year try to use it. He thanked all that used it this year. Next year will have a PDF file that will also be sent to the person using the display; this will have all the information on how to set it up.

Dave Heinemann - Parliamentarian

The last three years the RE's have worked very diligently in helping him obtain one of his goals when he became Parliamentarian three years ago and this was to get the by-laws and standing rules current. This was accomplished.

He laid out goals for next year, which is his last year as Parliamentarian and they will start working on these in February with the new committee, will be providing additional details of this at the February meeting.

They appointed a representative to the finance committee for 2008 and also appointed the newsletter judges. These will be announced later in the meeting.

This year we have had an election and for years they have been relatively easy with no competition. This year we had multiple candidates for a position and multiple choices for convention. If you are not a governor hopefully you got the opportunity to witness the excellent superb job that Carolyn did and her executive assistant, Manny did in emailing back and forth to make sure the ballots were done right and he thinks it was a phenomenal job. (His words not mine, but thanks).

He has four outgoing RE's and he asked that they stand and be acknowledged for the hard work they have done. This was Carl McFadden from Roadrunner region, Jack Carkner Southeast region, Gail Dawley from Carolina region and Kevin Milton from Indiana region. Kevin has gone beyond the call of duty, the printed copies, the electronic version and everything you are going to see on the webpage, has been done by him. This has helped him present a good clean document with updated standing rules and by-laws. A special recognition was made to him for this hard work.

In hearing conversations around and about and people saying things they don't like about NCCC, just remember NCCC is what we make it and it's what we decide we are going to do, so keep this in mind.

Mike Godfrey – VP Competition

Mike had all 15 RCD's at his meeting, which is his last one as VP of Competition.

Drag records, no events since last meeting and will not have any more this year however there were three new records retired and indexes set. These are good through December 15th.

1. Group III classic modified new index is 10.22
2. Group IA new index 13.48
3. Group IH new index 13.06

National points have been updated with all information received as of 11/4/07. He has sent this information to the website and believes it is already posted. However, don't take the sanction log as gospel because it has become apparent there are some things he has in the points that are not entered that way on the log. He will correct this as soon as he can get to it.

Clubs

5. Midwest Region, Windy City Corvettes — 6,579 pts
4. Southeast Region, Nashville CC — 7,201 pts
3. Florida Region, North Florida Corvette Assn — 7,543 pts
2. West Region, Cornhusker CC — 10,851 pts
1. Southwest Region, Oklahoma City CC — 13,004 pts

Ladies

5. SW Region, Eileen Fox — 949 pts
4. SW Region, Suzanne Ansley — 987 pts
3. CA Region, Donna Littlejohn — 1,081 pts
2. MI Region, Sharon Meesseman — 1,224 pts
1. SE Region, Betty Parks — 1,449 pts

Men

5. CA Region, John Haskell — 895 pts
4. SW Region, Neil Fox — 931 pts
3. IN Region, Patrick Wrigley — 933 pts
2. SE Region, Don Parks — 1,555 pts
1. MI Region, Ray Meesseman — 1,723 pts

Other than this, had their roundtable discussion, did cleanup items for the proposed rule book which will be covered later.

They had an appeal hearing last night and at this point in time, the appeal was upheld and he will have a detailed explanation in his minutes.

Mike added this to his report – Thanked all the RCD's that have worked with him the last four years and he wants us to keep in mind what these RCD's do. Everyone has an opinion on something, your RCD's not only have to deal with the two, three, four hundred opinions in your region about our program but then they have to translate that and deal with the other 14 RCD's in the meeting. He appreciates all the work they did and he would like to thank them and all of you for all the cooperation he has received in the last four years.

Roger Mitchell – Immediate Past President

Roger apologized for missing the September meeting, has been quite a while since he has missed a meeting, this will end his current tenure on the E-Board. One of the things he had left in open business to do in September was make the presentation of the keeper to the recipient of the President's award for 2006. We give each year at convention the President's award, traveling trophy it returns to convention in 2007 to be re-awarded and we give that individual who won it in 2006 a token of appreciation on behalf of NCCC that they can keep to add to their collection. This presentation for the President's award for 2006 was awarded to Richard Yanko.

He expressed his appreciation to the executive committee and to those members who have been on it for the last five years that he has been associated with. This organization would not function without the contributions that each of the members in this room make; you guys are the ones who are always here; you go out and find the rest of them to parlay our information to them. We appreciate that; none of the executives or the staff of the Board can do their jobs without your help. He certainly appreciates it; he has a newfound affection for the effort you guys put in. People have asked him if there is anything he has learned from spending five years on the Board and there are many things but if you had to bring it down to one thing that will work and pass it on to your regions and your clubs and all the way down to individual members is that if you want to go fast you can go by yourself, if you want to go far go together. 'You're the best.'

Old Business

Dick updated us on the NCM, nothing much happening since the last meeting. The next Board of Directors meeting will be at the end of the month. They are proceeding with their plans for the two new simulators courtesy of \$250,000 grant from the state of Kentucky plus another \$40,000 they will have to come up with. They are also proceeding with the plans and ground breaking for the new addition, in the process of getting the loans in place for this as well as negotiating on 55 acres of land on the

other side of I65 where they proposing a quarter mile drag strip/road course/parking lot autocross.

Dick presented Roger Mitchell, Hal Bellamy, Carolyn Montgomery, and Mike Godfrey, the outgoing officers with tokens of appreciation for their years of service. Hal donated the money for his gift to the scholarship fund.

Teller committee report given by Patsy Shearer: Ballots were sent out with 239 votes returned and 1 invalid as no signature. She introduced the new officers, VP of Competition – Jack Wilson, Secretary – Cindy Urenda, Sgt. at Arms – Gary Foster, and Business Manger – George Gallant. All the by-laws passed. The convention will be held in Colorado Springs. Dick thanked the teller committee and congratulations to these office holders.

Deb Murphy came up to talk about the proposed budget for 2008. There were no changes made since it was presented to you in September for your consideration. No discussion. Motion made by Allen Morris to accept the budget as presented with a second by Betty Parks. No discussion, budget passed.

Dick then brought up the competition rulebook. As a little background remember last meeting we had it to present in a very draft form that was presented and voted down. Then had a motion passed that we would revisit this rulebook at this meeting and that is what this is about. Larry Hickman had a technical question on page 15 of the bylaws under competition committee, says the competition committee shall review the competition manual and submit their recommendations to the Board of Governors for their approval on the first regularly scheduled business meeting following the annual meeting. That was done; the vote was against the rulebook so how can we vote on it again until next year in September? How can we supercede the bylaw in terms of that vote?

Dave Heinemann responded by stating in front of the competition manual there is a paragraph that tells you what the manual is about and the time length of when it will be in force. Currently the competition rulebook is in force from 2004-2007. Keep in mind, the rulebook is a standing rule, and a standing rule can be changed at any time. What we have done in the past, there was a standing rule put in front of this rulebook and presented with the package as a standing rule that we would not discuss items on this at every meeting, and on this front page of this rulebook it states changes can be made for betterment of the rulebook and would take effect the following year, such changes can only be made by the National Competition Committee with the approval of the Board of Governors. Then he went into the standing rules under competition, #3 and read, once a competition rulebook has been approved by the Board of Governors, the VP of Competition will publish an accumulative listing of all approved rulebook clarification in each issue of *Blue Bars* until the competition rulebook is revised. So far we have dealt with two standing rule issues and keep in mind, the entire document is a standing rule. Now there is a by-law that Larry just read to us off of page 15 under competition committee. Dave re-read this entire section but reinforced the section that says “any recommendations for changes to the competition rulebook must be submitted to the Competition committee through the Regional Competition Director. Any changes approved by the Board of Governors shall become effective on the first day of the year following approval“. We are not through the first day of the year. The book was presented and we discussed this at the meeting in September. A lot of work was put in this rulebook and a lot of RCD’s spent four years trying to get these rules betterment for us. Let’s keep focused that not when we are going to vote and approve this but lets vote on the content. Let’s make a logical and intelligent

decision, it was not ready in September and a lot of work has been put into this. It is a standing rule and what was done to make it clean and it was voted on and accepted by this assembly here that we would postpone that vote to allow every governor and member a chance to review these changes and then do an educated vote at this meeting. A motion had been made on the floor at that time to postpone until this meeting. It is suppose to be presented at the first meeting after the annual meeting and it was presented but you can not make an intelligent decision until you have the ability to see it and what we did was to allow every governor and every member to get a look at this and make a valued decision. That is what we are trying to do at this meeting. The by-law was met by being presented at the first meeting after the annual meeting. That is how he interprets this; let’s keep focused on what we are looking at, not when it was presented. Further discussion and clarification of the motion made in September that was withdrawn, and then a final motion made was to postpone the vote until this meeting. Dave read from the September minutes, page 12, last paragraph, and page 13, first paragraph, that outlined in detail what had been discussed.

Dick commented at this time if you had talked to your RCD in September they would have said they did the best to get it to you and they thought it was good. They have had a chance to go back and look at it, have done a lot of massaging and talking amongst themselves and he thinks if you talked to them today your RCD would say they are in agreement with what we have here and we should carry this forward. These folks have put a lot of time and effort on this program.

Chuck Heretta asked for clarification- are we talking about a bylaw which we can not change only once a year or are we talking standing rule. Is the voting done by bylaw or done by standing rule? If done by bylaw, then the motion Kevin made in September is incorrect. If we are voting by standing rule, and he does not see any place where we vote by standing rule, then yes we can continue. Dave commented that first off we are voting on the rulebook package as a standing rule, if it was a bylaw it would not be done at this meeting, it would have gone out in the mailing. No bylaws are voted on; they are presented then mailed out for voting.

Jerry Limpach commented that our rulebook does not cover what to do if the vote fails. There is nothing in the rulebook to tell us what to do if it fails. The common knowledge, which is in error, is that the old rulebook carries over, it does not. As of this point we have no competition program for 2008. This might be something to look at next year to putting something in to cover this situation. Dave stated that if this does fail, we could make a standing rule motion to run on the rulebook for another year.

No further comments, Dick asked for a motion to accept the new rulebook as written for the next four years. Manny Montgomery made and read the following motion; the proposed rulebook dated 2008-2011 as corrected by the RCD committee last night be approved for the competition of NCCC beginning 1 January 2008 for a minimum of one year. This motion was seconded by Howard Curtis. Dick asked for discussion. Jack Wilson of the Midwest region commented, he has been RCD for the past five years and part of the operation of the current rulebook and development of the new rulebook. They have listened to the governors, the participants and the members of the organization to try and develop a rulebook that was streamlined to a point to make it better understood by the members. The end product is agreed to by all of the RCD’s and they feel they have done the best they can to fulfill their obligations. He would recommend this rulebook be passed and respectfully submits his recommendations for this rulebook and he would like to ask all the RCD’s that support this to stand up.

Further discussion on this by Chuck Heretta who commented that if you listen to what the motion said that was put on the floor just now, it says corrected rulebook. Have any of you seen that corrected rulebook? NO, we are back to the same situation we were in September; you are asking us to vote on something that we have not seen. Dick responded to this by saying as a governor of a club one of the duties of the governor is to elect an RCD, RMD and RE to represent that region. It is the belief that these elected officers for each region will do what is in the best interest not only of the National Council but of their region also. You all sat in this room and watched as each one of your RCD's stood up with the recommendation that you pass this. They are not in here to try and pull wool over your eyes, they believe that what they have to vote on is the best they can do right now. If you don't believe what they are telling you then you have elected the wrong people.

Mike commented what they did was some corrections to spelling, punctuation, indents, numbers in the wrong order. The only things they added were clarifications that were already made and still in effect since the previous rulebook was published. What they wanted to do was to ensure those clarifications were in there, that's what the majority of the changes are. There was one other change where there was a misprinting on the points; it was just a typo for the Concours. Further discussion, then the question was called by Pete Dawley with a second by Bernyce Molenda. Question was called for. Now voting on the rulebook - All of those opposed to the acceptance of the motion where we will accept this competition rulebook for a time period of one year? 42. Those that were in favor of the rulebook were 139. Motion passes. Rulebook will be published on CD and every primary member will get a copy on CD and will also be put on the website.

Arnie Bailey recommended that the rulebook be corrected in a manner similar to what we did in the past to show what was changed. In the past we had what used to be there in italics and what changes were made to it. Otherwise you would spend a lot of time comparing the two. It would be nice to see what was changed. Mike said this could be done. Pete Dawley made a motion to make sure substantial changes are highlighted in the new rulebook. A second was made by Howard Curtis. Motion passed.

New Business

Dick, at the request of the secretary, asked for a motion to destroy the ballots as we see no use in keeping the ballots. Motion made by George Powell with a second by Arnie Bailey to destroy the ballots. No discussion, motion passed.

Dick read off the names for the newly elected regional officers for 2008 for approval by the governors.

RCD's – Paul Haack, Bob Pattillo, Pete Dawley, Ray Meesseman, Manny Montgomery, Larry Morrison, John Backman, Joe Orrico, Mike Godfrey, Jim Asbury, Don Parks, Jerry Corlesski, Brian Gallagher, Chuck Stephens and Paul Hamersly. Also from the RCD's Manny Montgomery will be the finance committee representative. Motion to accept the RCD's for 2008 made by Denny Luther with second by Joe Scafero. No discussion motion passed.

RMD's – Don Smith, Peggy Stephens, Joe Vasta, Patsy Shearer, Sue Runyan, Sue Puksich, Barb Harris, Ellouise Morrison, Ken Daby, Anne Carkner, Cheryl Surdick, Cliff Harris, Pat Brown, and Diane Bowen. No one has been selected for Northeast. Joe Vasta is on the finance committee. The Duntov committee consists of Barb Harris for one year term beginning January 1, 2008, Anne Carkner for two year term beginning January 1st 2008 and Ken Daby a three year term beginning January 1st 2008. Motion to accept these RMD's for 2008 by

Larry Hickman with a second by Calvin Camp. Change requested to change Don Smith to Debbie Haskell. No discussion, motion passed.

RE's – Margaret Bohannon, Chuck Heretta, Mike Weil, Glenn Hutchinson, Mary Bellamy, William Siebel, Calvin Camp, Richard DeSocio, John Maxwell, Jim Gray, John McGee, Bernyce Molenda, Allen Morris, Jerry Limpach and Gary Brisbois. Allen Morris is the representative for the finance committee. For the newsletter judges, Jerry Limpach, Calvin Camp and Chuck Heretta. Motion to accept these RE's for 2008 made by Bernyce Molenda with a second by Don Schmitt. No discussion motion passed.

Debbie Lindsey made a comment at this time re the Corvette Market magazine, copies which had been made available at this meeting. This is a new publication that has just come out and there will be a flyer in your membership packet. She met these people at Mid America Funfest, so watch for this in your packet.

Dick asked for a motion to appoint Walt Jenkins as the convention director for 2009. Motion made by Calvin Camp with a second by Larry Hickman. No discussion motion passed.

At the last meeting Dick had mentioned that he would be looking for a motion today to give the clubs that have not turned in proxies for the meetings for this year, a chance to get these copies to their RE and submitted to the secretary by November 30, of this year. We did this last year and the year before and it is a good idea because sometimes our RE's and our governors just miss each other in getting these proxies in. This will be for attendance purposes only. Motion made by Arnie Bailey with a second by Calvin Camp. No discussion, motion passed.

Dick Runyan, Governor from Corvette Club of Indiana, as the council is getting in dire needs 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. The dues are set as of 3/1/2008. This motion was seconded by Cliff Harris of Pacific Coast Corvettes. Dick Yanko read this motion again as submitted. This was then opened on the floor for discussion. Dave clarified this does have to lie on the table until the next meeting for a vote as a by-law. Frank Wiethorn expressed concern as he does not see any numbers to support this increase. He referenced the budget for new members for 2006, \$106,000 income and 2005 we had \$97,000 income. This year we are going to \$77,000, why are our new members down? He does not think we have the figures to support the dues increase, he thinks we need the actuals for 2007 plus with the transition from one treasurer to another both doing business a different way he does not think it is going to shake out. Deb Murphy commented that she and Jay did membership dues exactly the same, same numbers, same way they are entered so she is not sure why the comment about the treasurers doing things differently. She also commented that they have been provided the actuals in the minutes. The new membership has been going down; the budget is the best guess as to what we think we are going to spend. We have a lot of expenses that we have no control over, such as gas and postage. We can stack membership #'s in order to balance this budget but if that is not realistic with what we are doing every year it does not make sense to put those numbers in there.

Dick Yanko commented this will lie on the table until the February meeting so we will have the opportunity to see what the 2007 actuals are. Frank commented that some did not know the actuals were included in the minutes, you had to check the tab under the excel sheet to review. Manny Montgomery of the Florida Region commented that he understands we need a dues increase and he can support this for his

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region but not in March, He feels it would be better to start September 1st when we start next years renewals and new members would be a better date. Plus we need to stop spending so much money in NCCC; we need to reduce the number of people on the Board.

Roger Mitchell of Southwest Region commented, since we are going to have a meeting to think about this and Frank points out that for at least the last four years we actually have ended up in the black each of those four years, we can't budget that, because there is people like John McGee that walk in here and drop \$34,000 on you. You have know way of knowing, there are items in the budget like that that you can not predict. What Deb is trying to do is to say we anticipate this much income, we anticipate this much expense, and that comes out to the number. Now, if you have a good year, and you watch what you do you wind up better off. That was the pledge we made to you five years ago when we had a dues increase. He told us at the time when this became necessary that it had been 16 yrs previous to this when NCCC had a dues increase and we only did primary, did not do spouses. In this day and age we are not going to be able to go 16 years between dues increases.

Larry Hickman pointed out that the current P&L that was passed out shows through November not including this meeting \$303,000 total expense for the year, You are projecting \$476,000 in expense for next year, that gives you about \$173,000, there are some questions here, does not know where it is at, but there are questions. Dick Yanko mentioned this motion will lie on the table until the February meeting.

Elaine Heretta, governor of Corvette Cleveland asked why it takes so long to get the patches. She received patches today from 2006 competition year. She received the ones for the Regional champion club at the governors meeting in October. Her members want to know why they have to wait so long to get them. There is nothing special about these that they have to be customed ordered and take until October the following competition year to get them. Why can't we have these at the February National governor's meeting? Mike commented that points all have to be verified, cannot get it done that quickly, these have to be ordered and it takes generally 5-6 weeks to get them. The reason that that particular batch was late was because the people that made them put the wrong year on them. He had to have these redone. Per Dave these normally come in May but there was a problem this year.

No other new business.

50/50 Raffle was \$178.00 to the winner, Dick Runyan.

Dick Yanko made an announcement that he and Gail will be getting married February 9th 2008 in Las Vegas. Congratulations to you both!

Motion to adjourn was made by Larry Hickman and seconded by Arnie Bailey. Meeting adjourned at 4:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Montgomery

Carolyn Montgomery, Secretary

From the Editor...

The minutes found in this issue may be an abridged version of the actual minutes that were distributed by the NCCC Secretary. Please contact your Club Governor or Regional Executive for a complete set of these minutes.

This is the first in what is planned to be a series of articles about the car we all love. In each issue, we'll examine a different facet of the Corvette. There's no better place to start the series than the new LS3 engine.

Holy jumpin' horses, Batman! The Corvette engineers did it again. They keep shoehorning more and more horses into the engine compartment of the coupes and convertibles. Who knew they had all that extra room under the hood!

In 2008, at the heart of the coupes and convertibles is the new LS3 engine, a 6.2L V-8 that comes as standard equipment. The small block LS3 features a cast aluminum cylinder block with cast iron cylinder liners. With standard exhaust, it delivers 430 hp at 5900 RPM and generates 424 lb.-ft. of torque at 4600 RPM. The stroke remains at 3.62 inches so the increased displacement is created by punching out the cylinders by .06 inch to 4.06 inches creating 376 cubes. The block casting also features revisions and machining in the bulkheads that enhance its strength and improved bay-to-bay breathing.

The increased displacement is fed by high-flow LS7-style heads, an updated camshaft and camshaft timing, a high-flow intake manifold to improve air intake, and larger pistons.

The cylinder heads are also cast aluminum. Aspiration is accomplished by high-flow cylinder heads serviced by the large port and large valve design found on the LS7. The design employs a larger capacity, straighter intake port which provides better air flow. Breathing is enhanced with larger intake and exhaust valves. The intake valves have lightweight, hollow stems. Their size was bumped nearly nine percent from 2.00 inches to 2.16 inches. The large exhaust valves are 1.60 inches in diameter. The lightweight valves, coupled with new, larger pistons, enable the engine to redline at 6600 RPM.

Although the cam provides the same exhaust lift as the LS2, the cam's intake lift has increased by more than five percent, from .521 to .551 inch. The cam timing has been optimized for the greater lift on the intake side. The updated valve train employs rocker arms that are offset by 6 mm between the valve tip and the pushrod to provide more direct intake port flow.

Gas is fed by high-flow LS7 fuel injectors. With a compression ratio of 10.7:1, premium gas is recommended, but it is not required!

Since the heads and valve train have been updated to provide more air to the cylinders, the intake manifold has been acoustically tuned to improve the flow.

You can add a couple of additional ponies by opting for the two-mode exhaust system. It's similar in design and function to the Z06 exhaust system, but not the same as the Z06 exhaust. While the Z06 uses a 3.00 inch exhaust, the exhaust servicing the LS3 is only 2.50 inches. The similarity is in the use of vacuum actuated valves. The valves reduce engine noise during low-load operation and open for maximum performance under high loads. The improved breathing boosts the output of the LS3 to 436 horses and 428 lb.-ft. of torque. The increased horses raise the top end to 190 mph and a 0-60 time of 4.3 seconds. As a by-product, under load, it delivers the growl that says "*move over, here I come!*"

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CAROLINA REGION



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EAST REGION



www.ernccc.com

The year 2007 is done as we read these lines. We are all looking forward to another great year of driving, showing and just plain enjoying our Corvette.

But...first we must prepare! Start by using those jack stands, crawl under to fix/repair, replace, or...maybe clean it up some, in the comfort of your garage. Sure wished Santa had brought me a lift...

Reading all the new catalogs, surfing the web, looking for that extra special gadget to make the best thing on four wheels more to your liking. Folks up North have to, they're snowbound (maybe), so what else, right?

Read the newest version of the NCCC Rulebook again...it should be on the NCCC web site by now. Notice that the 2009 ZR-1 shown below will no doubt have a Class or Group to itself. One Street with a supercharger makes as much sense as putting a III Modified car in RP because it has a supercharger. Still want the C1-C6 accessory style supercharged Corvettes in III Modified.

Waiting for the mail man, UPS man, or whomever bringing the best stuff for the best car...

The Carolina Region's 2008 Officers are Margaret Bohannon (RE), and Debbie Haskell (RMD). They are going to do their level best to take the Region to new heights. Looking forward to the ever-changing new Region Web site under the management of Donna Littlejohn.

I have promises from the Region's Governors that we will have some super autocrosses and Concours in '08, and maybe something even newer.

See you,
Pete Dawley, Carolina Region RCD



The East Region offers hearty congratulations to the 2008 – 2009 NCCC Business Manager, George Gallant. George was one of the founding members of the Bel Air Corvette Club in 1973 and remains a governor of that club today. George has worked tirelessly for NCCC over the years, organizing several major events such as national conventions and Spectaculars. Earlier in the decade, George was elected as NCCC Treasurer.

Last year was a very successful year for the East Region. We held our first Spectacular in many years. It was so successful that we are looking for a location to repeat the event in 2008. Watch the East Region web page for details.

The Northern Virginia Corvette Club held two classes of the *Sir Isaac Newton Totally Awesome Driving School* in 2007. The school is for new drivers, typically teens, and combines classroom education with practical experience. The no-charge course is offered to teens to provide the kind of practical driving experience not usually found in drivers' education. Students learn the physics that govern vehicle stability then practice what they have learned on the driving course. Practical education is performed in the family vehicle with parents as passengers to observe the students' education as well as their driving skills. 'Observe' is the operative word; parents are not allowed to coach students or their children may give them 'time out' and have parents watch from outside the vehicle. Students practice their skills on a closed course in specially designated areas of a parking lot. Not only do the students learn critical driving skills, they have a blast. Parents enjoy the sessions as much as, if not more than, the students do. The East Region strongly believes in the driver education initiated by Northern Virginia and adopted a resolution to expand the classes around the region. If we can save just one life through this education, the program will be worthwhile!

Have you received your membership pins and calendars yet? If not, see your club's governor. One pin and one calendar for every NCCC member was given to each club's governor who attended the last regional meeting.


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Do you surf the web? If so, take a couple minutes to check out the NCCC web page. Noteworthy events are updated regularly. Also, check out the *NCCC Merchandise and Member Discounts*. Did you know that NCCC members can post classified ads on the NCCC web page at no charge? If you have something to sell or trade, or, if you are looking for special parts, NCCC will post your ad for four months. Start at the link below:


<http://www.corvettesnccc.org/>

It's not too early to begin thinking about the 2008 NCCC Convention in Tulsa, OK from June 21 -27. If you haven't been to an NCCC convention yet, talk to other club members to see what you have been missing.

Joe Vasta, East Region RMD



**FLORIDA
REGION**



www.ncccsouth.com

51%?

Is your club a 51% NCCC Club? If so, you need to read this! It is very important that all clubs in NCCC maintain an HONEST 51% of their membership so they will continue to be a "club in good standing" with NCCC. It has come to NCCC's attention that many NCCC clubs are not reporting the correct number of members and are falling below the 51% requirements. If this happens and NCCC finds out about it, NCCC will regard that club as "not in good standing" which will jeopardize the NCCC members' insurance coverage. The members of a club who are not in NCCC should think again about becoming a member. If something happens and you are found in the wrong (and you are sued) it will come out of your pocket if you are not an NCCC member. By being an NCCC member you are covered. Most people and clubs think that if the club is an NCCC club then EVERYONE is covered; this is NOT SO!!!! If the club is in good standing either by being a 100% or at least a 51% club, then the members who are NCCC members will be covered.

Our Florida region of NCCC is in good shape with the

51% rule so not to worry, BUT if your club isn't maintaining the 51% rule please get up to date with your membership so no one is put in a bad situation when it comes down to crunch time.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FLORIDA REGION

I was informed at our 2007 Nov. National Governors' meeting in St. Louis that the Florida Region FCOA membership has increased by 98.84%. This is the largest in the history of FCOA. Keep up the good work. Please be patient when expecting the packet for the children, because Pat Kelly, the lady who takes care of this program, does it by herself and has over 3,000 FCOA members to contend with.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the Florida Region. You can e-mail me @ n2vettes@earthlink.net or call my home 239-772-0705 or my cell 239-90-2027. I will do my best to get back with you ASAP.

Elections were held at the last regional meeting for 2008 -2009 RMD, RCD, and Treasurer. The results are RMD Patsy Shearer, RCD Manny Montgomery, and Treasurer Lisa Cole. Congratulations to all of our reelected officers.

Looking forward to meeting new people and seeing a lot of old friends for the busy upcoming 2008 year in NCCC. Encourage new members in your club to get involved. NCCC is a great way to meet new friends.

Let's 'Vette Together Sooooooooooooooooon!!!!

Glenn Hutchinson, Florida Region RE



**INDIANA
REGION**



www.indianaregion.com

Well, this is my last article as the Indiana RE. It doesn't seem like that long ago that I sat down to write my first article, but it was four years ago. Since I had never done this before, I really didn't know what to expect, but representing the Indiana Region has been a great honor, and I want to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity. I would really like to thank

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all of the officers who helped me while I was in office. It's important to note that nobody does this alone, and I had some major help along the way. Mary Bellamy will take over my position as RE. She was treasurer of the Region for the last several years, and I'm sure she will represent our region well. Dick Runyan (the Duck, as we all know him) has been the Region Membership Director for the past four years and his term in office is complete also. Dick's wife Sue will take over that position, so our membership is in good hands also. Howard Curtis was our Region Competition Director last year and that position will be filled by Mike Godfrey; I'm sure most of you know that he was the most recent VP of Competition nationally, so we are in good shape there also. Next year Alta Mead will be our new Treasurer, and Joan Thuer will return as Secretary. Thanks again to everyone.

Saving the Wave!

Kevin Milton, Outgoing Indiana Region RE



When I took over the office of Regional Executive for Michigan Region, I thought the year would be slow, but it flew by and went relatively smoothly. Thanks to my surrounding officers, committee people, and chair people. The Michigan Region members have put their Corvettes to bed, awaiting next spring to awaken them and get back into showing their Corvettes off and competing in the 2008 season. For the next few months, some members are devoting their time to bench racing.

I would like to thank Rene Cardenas for his many years as Michigan Region Competition Director. Rene stepped in when Ray and Sharon Meesseman had their accident and were unable to do the job as RCD. Rene, a job well done.

Congratulations to Michigan Region's 2007 top ten men and female competitors:

2007 Michigan Region Points Standings		
<u>Men</u>		
1	Ray Meesseman	721
2	Robert Hall	645
3	Gordon McCann	633
4	James J. Sweet	546
5	Don Bush	503
6	Jim Sweet	467
7	Randy O'Neil	387
8	Mark Hanlin	344
9	Ted Godett	339
10	Chris Scafero	315

<u>Ladies</u>		
1	Barb Bush	545
2	Sharon Meesseman	545
3	Angela Hanlin	308
4	Mary Wentzel	239
5	Jan Van Maanen	158
6	Janet Matsura	138
7	Phyllis Losert	133
8	Janet Hardin	111
9	Kathleen Andrews	93
10	Elizabeth Antos	89

Points thru 12/10/07

Elana and I would like to thank the Corvette National, Regional and Club family for their PRAYERS, cards, food, and calls during Elana's fight against cancer. After her surgery in November, she is doing much better and the doctors have now changed her prognosis. Thanks also to members who stepped in to help: Joe Scafero for handling the RE duties at the Governors' meetings and Jim Sweet for getting the sanction and entrants' fees out to the clubs. For the last few years, Jim has assisted Elana in her job as Regional Treasurer.

Bill Siebel, Michigan Region RE

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MIDWEST REGION



www.mwregion.com

The 2007 year has successfully come to a close for the Midwest Region. We have completed 152 sanctioned events. We have over 150 events planned again for 2008 with all the enthusiasm of having another banner year.

My reign as MWR RCD has come to a close after five years. The elections were completed in November and Paul Haack will be the new MWR RCD for 2008. I will be taking over as the NCCC Vice-Pres. Competition. I am looking forward to this new opportunity to serve the NCCC membership to lead our talented Competition Committee to develop further enhancements of our Competition Program.

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I would like to recognize the following MWR Clubs, Men, & Ladies as the final Top Ten for 2007:

2007 Midwest Region Points Standings

	<u>Ladies</u>	Pts.
1	Diana Haack	1183
2	Carolyn Samuelson	971
3	Joan Thomas	828
4	Linda Fairlamb	809
5	Chris Reitz	683
6	Beverly Docherty	660
7	Janet Wilson	599
8	Jo Ellen Baldo	391
9	Debra Malwick	368
10	Jan Gillespie	343

	<u>Men</u>	Pts.
1	Paul Haack	1167
2	William Docherty	847
3	Jim Thomas	772
4	Dale Samuelson	747
5	Tom Reitz	690
6	Bill Hoxmeier	673
7	Jack Wilson	667
8	Richard Gering	520
9	Tony Cizel	506
10	Brian Kleemeyer	491

	<u>Clubs</u>	Pts.
1	Windy City Corvettes	8458
2	Northern Illinois CC	5829
3	Badger State Vettes	4215
4	Route 66 CC	2880
5	Suburban Corvettes of MN	2343
6	Corvettes of MN	2335
7	Wisconsin CC	2145
8	Central Illinois Corvettes Inc.	2072
9	Great River CC	1726
10	Northern Rays LTD	1384

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Thank you all for your support.

Jack Wilson, Outgoing Midwest Region RCD

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NORTHEAST REGION



www.northeastregionnccc.zoomshare.com

There is not too much to report from the Northeast Region as snow began to fall early in November and all Corvettes were neatly tucked in their beds, waiting for Santa to bring new tires and goodies for all the good Vette Heads. Christmas parties dominated the Region, although no one drove their Corvette to the parties. The last autocross of the season produced the Northeast Region Champion and this year was the tightest in years. However, The Destiny Corvette Club of Liverpool, NY won the Championship again, for the sixth straight year with The Southern Tier Corvette Club a very close second, followed by Tri Vette's.



One very sad thing to report: the VIP Club, one of the oldest clubs in the NCCC, has decided to part ways from NCCC. The reason given: their lack of need for the fantastic insurance program provided by NCCC thru K&K Insurance. It was stated that they could buy the insurance cheaper. I've thoroughly investigated the plan they talked about which was provided by a Corvette parts retailer, whom apparently is a close NCCC supporter. The insurance program they offer is far from being anywhere near a good insurance product, with lots of limitations and exclusions, not to mention any real Corvette support like NCCC provides. Their program is like comparing a lollipop to Godiva Chocolate.

Some members will be wintering in Florida and most likely find several weekends filled with autocrossing, great car shows and events, as well as parties by some very nice Florida clubs.

We look forward to 'running into' familiar faces and maybe a few national points to boot.

I respectfully ask, request, and beg the Northeast Region clubs to please submit their special news, events, and/or anything they would like to share or present here in *Blue Bars*. Please e-mail to speedvett@aol.com and it will get in the upcoming *Blue Bars*.

Dick DeSocio, Northeast Region RE



ROADRUNNER REGION



www.ncccroadrunner.com

The 2007 competition year has come to a close. The roadrunner region enjoyed a wide variety of events with 314 NCCC members participating in one or more of 72 sanctioned events. There were 2 Funkhanas, 3 Matching Times Autocrosses, 2 TSD Rallies, 5 gimmick rallies, 21 Chance rallies, 3 Concours, 9 People Choice shows, 1 ET Drags, and 26 Autocrosses this year. It is easy to see that the Roadrunner region has something for everyone!

Of the 16 clubs in the region, 12 hosted one or more events. Nine clubs held their full compliment of 7 sanctioned events. Every club except one had members participating in region events. I am pleased to congratulate everyone who worked to make these terrific events happen and I also congratulate all who competed this year. I am sure that 2008 will see more events and more participants as we all work together to get more Corvetters involved in NCCC activities.

I challenge every Roadrunner Region member to bring one new Corvette enthusiast out to a NCCC event in 2008.

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The final Roadrunner Region Points Champions for 2007 are:

2007 Roadrunner Region Points Standings			
Racing Women		Racing Men	
Debi Hamersly	303	Paul Hamersly	271
Susan Ranke	212	Fred Hernandez	265
Barb Shaw	195	Kim Kemper	245
Diane Cox	157	Pete Ranke	236
Ann Zilinski	107	Dale McKeeman	235
Nancy Brock	59	Felix Gallardo	207
Kat Kemper	54	Wallace Ricks	184

Non-Racing Women		Non-Racing Men	
Susan Ranke	219	Pete Ranke	219
Alyce Segall	108	Stewart Segall	129
Mary Triplett	86	Jack Richards	86
Nancy McFadden	77	Carl Triplett	86
Cheryl Fernandez	74	Carl McFadden	77
Nancy Olney	74	Al Rocca	72
Kim Richards	72	Fred Hernandez	71
Peggy Sehl	72		
Denise Burk	72		
Colleen Rocca	72		

2007 Overall Points Champions			
Women		Men	
Susan Ranke	431	Pete Ranke	455

Points thru 12/18/07

Congratulations to everyone who competed in 2007!
You are all winners!

The 2008 event schedule will be available soon at:
www.ncccrunner.com

Paul Hamersly, Roadrunner Region RCD



ROCKY MTN REGION



www.rmrnccc.org

Congratulations to the 2007 Rocky Mountain Region Champions.

2007 Rocky Mtn Region Points Standings			
	Ladies	Club	Pts
1	Becky Konshak	Top of the Rockies CC	435
2	Barb Reynolds	Down the Road Corvettes	331
3	Tammy Billingsley	Down the Road Corvettes	255
4	Karen Jenkins	Colorado Springs CC	171
5	Cheryl Randel	Top of the Rockies CC	150
6	Jackie Bauer	Top of the Rockies CC	144
7	Cindy McCoy	Top of the Rockies CC	137
8	Ellouise Morrison	Colorado West CC	124
9	Nancy Burritt	Down the Road Corvettes	119
10	Kitty Divis	Down the Road Corvettes	114

Men			
1	Mike Konshak	Top of the Rockies CC	381
2	Roger Miller	Top of the Rockies CC	371
3	Larry Morrison	Colorado West CC	284
4	Dale Billingsley	Down the Road Corvettes	251
5	Ken Bauer	Top of the Rockies CC	238
6	Bill Mount	Down the Road Corvettes	235
7	Warren Volk	Central Wyoming Corvettes	201
8	Walt Jenkins	Colorado Springs CC	181
9	Phil Olbert	Down the Road Corvettes	176
9	Ed Allen	Top of the Rockies CC	176

Clubs		
1	Top of the Rockies CC	3255
2	Down the Road Corvettes	2519
3	Colorado Springs CC	2053
4	Colorado West CC	1445
5	Central Wyoming Corvettes	1033
6	Denver Corvette Assn	922
7	Colorado CC	645
8	Hellgate CC	150
9	Hyalite CC	109

Points thru 12/10/07

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The 2007 season is over; we had 60 sanctioned and 9 non-sanctioned Corvette events. There were 201 men and 102 ladies who received points in 2007; that is real close to 50% of the region membership. The planning for 2008 is already well underway and I want to encourage every one of you to let your club governor know what you would like to see happen in 2008. Your input is very important and needed so the region officers know how you would like the region to operate and what activities you want. Plan on taking your Corvette to as many events as you can, I know you will enjoy the actives and fun. I hope you enjoy your Corvette activities as much as Ellouise and I do.

Thanks to all the region clubs for their cooperation and prompt handling of the region paperwork. I am looking forward to working with everyone in 2008 and hope to see all of you at one or more of the region events.

And a big thank you to all the region members for making Rocky Mountain Region a great place for corvette fun.

Larry Morrison, Rocky Mountain Region RCD

P.S. Don't forget that the Rocky Mountain Region is hosting the 2009 NCCC National Convention, which will be the 50th convention for NCCC. We already have a lot of fun things planned, but don't be afraid to let Walt hear any ideas you might have. And we can never have too much help so don't be shy about volunteering.

to make things happen. If I have overlooked thanking any of my Chairpeople or just plain helpers personally, let me know. Y'ALL are the ones who made Convention work!!!

A 'thank you,' also, goes out to Anne & Jack Carkner for stepping in to help with RMD & RE for the past year. Our new 2008 RMD will be Gail Brown (Yanko by the time you read this). She has been working toward getting a new Nissan Maxima for about a year now. We will see how much PULL she has with the Prez now!!

Convention '08 is almost upon us now. I know Ron and his "crew" will be out to raise the bar even higher this year and give Walt and the Rocky Mountain bunch a new benchmark.

As most of you know by now, we are establishing a scholarship in NCCC in Sue's name. The Convention profit was put into the fund to help our own youth. Although it is geared toward someone in the South (Sue knew her boundary's whether it was the Ohio or Colorado rivers), anyone in the United States can apply. Just apply to the Scholarship committee.

The Nashville CC has established a "Spirit of Sue McGee" award to be given to a club member who reflects the unselfish, behind-the-scenes work involved in making things happen within the Club. The first recipient is Amelia Workman. This award will be presented annually.

I have always known why Roger Mitchell closes most statements with...YTB!! Because it is true!!!!

Remember Sue, remember the good times!! Always smilin'...

John McGee, Southeast Region RE

What an awesome year 2007 was for the Southeast Region from a competition standpoint! With hosting the 48th Annual Convention along with 7 action-packed weekends of events – the Region was humming. We had 88 events, which was three shy of using all available sanctions in the Region. Thanks go out again to all the clubs that donated their sanctions to make that many events possible.

When all the events were tabulated, there were 86 men and 35 ladies from the Southeast who competed and earned regional points. Additionally, 52 men and 20 ladies from other Regions campaigned within our Region. There were 96 people (or almost 10% of the Region's membership) who helped by working the events. Tremendous thanks go out to all those workers – without your help, the events could not go on!!

In the end, 20 men and 7 ladies earned the honor of 200+ points. The top 3 clubs and the top 3 places for workers (total of 5 winners) will be honored. The 2007 Regional winners are listed below.



2007!!!! What a year!!! From the HIGHEST of Highs to the LOWEST of Lows!!! From working with the GREATEST group of people to put on the GREATEST Convention to holding my wife, of 42 years, as she is dying, is the WORSE. Even though not being at Convention, Sue, we believe, willed things to go in the direction for making Nashville a memorable Convention for everyone who attended and especially the people working

Regional News

For 2008 — so far, we have four weekends of autocrosses planned — April 19 & 20 in Nashville, TN, November 1 & 2 in Huntsville, AL, November 28, 29, 30 (High Speeds) at Roebing Road Raceway near Savannah, GA and then December 6 & 7 back to Huntsville, AL. Check the Southeast Region web site (www.ncccsouth.com) for the latest calendar information. Mark your calendar — and start a new tradition by attending and/or competing in a regional event. It's contagious...and a wonderful way to meet new friends.

Don Parks, Southeast Region RCD

Regional SPOTLIGHT on East Tennessee Corvette Club, Knoxville, Tennessee

East Tennessee Corvette Club was established in 1958. ETCC has raised money for the Angel Tree Charity using car shows and related activities for 11 years. This year, at their December meeting, ETCC donated \$250 to the Sue McGee scholarship fund and over \$6,000 to Angel Tree. Forty club members went to Wal-Mart on December 8th and filled the wish lists of 85 children, hoping to make the holiday season more enjoyable for those families. Outstanding kudos went to Wal-Mart for their support of this effort through special discounts and checkout lines.


For more information about ETCC, please visit their website at www.etc Corvette.com.

In March 2008, we will hold our annual Awards Banquet, hosted by the Longhorn Corvette Club and will recognize those who did a lot of traveling and spent a lot of money to have fun and chase points.


Then June 21-27, 2008, NCCC Convention, hosted by the Southwest Region, is being held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Our Convention Chair and Co-Chair, Ron Ruston and Dale Acker, are working very hard to ensure that everyone who attends will have a great time. Registration will open up in February and if y'all want to have a great time, just sign up to race on "Tulsa Time." Hope to see you there.

As I close, I want to wish each and every one of you a great holiday season. Keep all those who are close to you in your hearts and prayers.

Bernyce Molenda, Southwest Region RE



SOUTHWEST REGION



www.ncccswregion.org

As the Southwest Region winds down our racing season we look back at the year and all those members and clubs who competed in and put on the events. I congratulate you on a year well done. Without hard work from everyone who came to the events to race and those who worked corners or did timing we would not and could not enjoy racing as much as we did. Thanks to you all.



WEST REGION



www.westregionnccc.com

2007 is almost over as I write this article and what a year it has been. We've had auto-cross and hi-speed events, all kinds of rallies and lots of car shows. We have also participated in parades and cruises. Then there was the convention in Nashville. Yes it has been a busy and exciting year with a promise of more of the same in 2008.

The West Region will start off with our annual banquet in Topeka with a theme of "Proud to be an American!" It promises to be fun for all Corvette enthusiasts. This will be a fabulous way to kick off the new year and to end the old one.

Speaking of all these activities reminds me what a great value we have in being NCCC members. With NCCC and K & K Insurance, all of these activities, plus our meetings, are all covered. Where else could you get coverage for such a wide range of activities for so little? The only requirement is that the activity be published in advance in your club newsletter. Check with your governor for all the benefits of belonging to NCCC!

Regional News

In closing, I would like to thank Tim Bailey, our outgoing RCD, for his dedicated service for the last four years.

Gary Brisbois, West Region RE

Nearly all the membership renewals have been turned in to me and I am in full throes of processing them. It looks like we are going to be at about the same numbers for membership as last year. Some people have not renewed, but there have been new members to take their place. We ended the year with 1619 members. In FCOA we have 408 children registered. We are still running second to the Midwest region for FCOA membership. They currently have 477.

Our Corvettes have been put away for the winter; therefore, it is a bit harder to recruit new members.

We can, however, try to increase our membership in FCOA. Remember any children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, or grand nieces and nephews, or steps are eligible if they are under the age of 16. It costs \$5.00 (a one-time fee) until they are 16. They will receive Corvette related goodies and can interact on a web site just for them. There is also FCOA apparel, books, and coloring books that can be purchased. The idea behind having this organization for kids is the hope that they will in turn purchase a Corvette and join NCCC. These children are our future. Look around at our ages; we aren't getting any younger. Also, remember if you sponsor a child and the family moves, make sure you get an address change in to Pat Kelly so the child won't miss his or her packet. You can find this information on the web site.

Remember that NCCC, as well as the West Region, offers scholarships to children and grandchildren. Information is on the National web site or get in touch with me.

As you may have already heard, due to postal restrictions and costs, the pins and calendars will be distributed by your Governor. The Governor will be getting them from me; these will not be coming in your membership packets. Also, if you do not have your packet by the first week in February, get in touch with your Governor or me to get a replacement. You can check on the NCCC web site as to when your club's packets were mailed. Remember: You need your current card if you plan to attend a sanctioned event in 2008.

Try to stay warm and think warm thoughts and before you know it, we will be able to get the Corvettes out on the road again.

Happy Vetting!

Diane Bowen, West Region RMD



WEST COAST REGION



www.ncccwregion.org

We now have 28 clubs in the region and just over 2000 members. That makes us the second largest region in NCCC. We have gotten inquiries from several non-NCCC clubs and people who may want to start new clubs. This will boost our membership and help us move toward the number one spot. We still need the help of the current members to build membership in the region and to keep our clubs growing. Most clubs have business cards that can be used to promote your club. Pass these out to Corvette owners whom you meet or put them on Corvettes that you see parked. NCCC has a large-size full-color brochure that explains to potential members about NCCC. These brochures are available from the RMD and can be sent to those who show interest.

The West Coast Region website at <http://www.ncccwregion.org> and the main NCCC web site at <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/> are available to inform current and future members about what we are all about and what we are doing.

If your club is putting on an event and would like to invite other clubs to participate, contact our webmaster (Cliff Harris) with a flyer and/ or a link to your event so that it can be added to the regional calendar web page. There is a link to Cliff at the bottom of the main page and at the bottom of the regional calendar page.

The regional individual and club competition standings for 2007 are to be determined by over 30 regional sanctioned events hosted by 16 clubs. Over half of our clubs came up with an event for the region. Let us support these clubs again next year.

Les Rajczi is working on the 2008 activities calendar. Please contact him about any events your club is working on for next year so he can pass it on to the 2008 RCD Joe Orrico from Corvette Super Sports. The Region wants to support your club's event and not have any event conflicts if possible.

The next regional meeting will be in January. A letter will be sent to your Governor with the information. Please contact your Governor about the location and all upcoming events. All NCCC members are welcome to come to the meeting and see how your Region is run.

Regional News

2007 West Coast Region Points Standings

	<u>Ladies</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Pts</u>
1	Brenda Bloch	Hot Nevada Vettes	191
2	Benita Klaizner	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	168
3	Lori Ross	Hot Nevada Vettes	132
4	Ellen Blue	Hot Nevada Vettes	128
5	Nancy Erickson	Pomona Valley Corvette Assn	86

	<u>Men</u>		
1	Paul Bloch	Hot Nevada Vettes	192
2	Matt Ross	Hot Nevada Vettes	157
3	Jerry Klaizner	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	152
4	Jeff Blue	Hot Nevada Vettes	147
5	Pete Erickson	Corvettes West	117

	<u>Clubs</u>	
1	Hot Nevada Vettes	1687
2	Las Vegas Corvette Assn	1192
3	Corvettes West	753

Points thru 12/18/07

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

Save the Wave!
Your Regional Officers,

Allen Morris, RE
Les Rajdzi, RCD
Cliff Harris, RMD/Webmaster
Ellis Chee, RT
Rex Wilhoite, RS

Congratulations to the top Competitors from 2007. For complete standings, see the West Ohio website. Final Standings:

2007 West Ohio Region Points Standings

	<u>Men</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Events</u>
1	Jerry Limpach	CT	345	46
2	Brian Jenkins	CCC	324	40
3	Mike Edmondson	CT	284	35
4	Tom Russell	CT	283	42
5	Charles Jenkins	CCC	264	40
6	Jim Asbury	MVCC	238	37
7	Dave Weaver	CT	230	28
	Kevin Licklider	CT	230	28
9	Gary Pierce	CT	228	30
10	Dave Hussong	CT	222	30

	<u>Ladies</u>		
1	Meikin Clark	CT	362 42
2	Pat Brown	CCC	207 23
3	Faithe Pierce	CT	195 25
4	Janelle Rhoades	CT	191 22
5	Nancy Fickas	CCC	181 23
6	Judy Roeder	CT	129 22
7	Sheryl Asbury	MVCC	67 12
8	Susan Human	CT	56 28
9	Janet Limpach	CT	52 26
10	Karen Weaver	CT	51 22

	<u>Clubs</u>		
1	Corvette Troy	WO-027	4892
2	Cincinnati CC	WO-018	1454
3	Miami Valley CC	WO-209	967
4	Fountain Ciky CC	WO-132	854
5	Glass Society Corvette Assn	WO-061	801
6	Glass City CC	WO-039	700
7	Greenville CC	WO-244	606

Points thru 12/10/07

Don't forget: The Lima Swap meet is coming up in March. A quick reminder: The NCCC Scholarship (\$1,000) Applications are due in by May 1st! They must be RECEIVED by May 1st, and complete.

Jerry Limpach, West Ohio Region RE



WEST OHIO REGION



www.westohiocorvettes.com

rulebooks will be on CD, and are also available to you on the NCCC website in PDF format. The biggest change you will find is in the format of the section on changes to your car for speed events, which is now a spreadsheet.

What Does It Take to be an Eagle One Award Winner?

Since our club won the award in January of this year, I have had many people ask me what our club did to win such a prestigious award. I also have been asked to print the answer in Blue Bars. I felt the best person to answer this question was the gentleman who worked so hard to fill out the required paperwork, our Vice President, Wayne Martin. The following, in his words, is what he submitted as accomplishments of the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club in relation to its charity and civics work.

“The Cedar Rapids Corvette Club, located in Cedar Rapids, Iowa is actively involved from year to year in community service. The club has five local charities in eastern Iowa that it supports annually. Funds for the different charities are raised primarily through a yearly charity car show, held in June. Homecoming parades are held in the fall for high schools in the area. Funds from the parades are also presented to an additional local charity.

“We have a large charity car show in June each year. The car show proceeds were distributed equally this year to five charities; Clothe-A-Child, Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School, Eastern Iowa Brain Injury Association, Make-A-Wish Foundation, and Miracles in Motion.

“One of the charities that the CRCC has supported since 1977 is the Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School. In May of each year the club sponsors a car rally at the school in Vinton, Iowa. The rally takes place over a 35-mile route with one student riding in each Vette. A luncheon is held afterwards, with awards and trophies given to each student. One student, Troy Buffum, has kept in touch with Di Neal, a CRCC member. Since 1995, when Troy was 15 years old and took his first ride in a Corvette, he has stayed in touch via e-mail, and he fondly remembers the CRCC and the exciting rally rides he took in Di Neal’s Corvette.

“In October, at a monthly meeting, the club presents checks from the funds raised at the charity car show to its five charities. The club also participates in a charity event sponsored by Clothe-A-Child in Cedar Rapids. The event is held at Lindale Mall and invites over 300 elementary/middle school children. They go shopping with members of the CRCC and other adults from contributing organizations in the area, to buy needed clothes and shoes. C-A-C uses the check the CRCC presented to assist with the cost of items for approximately 15 of the children. This year, 13 club members took the children on their shopping spree. It is a real joy to see the smiles on the faces of the children as they choose the clothes and shoes they need. This event is a true “heart warmer” for club members, and is enjoyed by all, especially the children.

“Also in October, the CRCC finishes the homecoming parades for the high schools that began in September. The club receives donations from each school per each corvette furnished. The members use their own Vettes and volunteer their time to

do these fun parades. The funds raised from the homecoming parades total over \$1,100 a year. Ninety percent of that total is donated to Camp Courageous of Iowa, a camp for special needs children to enjoy during the summer and fall months. CRCC also tries to set up visits to assisted living and seniors facilities in the area. One such visit to Keystone Place, with 14 Vettes, in July, was an opportunity to have a picnic dinner and take drives in the Vettes with the seniors. About 15 members had a great time with the people at Keystone Place; the food, fellowship, and “fast” rides were enjoyed by all.

“In September of 2001 the Cedar Rapids Corvette club was presented the Governor’s award by Iowa’s Governor Villsak for outstanding community service.

“In January 2007, CRCC earned another distinguished honor. The honor was for outstanding community service in 2006. Eagle One from California presented the club with its “Golden Rule” Mid-west award. The Cedar Rapids Corvette Club competed with approx. 30 other Vette clubs in the Mid-west. The award consisted of a trophy and \$750.00, which was distributed to the club’s charities. The accomplishments and activities of CRCC are numerous and provide fun opportunities for members and the community in which it serves. The club takes great pride in its efforts and in its involved membership.”

Submitted for Wayne Martin by Diane Bowen, WR RMD

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2007 FCOA Membership Count by Region
as of December 21, 2007

	REGION	# MEMBERS 09-06-07	ADD NEW MEMBERS	SUBTOTAL	LESS 16 YR. OLDS	# MEMBERS 12-21-07	# MEMBERS 12-22-06	% INCREASE 12-06/12-07	CLUB WITH LARGEST FCOA # (12-21-2007)	# FCOA MEMBERS
MW	MIDWEST	476	13	489	-5	484	478	1.26%	MW 351 WINDY CITY CORVETTES	221
WR	WEST	413	2	415	-5	410	401	2.24%	WR 015 CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	148
MI	MICHIGAN	313	11	324	-4	320	304	5.26%	MI 003 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	72
ER	EAST	211	2	213	-3	210	209	0.48%	ER 108 YORK COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	34
FL	FLORIDA	150	27	177	-1	176	86	104.65%	FL 276 CORVETTES OF NAPLES	72
EO	EAST OHIO	157	9	166	-1	165	160	3.13%	EO 005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND	57
SW	SOUTHWEST	155	10	165	-2	163	149	9.40%	SW 131 OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	64
WC	WEST COAST	154	2	156	0	156	158	-1.27%	WC 397 CORVETTES OF SOUTHERN CALIF.	31
IN	INDIANA	119	2	121	-1	120	126	-4.76%	IN 382 S CENTRAL INDIANA CORVETTE CLUB	43
RR	ROADRUNNER	107	10	117	-3	114	97	17.53%	RR 303 DESERT CORVETTE ASSN.	54
SE	SOUTHEAST	97	2	99	-1	98	95	3.16%	SE 073 NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	27
WO	WEST OHIO	86	2	88	0	88	84	4.76%	WO 027 CORVETTE TROY	48
RM	ROCKY MTN	64	2	66	-2	64	63	1.59%	RM 183 COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	29
NE	NORTHEAST	44	0	44	0	44	48	-8.33%	NE 105 SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	15
CA	CAROLINA	31	0	31	0	31	33	-6.06%	CA 014 CAROLINA CORVETTES	13
NW	NORTHWEST	1	1	2	0	2	1	100.00%		
	TOTAL	2578	95	2673	-28	2645	2492	6.14%		

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

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Pat Kelly, FCOA Director



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FCOA MEMBER #3700 ~ DYLAN

Meet 4-year old Dylan who became FCOA member #3700 when his Grandpa Thom signed him up for FCOA in late 2007! Dylan's grandpa has been a member of Windy City Corvettes in the Midwest Region for 12 years.



Dylan is in pre-kindergarten where he enjoys finger painting and often looks forward to nap time. As you can see by his t-shirt, Spiderman is at the top of his list of favorite toys along with Woody from "Toy Story." Like most kids his age, when he's not in preschool or playing with his toys, Dylan likes to watch cartoons. When it comes to food, he likes everything at McDonald's and pizza! He loves to go shopping but doesn't smile when he's headed for a doctor's appointment.

Dylan is a big Elvis fan! He enjoys watching Elvis movies and singing Elvis songs. He probably gets that from his grandpa who is well-known as DJ Thom to members of the MW Region who have been entertained by him at events and parties for many years.

Grandpa's low-mileage 1996 white convertible with its black top and interior is in excellent condition. Dylan is looking forward to cruising with grandpa this coming summer and maybe owning a 'Vette some day, painted his favorite color, blue-green.



Congratulations, Dylan, for being FCOA member #3700!

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

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