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On the Front Cover: The special 50th Anniversary logo for NCCC.

On the Back Cover: Photo collage of a CC pre-Christmas outing was submitted by Debbie Haskell of Carolina Corvettes, Greenville, SC.

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August 8-14, 2009

As the Rocky Mountain Region, we're really looking forward to giving you the chance to celebrate the NCCC's 50th birthday celebration Rocky Mountain Style! The next convention will be a fantastic event in a spectacular location, Colorado Springs, Colorado with all of it's beauty and plenty of fantastic events for both competitors and non-competitors. With our history of conventions in 1979, 1999 and now 2009, we've been a part of some great birthday bashes and this one will be an *appropriate* 50th anniversary celebration! We need YOU there to do it right.

- Plenty of close, secure parking!
- Drag Racing at world famous Bandimere Speedway
- Low and High Speed Autocross at Pike's Peak International Raceway!
- Flying W Ranch evening for participants
- Gold country tours
- Garden of the Gods
- Cave of the Winds
- Royal Gorge
- Old Colorado City
- Molly Kathleen Mine
- Pikes Peak and the Cog Railway
- Plenty of party fun with music and bands!
- Concours Car Show
- People's Choice Car Show
- There are too many more to name! You won't be disappointed.



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

More info is available on the NCCC website at <http://corvettesnccc.org>

From the President

In 1953 when the first Corvette rolled out the back door of a converted Buick warehouse in Flint Michigan, no one could have imagined the legacy that little white car would build. From an underpowered six-cylinder sports car producing 155 horsepower, the Corvette has grown to an incredible 600-plus horsepower in the current special ZR1 edition. The new Corvette coupe and convertible offer a 430 horsepower standard engine capable of 25 miles to the gallon on the highway and still be able to run in the 12-second range on the quarter mile. Along the way, clubs were formed to promote the use of the Corvette in competitive events. Some of these clubs decided that they would be better served to unite as an organization that could promote the Corvette, racing, friendships, and have more clout with General Motors to get better performance designs for the Corvette.



In 1959, a handful of individual Corvette clubs started talking about forming a national organization made up of clubs across the country to promote the Corvette. This was the beginning of the National Council of Corvette Clubs and today there are over 16,000 members and almost 300 clubs across the United States. This year, NCCC will hold its 50th National Convention in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Along with all the normal competitive events, award programs, and parties, there will be an opportunity to see how NCCC has developed over the years. A lot of people have been working very hard to showcase NCCC's 50-year history during this weeklong celebration in August. There will be displays and memorabilia available to enjoy all week, along with a special "Kick-Off Banquet" and recognition program that will take place on Sunday evening. Another special gala will take place on Wednesday night to commemorate NCCC's 50th Convention. I hope you will be able to join us as we celebrate these special occasions.

Richard Yanko
President, NCCC

~ In Memoriam ~

Jack Eakins, Mahoning Valley CC, EO

Rhonda Higgins, Corvette Cruisers of Illinois, MW

Marlene Kortenhoven, Crossed Flags CC, MW

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John Spurry, Kettle Moraine CC, MW

From the Vice President Competition

Going into my second year as your VPC, I am pleased that we have met all three goals that the Competition Committee had set and committed to achieve for the Competition Program in 2008.

In review, they were:

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.

In summary, the resulting dedicated actions of the Competition Committee were:

1. A process was established and utilized by the regions to input sanctioned event results so a more efficient manner of entry could be done to provide monthly National Point Standings to the membership throughout 2008.

2. Input was asked and provided by the Regions to the Competition Committee regarding key areas of improvement that was needed. Those areas were reviewed and recommended changes were red-lined and provided to the membership for review and approval through their Governors. The final 2009 Rulebook is on the NCCC Website in a format that can be viewed, cut, and pasted for communications between various parties as was requested.

3. The 2009 Rulebook is put on the NCCC Website for all the membership to access to save expensive developing, copying, and mail distribution expense for National Council. In addition, the Competition Committee is 100% electronic in their communication and distribution of materials, etc. to make the necessary decisions required by the membership.

These successes could not have been done without the dedication of your regions RCDs.

I would also like to say the 2008 saw 1284 sanctioned events across the nation. In 2009, as of Feb. 27, we have 794 (62% of the 2008 total) sanctioned events already approved and into the Competition Program.

I would like to express my congratulations to RAY MEESSEMAN from the Michigan Region for being the 2008 Men's National Champion, TRACY GAUDU from the Southwest Region for being the 2008 Ladies National Champion, Cornhusker Corvette Club from the West Region for being the 2008 National Club Champion, and all of the other Top 15 Men, Ladies, and Club Champions for 2008.

I look forward to another banner year of success for the Competition Program and our NCCC family.

Jack Wilson

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes

2/27/09

Sheraton Westport Conference Center - St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting Open Session began at 6:30 p.m. CST. VPC Jack Wilson plus 14 RCDs including CA Johnny Haskell, EO Chuck Stephens, ER Keith Stanley (Proxy), FL Manny Montgomery, IN Mike Godfrey, MI Ray Meesseman, MW Paul Haack, RR Paul Hamersly, SE Don Parks, SW Joe Reese, WR Jerry Koraleski, WC Joe Orrico, WO Jim Asbury were present. NE has no RCD and RM Curt Ingram was unable to make the meeting due to car problem in transit.

Introductions:

RCD introductions were made. Jack welcomed the new RCDs Johnny Haskell CA (replacing Pete Dawley) and Joe Reese SW (replacing Bob Pattillo).

Welcome was also extended to the gallery of members present to witness the meeting.

VPC Comments:

Jack congratulated the Top Fifteen 2008 Points Champions in Mens, Ladies, and Clubs. Individual announcement will be at the Governors meeting.

The 2008 Rebate checks have been sent to the Regional RCDs.

The 2008 Regional and National Patches are being handed out to the regions for distribution at this meeting, except for the Top 15 Men & ladies which will be presented at the National Convention in August.

High Speed and Novice cards were passed out to any region needing them.

Jack announced that this meeting structure will resume to a closed door meeting after covering new business and the break, for roundtable and 2010 Rulebook discussions.

The Sheraton is hosting an Appreciation Reception at 5:30 PM Saturday in the Terrace Restaurant.

It was identified in the E-Board meeting that 2009 could experience more lean sponsorships, etc. Odds are there may be no GM sponsorship this year due to the economic situation.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Two corrections were made to the Nov. 17, 2008 minutes:

- 1) Page 3, "form" should be "from" on second sentence of **2009 Rulebook Proposal**.
- 2) Page 4, the second "passed" eliminated from the third sentence of the in the third bullet.

Jerry Koraleski made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected, Joe Orrico seconded, and motion passed.

2009 Sanctioned Event Status Review:

Jack thanked all the regions and their hosting clubs for their cooperation in submitting the timely documentation in 2008 and so far in 2009. Their support is what has made our new reporting system be as successful as it has been.

There were 1284 sanctioned events posted in 2008.

The first 2009 monthly updated point standings and sanction log was published 2/26/09.

To date in 2009, 794 (62%) of the sanctioned requests, based on 2008 data, have been received. Seven (7) events have been completed, of which, five (5) results have been posted. Two (2) events have just occurred and waiting results.

2009 High Speed Driving Schools Approved:

There have been seven (7) different driving schools approved across the country. They are:

- WC - 3/7 & 3/8/09, Spring Mountain Raceway, Pahrump, NA.
- ER - 3/18/09, Summit Point Raceway, Winchester, VA.
- SW- 4/17/09, Hallett Motor Racing Circuit, Hallett, OK.
- ER - 4/18 & 4/19/09, Pocono Raceway, Pocono, PA.
- WO- 5/23 & 5/24/09, Bluegrass Motorsports Park, Sparta, KY.
- ER - 5/25 & 5/26/09, Pocono Raceway, Pocono, PA.
- ER - 7/10/09, Summit Point Raceway, Winchester, VA.

Note: ER is planning another Annual Teen Driving School. Date TBA. This is another positive experience in educating our teens on vehicle handling and safety techniques.

Drag Records:

There were no records broken since last November 2008 meeting.

The 2009 Record Drag Event Schedule as of this date will be:

- SW - 5/23 & 5/24/09, Thunder Valley Raceway, Noble, OK.
- RM - 8/8-14/09, NCCC Convention, Colorado Springs, CO.
- WR - 9/19/09, Kearney Raceway, Kearney, NE.

Jack will update the listing of NCCC Official Drag Records and index adjustments required per the rulebook. (Update Attached)

Clarification(s):

There were four clarifications submitted:

1. ER – Page 2-17, Sec. 2.7.1.2.1 & 2.7.1.2.3 Safety Requirements & Safety Items:

Question: Current verbiage says **Fire Extinguisher-minimum rating of 5BC**. I propose it be re-worded to *Fire Extinguisher-minimum rating of 5BC with a metal pressure gauge* to insure a properly inspected and charged unit. I think we should require units with gauges. Extinguishers do expire and without gauges we have no idea of their condition. And at the same time, let's outlaw the inferior plastic Wal-Mart type units, and plastic mounting straps.

Answer: The Competition Committee decided this falls under a safety issue and therefore becomes effective immediately. Page 2-17, Sec. 2.7.1.2.1 & .2 the words "using a gauge showing full charge." will be added. Section 2.7.1.2.3 will have a new sentence added, "Mounting bracket and strap must be metal." Vote: Agreed 13, No 0

2. MI – Page 2-31, Sec. 2.7.1.14.2 Tires:

Question: In drags, is the M&H Race Master DOT certified wrinkle wall tire, Hoosier Quick Time PRO DOT, and Mickey Thompson ET 2 ply wrinkle wall legal in group 1? All these come in sizes like 26x10x15 & 26x9.5x16? In Group 1 A-D you would have to run on all 4 corners.

Answer: the Competition Committee decided this falls under a safety issue and therefore becomes effective immediately. All tires listed above in this question are considered a safety issue when used on the front of a vehicle and therefore denied. Vote: Agree 13, No 0

3. MI – Page 2-13, Sec. 2.7.1.3.14 Frame:

Question: Is the corvette GTP legal in RPAF with the engine behind the front seats in the middle of the car?

Answer: No it is not legal. Vote: Agree, it is legal 4, No, it is not legal 9

4. MW – Page 2-31, Sec. 2.7.1.13, Wheels:

Question: Note 1. Space saver Spare Wheels cannot be used. Why? I can understand why the space saver tire cannot be used but why can't the wheel with a high speed rated tire of sufficient capacity be used?

Answer: The space saver wheel is designed for emergency use only and not intended for high speed road use. Based on the current rulebook, the space saver spare wheels cannot be used on the vehicle for competition events. Vote: Agree, cannot be used 13, No, can be used 0

Old Business:

There was discussion agreeing the instructions provided for viewing and printing the Competition Manual was working okay. (attached)

Jack sent all the RCDs both the 2009 Rulebook Redline and Final PDF versions so questions on what specific language changes were made in the Rulebook could be answered within their regions.

A Sanction Request, Flyer, and Results Check List action review was confirmed as a guide for everyone to follow to ensure process integrity. (attached)

The NCCC Competition Results Electronic Format & SE Format Review and availability was discussed. The SE format will continue to be used by those already utilizing this format. Everyone else will use the new NCCC Competition Format that has been developed to replace the current 12.5 format on the competition website. This will be a more unrestricted user friendly format compatible with the new NCCC Competition Points Reporting System. A couple of final edits are being done and will be on the NCCC website in March.

It was pointed out that so far no regions have turned in any new Rulebook Change Request Forms. If any region has a specific language change they would like to submit for consideration for the 2010 Rulebook, they need to have it to the Competition Committee by 4/1/09.

New Business:

There was extensive discussion with George Gallant present over the new insurance form 1177 requirements imposed by K&K Insurance. George passed out a Q&A from K&K in an attempt to answer concerns raised over having to request an insurance coverage approval for every non-sanctioned and sanctioned event any club was going to have the involved "the wheels turning". There was much displeasure over all the paperwork K&K was requiring from the host clubs. George and Jack took the task on to check into this further to see what could be done to ease this issue.

There was discussion whether everyone understood the new groupings and FTD points changes implemented this year. Everyone appeared to know what it involved to

calculate the changes. It was also asked that each region go back and check to ensure their users have their systems either changed or understand how they would have to make the manual changes.

It was confirmed the shoulder harness assembly required and or used for the 2009 Convention Drags must be less than five years old per NHRA requirements.

Following the break, the Committee went into Closed Session for Round Table Discussions:

Note: It was agreed, due to the general notes included into the minutes from the Competition Committee Meeting, does not intend or represent any agreed upon changes to the Competition Manual (Rulebook). Discussion items are described general in nature for membership awareness only.

Roundtable Discussion:

Jack identified that the \$1.00 statement at the bottom of the Record Drag Listing should be eliminated as it is unnecessary since patches and certificates are part of the VP Competition general budget line expense. It will be necessary for record-holders who break a record, request a patch and certificate from the VP Competition.

Jack also identified that their have been numerous special ordering requests for various items made. It is the VP Competitions responsibility to provide the necessary awards, patches, rebates, etc. as described in the Rulebook. Special ordering, documenting, funding, shipping, etc. of items aside from this is time consuming and not an additional reasonable part of the function.

Due to the NE Region not having any officers elected to represent them in 2009, each committee was asked to discuss their thoughts on how to handle the situation. Jack would take the Competition Committees input back to the E-Board mtg. Saturday.

It was identified on page 2-19, Sec. 2.7.1.2.28 & .29 that we missed inserting *shoes (SFI 3.3A/5)* in both as we had put shoes in line 30. It was agreed to announce it at the Governors meeting on Saturday as it is an immediately effective items of safety we inadvertently missed.

It was also identified on page 2-31, Sec. 2.7.1.14.3 the "N" for both columns 1S & 1 should be "N/A". Also, page 2-32, Sec. 2.7.1.14.4 the "N" for columns 1S, 1, & 2 should be "N/A". When the columns were split for clarity, as requested by the regions, for this Rulebook, it was inadvertently typed incorrectly. There was not intention of making any changes to this language. It was agree, to announce this also at the Governors meeting on Saturday to avoid confusion as the season is starting to acquire tires for classes.

2010 Rulebook Discussion Items:

1. Sec. 1.2.2 can sanction and non-sanction events rule be changed so they can run concurrently at the same location on the same day? General consensus was the current language covered this adequately and unnecessary to change.

2. Can the Drag Race Indexing be eliminated to leave the originally set record as the "Drag Record" until it is officially broken? Why and how indexing was established was discussed. General consensus was to leave it as is.

3. Sec. 2.2.8.2 should it be changed from 16 to 12 year olds be allowed to ride as passengers in low speed events? There was much discussion to the pros and cons of changing. This subject was tabled to allow for more discussion within the regions.

4. Sec. 2.2.8.7 to accommodate events using multiple courses, should "event" be changed to "day" to allow experienced drivers to ride with and instruct Novice drivers? Discussions on value, managing, etc. occurred. This was tabled for more discussion within the regions.

5. Should there be language to cover whether a non-Chevrolet manufactured "Kit Car" replica would be allowed to compete in NCCC Sanctioned events. If so, what classes for speed and show events would they be in? The general consensus was the language in the current Rulebook would allow that vehicle the placed in a guest class for non-members and exhibition for members. Further discussion will be needed.

6. There is a necessity to update and simplify the Technical Inspection Requirements/ Form. Paul Hamersly and Jerry Koraleski prepared a draft for discussion. Paul and Jerry will update further and email all RCDs a new draft for review and approval prior to the next meeting.

7. It is also necessary to review and update Driving School Requirements and Hi-Speed Certification Requirements. RoadRunners Proposal is to be reviewed and provide inputs prior to the May meeting for discussion.

There were no Appeals to discuss.

Mtg. adjourned at 12:00 P.M.

Jack C. Wilson, Vice-Pres. Competition

NCCC OFFICIAL DRAG RECORDS as of Sept. 20, 2008

Updated 3/19/09

GRAY index time indicates reset since last report.

Black highlighted line indicates new record holders since last report of June 23, 2008

Black Time indicates actual record time set on date listed.

Record Time is at Sea Level

CLASS	TIME	INDEX	RECORD HOLDER	CLUB	EVENT	DATE RECORD SET
Group III						
DPA	9.01	9.19	John Sharp	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-2 Oklahoma City, OK	10/19/03
DPB	9.66	9.76	Calvin Baltimore	G-Burg Vettes	NCCC Convention	08/10/06
DPC	7.66	7.81	Carl Moyer	CC of Iowa	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-1990	09/03/93
RPAF	9.52	9.71	Pancho Thompson	N.E. Ohio Vette Club	NCCC Convention	06/28/01
RPA	9.78	9.98	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
RPB	9.97	10.07	James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	SW-03 C.O.A.S.T. 2006	09/24/06
MA	9.98	10.18	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	NCCC Convention	06/28/01
MB	10.10	10.20	James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	NCCC Convention	08/10/06
ME	10.90	11.12	Gary Pennington	Cowtown Vettes	SW-01 Oklahoma City CC	06/06/00
MH		11.31				01/01/97
MK		11.31				12/10/05
CLM	10.12	10.32	Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-88 Crossroads CC 2005	10/15/05
LDBA	9.83	10.03	Delores Barncord	Cornhusker CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
LDPB	10.05		Vicki Burgess	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
LDPC		11.19				01/01/93
LRPAF		10.10				01/01/97
LRPA	10.26	10.47	Linda Garvin	Mid Texas Cust CC	SW-03 San Jacinto CC-1997	11/02/00
LRPB	10.57		Sylvia Hoaldridge	Cowtown Vettes	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
LMA	10.60	10.81	Loretta Spinrad	Capital City CC	MI-153 Capital City CC-2000	05/20/02
LMB	10.31	10.52	Linda Williams	San Jacinto CC	SW-37 Oklahoma City CC-1993	06/12/96
LME	11.09	11.31	Kathryn Pennington	Cowtown Vettes	SW-01 Oklahoma City CC-1997	06/07/00
LMH		11.31				01/01/97
LMK		11.31				12/10/05
LCLM	10.99	11.10	Abby Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06
GROUP II						
A	10.90	11.12	Stan Dedrickson	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/11/02
B	11.35	11.58	Jerry Benedict	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00
C	11.81	12.05	Jim Benedict	Cornhusker CC	MI-153 Royal Corvettes-1999	09/25/01
D	11.76	12.00	Dick Smith	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC-1999	09/06/01
E	12.69	12.95	Dale Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05
F		12.12				01/01/93
G		13.13				01/01/93
H	12.35		Johnny Gann	Oklahoma City CC	NCCC Convention	06/23/08
J	12.57		Darren Ellenburg	Oklahoma City CC	NCCC Convention	06/23/08
K	12.20		Joe Szijarto	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
M		11.31				12/10/05
CLA	12.92	13.18	Steve Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
CL	13.42	13.69	Ron Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99
LA	10.61	10.82	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	WR-06 Cornhusker CC-1994	09/05/97
LB	11.70	11.94	Patty Wilson	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
LC	12.65	12.90	Linda Benedict	Cornhusker CC	WR-39 Cornhusker CC-1997	09/01/00
LD	11.92	12.16	Sharon Smith	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00
LE	12.69	12.95	Amanda Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05
LF		12.12				01/01/93
LG		13.13				01/01/93
LH		12.97				12/10/05
LJ	12.49	12.74	Angela Oder	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04
LK	12.36		Janet Szijarto	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
LM		11.31				12/10/05
LCLA	14.28	14.57	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
LCL	13.67	13.94	Jeannie Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99
GROUP I						
A	12.43		Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	Kearney Raceway Park, Kearney, NE	09/20/08
AA	13.13	13.39	Bob Holliday	Tiretown CC	MI-100 Royal Corvettes-1997	09/20/00
B	13.45	13.72	Doug Shilen	Cowtown Vettes	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2004	05/30/04
C	13.42	13.55	Paul Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06
D	13.96	14.24	Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	SW-02 Sanjacinto CC-1999	11/14/01
E	13.45	13.72	Dale Acker	Competition Corv OK	SW-02 Sanjacinto CC-1999	11/14/01
F		12.62				01/01/93
G	13.18	13.44	Kevin Anthony	Cowtown Vettes	SW-02 Competition Corvettes of Ok	04/17/05
H	13.05		Ron Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	NCCC Convention	06/23/08
J	12.33	12.45	Dave Hawks	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06
K	12.36		Bob Schneider	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
M		11.61				12/10/05
CLA	14.65	14.94	Jim Schwent	Boone Trail CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00
CL	14.81	15.11	Fred Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
LA	12.75		Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	Kearney Raceway Park, Kearney, NE	09/20/08
LAA	14.73	15.03	Merrilyn Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
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LG		13.63				01/01/93
LH	13.08		Jeannie Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	NCCC Convention	06/23/08
LJ	12.64		Glenda Brown	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
LK	12.64		Bernyce Molenda	Tin Hall Toys	NCCC Convention	06/23/08
LM		11.61				12/10/05
LCLA	15.44	15.75	Sue Schwent	Boone Trail CC	WR-05 Cornhusker CC-1991	09/02/94
LCL	15.31	15.62	Terri Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01

To receive a patch and/or certificate for your record, contact the VP Competition.

NCCC SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS

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 **Larry HIGGINS** at any National Governors' Meeting, from www.corvettesnccc.org or by mail from Larry at:

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

All 2009 scholarship applications must be completed correctly, returned and residing in the post office box shown below **no later than MAY 9, 2009:**

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 9, 2009 will be asked to have their application considered in 2010. 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.

The NCCC Scholarship Program has been in existence since 1990.

From the Vice President Membership

By the time you receive this *Blue Bars* hopefully our members from the northern regions have been able to dig out their Corvettes. It is time to start having fun and going to Corvette activities.

NCCC's annual renewal process is completed and history by now. You as club Governors and the region Membership Directors have done an excellent job of retaining your 2008 members. As of the end of February we have 16,374 members. At this point we have lost 2,251 from the ending membership number. But I have membership coming in every day and by the time you read this I expect to be at or above the 2008 total. Thanks to all for their part in making this possible. Check out the membership report elsewhere in this issue.

The membership committee is working on streamlining the membership process. We are going to a mostly electronic way of processing membership needs. Thank you to everyone who is helping. One big way that you as a member can really help is to keep NCCC updated on your correct address.

If you have any ideas on how we can better serve our NCCC membership do not hesitate to let me or one of your region officers know. We have the best Corvette family and organization and it is because of our members. I want to thank all of our members making this happen.

Get that Corvette out and go enjoy.

Larry Morrison

Your opinion counts

The Vision Committee continues to review data and interview people. Since our article was published in the last issue of *Blue Bars* and information posted on the NCCC website, we have received many responses. We hope you continue to share your ideas and thoughts. We are committed to reply to every note, suggestion, and idea you send to us. I you have not yet received a reply, please resend your note. Our committee does not have a pre-conceived plan we are working to but we do hear many concerns from the responses we have received.

The overwhelming concern and question we hear is: "What is in NCCC for me?" Truly the answer to this question is our solution for the future of NCCC. We want to hear from our members, but we are searching for ideas from Corvette owners who are not current NCCC members. So please ask all Corvette owners to log into our website <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCC-Vision.html> and fill out a survey. Every opinion counts! We continue to use our e-mail link on the website for communication: Vision-Committee@CorvettesNCCC.org

Our committee meets twice each month to discuss input, review data, and review the interviews committee members are having with our National and Regional officers. The areas we continue to focus on are membership data and philosophy, our annual conventions, our charity program, our competition program, and the sponsorship of NCCC events. Through understanding these areas of NCCC, as well as the financial balance of our organization and the social needs for the next generation of Corvette owners, we can define what NCCC should be in the future.

In the coming weeks we will be sharing some of the initial information collected and the direction we are pursuing. You can stay current with our progress on the NCCC website.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~ February 27, 2009

REGION	CLUBS	MEMBERS	MAL	FCOA	LARGEST CLUB IN REGION	MEMBERS
Carolina Region	16	272	14	29	CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	58
East Ohio	16	805	34	167	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	155
East Region	29	2373	66	255	LANCASTER COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	234
Florida Region	21	1030	31	222	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	219
Indiana Region	18	859	23	114	CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	121
Michigan Region	15	1075	22	307	AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	228
Midwest Region	31	1998	40	488	SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	145
Northeast Region	9	378	10	41	SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	128
Northwest Region	2	149	2	1	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	89
Rocky Mountain Region	12	579	17	65	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	114
Roadrunner Region	12	740	25	112	TUCSON CORVETTE CLUB	133
Southeast Region	17	951	21	95	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	204
Southwest Region	18	1277	32	164	TULSA VETTE SET	370
West Coast Region	27	1966	44	154	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	219
West Ohio	7	335	25	82	CORVETTE TROY	117
West Region	25	1581	9	405	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	331
TOTAL	275	16368	415	2701		

TOTAL MEMBERS NUMBER INCLUDES MAL'S AND 6 HONORARY MEMBERS

NCCC HAS 279 LIFETIME MEMBERS.

Carolina Region			Northwest Region		
CA 174	CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	58	NW 483	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	89
CA 014	CAROLINA CORVETTES	30	NW 558	SPOKANE CORVETTE CLUB	58
CA 356	CARO-VETTES, INC.	28			
East Ohio Region			Rocky Mountain Region		
EO 010	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	155	RM 183	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	114
EO 005	CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.	109	RM 176	TOP OF THE ROCKIES CORVETTE CLUB	109
EO 068	TIRETOWN CORVETTE CLUB	84	RM 387	HYALITE CORVETTE CLUB	69
East Region			Roadrunner Region		
ER 266	LANCASTER COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	234	RR 331	TUCSON CORVETTE CLUB	133
ER 098	CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	216	RR 303	DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	114
ER 263	BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	203	RR 452	SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB	85
Florida Region			Southeast Region		
FL 276	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	219	SE 073	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	204
FL 032	CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB	118	SE 253	EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	138
FL 186	CENTRAL FLORIDA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	93	SE 142	CORVETTE ATLANTA	91
Indiana Region			Southwest Region		
IN 281	CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	121	SW 248	TULSA VETTE SET	370
IN 115	FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	106	SW 207	LONGHORN CORVETTE CLUB	159
IN 133	TRI-STATE CORVETTE CLUB	103	SW 063	SAN JACINTO CORVETTE CLUB	145
Michigan Region			SW 055	COWTOWN VETTES	143
MI 488	AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	228	SW 131	OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	100
MI 006	CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	202	West Coast Region		
MI 041	GRAND VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	124	WC 202	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	219
MI 047	KALAMAZOO CORVETTE CLUB	106	WC 336	PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES	129
Midwest Region			WC 302	CORVETTES WEST	128
MW 051	SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	145	WC 420	RED LINE CORVETTES	128
MW 004	CHICAGO CORVETTE CLUB	133	WC 447	CORVETTES LIMITED	122
MW 054	MIDWEST CORVETTES	130	WC 500	CORVETTES OF TEMECULA VALLEY	119
MW 277	SUNBURST CORVETTE CLUB	128	WC 434	POMONA VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	110
MW 167	NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	127	WC 325	O.C. VETTES, INC	103
MW 351	WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	127	WC 299	CORVETTES OF FRESNO	100
MW 075	WISCONSIN CORVETTE CLUB	123	West Ohio		
MW 109	CORVETTE CLUB OF ILLINOIS	104	WO 027	CORVETTE TROY	117
Northeast Region			WO 039	GLASS CITY CORVETTE CLUB	75
NE 105	SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	128	WO 061	GLASS SOCIETY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	34
NE 030	CORVETTES OF BUFFALO	51	West Region		
NE 254	SOUTHERN TIER CORVETTE CLUB OF N Y, INC.	47	WR 095	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	331
			WR 015	CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	169
			WR 126	SIoux FALLS CORVETTE CLUB	113
			WR 022	CORVETTE CLUB OF IOWA	109

**From the
Director of Public Relations**



As you read this, winter is past and the Corvettes are out and all cares are left behind as you feel the wind blowing through your hair and the sun warming your face. As you come back to reality, you realize that Convention 2009 is just around the corner. If you are planning to attend and your registration is not complete, you need to get it done. This Convention will celebrate NCCC's 50th Convention with a special party on Wednesday evening. 2009 also marks NCCC's 50th Anniversary as a national organization and a weeklong celebration is planned. Historical "bits" of NCCC's past will be displayed and retold. Many of the NCCC members who had a part in making this history will be acknowledged.

Our 50th Anniversary Committee is hard at work getting everything gathered and organized and, in the next few months, everything should be finalized and ready for Colorado Springs in August. When we get to Colorado Springs, there will be a need for much more help! **We really need people to help put this together Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at Convention. There are so many things that need to be done before the Banquet even begins and the more hands we have, the sooner we get to party. If you are interested in helping, please contact: NCCC50@corvettesnccc.org so we can get you involved.**

National Council is sponsoring a "Celebration Kickoff" program on the evening of Sunday, August 9. The evening will start with a social hour followed by a buffet dinner. Past and present members will be honored and a band will bring the evening to an end. Bring your best "Corvette stories" and help the members of "today" learn about the past. This is a special event, because NCCC can only be 50 one time.

One of the jobs of the Public Relations Director is to manage the two traveling promotional NCCC Displays. The displays have traveled to all parts of the country and have been used at car shows, NCCC competition events, special club anniversaries, and club meetings. I am in charge of scheduling and shipping the two displays and will be working with you or a member of your club if you choose to use one of them. I am available at: publicrelations@corvettesnccc.org

You don't have to be a Governor to check the Public Relations page on the NCCC website for a 2009 Calendar and all kinds of information detailing the displays:

http://www.corvettesnccc.org/display_onthemove.html

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

Please help Celebrate NCCC's 50th Anniversary.

Larry Beebe

NCCC's 50th ANNIVERSARY



NCCC's 50th Convention in Colorado Springs is the place to be August 8th through 14th

The NCCC 50th Anniversary Committee (shown below) has been working tirelessly to discover and sort out the many details that make up NCCC's rich and most interesting past 50 years. The key to all of our History is the dedication of the many NCCC Members who have come and

stayed, as well as those that have come, stayed for awhile and moved on. We have all left our footprints side by side as we traveled along the path that has taken us from 1959 to 2009.

The story of NCCC will be on display all week long. A copy of every issue of *Blue Bars* that was ever printed and every Convention Program that was ever produced will be available for reading. NCCC and Convention memorabilia will be showcased and everywhere one turns will be an interesting story, picture or surprise. There will be lots for everyone to experience throughout the week. Attendees will learn about many of our NCCC Members and our Past Officers, Award Winners and Champions. Past Members have been invited to come and celebrate with us Present Members, and quite a few are planning to attend.

Be sure to visit the 50th Anniversary Celebration link on the NCCC Web Site at <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/History/50/NCCC50.html> to keep up with what's planned for the week. Besides a schedule, there is a list of Past Members we are still trying to locate and NCCC historical items that we would like to dig out of someone's basement or attic. Many Members have been of tremendous help already but the Committee will need additional help during Convention Week to "pull it off." A list of helping opportunities is posted and we ask that you consider giving us a helping hand.

If you have never been to an NCCC Convention or haven't been to Convention in a long time, this is the one to attend. NCCC will only be 50 once and you won't want to miss all of the festivities.

NCCC 50th Anniversary Committee:

*Top Row: (l to r) Larry Beebe, Chris Beebe, Bob Bowen, Diane Bowen
Bottom Row: (l to r) Joan Thomas, Jim Thomas, Jim Harris, Jim Krebs*



From the

Director of Sponsorship

HAPPY GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY to NCCC and all of its current and past members! It is so much fun to share this information with current and potential sponsors because we have so much to be proud of within our organization over the past 50 years. In a year of financial uncertainty, I feel so lucky to have the support of the companies that have agreed to be sponsors for NCCC. Having developed a good relationship from previous years of working with many of these companies can be of benefit to our organization, because they know who we are and want to keep our business as much as possible as well.

At this point, I am very pleased with the progress that has been made with the sponsorship program for 2009. We have some new sponsors, as well as some loyal companies to NCCC who have provided support for many years. So... let's get started with the update! **Goodyear** will be with us at Convention as a sponsor of the Flying W Ranch dinner activity on Monday night. **Michelin North America** plans to sponsor the high speed event at Pikes Peak International Raceway and we are working on details for another ride-and-drive event. **Mid America Motorworks** will sponsor the Club Night/All American Party on Saturday night at Convention. They continue to be very supportive of NCCC by sponsoring the FCOA program, as well as providing a scholarship for our Grants and Scholarship Program. NCCC will also be featured in their 35th Anniversary Funfest Commemorative Book, so we have a great opportunity for some exposure to many Corvette owners and suppliers. **Kumho** will be sponsoring the low speed event this year that will also be run at the Pikes Peak International Raceway. **Hagerty Insurance** is back with us again and they will be sponsoring the Hospitality Room at Convention, as well as providing their Roadside Assistance program for the rallye participants. **Hoosier** will be our drag event sponsor this year at Bandimere Speedway. We can count on **ZIP Products** as a sponsor as usual and they will be involved with the Rallye event at Convention, and will sponsor of the web site contest for NCCC as well. **Paragon Corvette Reproductions** will be assisting with some of the registration materials for Convention and I have had commitments from **Southern Car Parts.com**, as well as **Langka.com**, to be a sponsor at Convention, as well as with NCCC. Guess who is back as a sponsor: **Eckler's** will be participating in the Convention and NCCC sponsorship program for the first time in a few years and we welcome them back. And last, but not least, we have a commitment from **Adams Polishes** to sponsor the Concours event, so we are excited to add them to the NCCC sponsorship family. Convention is still five months away and I hope to have more details about the sponsored activities, as well as other sponsors in the next issue of *Blue Bars*.

The Eagle One Award winners were announced recently and, for the first time in many years, an NCCC club was not among

the winners. I know many of our clubs are involved in charitable activities, so keep a record of what you are doing within your community and plan to apply for this award for 2009, and turn in the information to our Charity Committee as well. And HATS OFF to all of you and our Charity Program for donating over \$86,000 to the NKF this year! We are so proud of your efforts to support this worthy cause.

We have renewed our contract with the Choice Hotels SOS program, so when you are traveling, make sure you log on to their web site and use our code- #00800794- to view the available rates. NCCC members should be receiving a 15% discount and they are running a special through April: If you stay any two nights, you receive an extra night free. And don't forget that we are linked to their web site on our Special Discounts for Members page, so it is really quite easy to participate.

A new listing on this web page is with Shared Books. You can purchase a book about the C6 and have it personalized with a saying and/or picture. It makes a great gift for that Corvette person you know who has everything.

Have you priced insurance for your Corvette with Hagerty? You might be surprised at the savings you can receive with their program. My husband took advantage of a great savings by changing our insurance for the Corvette to Hagerty.

I wanted to give an "atta boy" to the Governor of Beachcomber Corvette Club, East Region, ARNE BJUNE, for the great job he did in providing a listing for his members of the discounts that are available to NCCC members. I know it took some effort to organize this but, hopefully, this will encourage his members to log on to the NCCC web site to take advantage of these great offers. Check out our web site. JOAN THOMAS does a great job in providing up-to-date information to our members!!

I am quite sure that all of you are tired of hearing me say this, but I hope that you are supporting our sponsors as they support NCCC. They provide so much assistance to our organization as a whole and we would be in a much more difficult financial situation without their assistance, so please show them your gratitude by supporting them in their business.

You may have heard or read that NCCC is in the process of increasing our advertising this year in several publications, as well as the National Corvette Museum. I wanted to thank DOUG McMAHAN, the Cowtown Vettes webmaster, photographer, etc. for his assistance in this advertising project.

I hope that all of you are enjoying your Corvette by participating in club, regional, and national activities this spring. Please join us in Colorado Springs in August as we celebrate the GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY of NCCC. JOAN THOMAS, LARRY BEEBE, and their 50th Anniversary committee are doing a great job planning some special activities and I know our sponsors will help provide a great time for all of you!

Debbie Lindsey

**From the
2009 Convention Director**

As of this writing, it is February in Colorado, less than six months from the start of the 50th Annual NCCC Convention here in Colorado Springs. August 8, 2009 is the start of the Convention with Club/All American Night and it finishes up on the evening of August 14th with the NCCC Awards Banquet and drawing of the winning raffle ticket for a 2009 Corvette Coupe!

Plans are well underway for having a wonderful time at the Convention. As mentioned previously, we're starting things off with Club/All American Night. On Sunday evening Joan Thomas and Larry Beebe are really doing it up right with a special NCCC 50th Birthday Celebration complete with a buffet, lots of surprises and TONS of history. Monday is a very busy day with two Car Shows, Funkhana, Rally, and dinner at the Flying W Ranch. Entertainment for Monday evening will be provided by the Flying W Ranch Wranglers. Tuesday and Wednesday will be for High and Low-Speed Autocrossing at Pikes Peak International Speedway, located a brief 20 minute drive south of the host hotel. Wednesday evening we will be celebrating another 50th anniversary - the 50th NCCC Convention. We will be having a dessert bar and a special birthday cake as part of the celebration. The Nacho Men will be the evening's entertainment and will surely be a high point of the Convention. Thursday is DRAG RACING! World famous Bandimere Raceway will host the Record Drags and Bracket Drags for the drag-racing fans that come to Convention. Thursday evening will be Karaoke night (maybe Roger will entertain us with a few Elvis renditions) and we'll finish up Friday with the Competition Awards Breakfast and the NCCC Awards Banquet. All week we will be giving out door prizes from our many fantastic sponsors and we'll finish up the evening by giving away that 2009 Corvette.

The Rocky Mountain Region of the NCCC hopes to see everyone there, so make your plans now as August will be here before you know it and you don't want to miss a thing!

Walt Jenkins

**From the
Director of Publications**

Have you let your Regional Executive know what you and/or your club has been doing to promote "Corvetting"? If you prefer, you may contact me directly about placing an article (preferably with photos) in an upcoming issue of *Blue Bars*. Photos for the front and back covers MUST be high-resolution photos. Orientation for the front cover must be in PORTRAIT and for the back cover, LANDSCAPE.

Remember, you may notify me via email at pinkvett@dot11net.net that you are sending me something; however, please put BLUE BARS on the Subject Line of your message. Articles must be in Word format. I would prefer to have photos sent separately and not imbedded within the Word document. Photo captions are welcome and please identify those appearing in each photo.

THANK YOU to those clubs that are now providing me with copies of their monthly newsletters. For those clubs that have not put me on their newsletter mailing lists, please consider doing so. I assure you that I read each and every one, and you may be surprised at what might show up in a future issue of *Blue Bars*.

REMINDER...the deadline for submitting articles, photos, etc. for the Summer issue of *Blue Bars* is MAY 31, 2009. This pertains to ads also.

Sylvia Hoaldrige

Blue Bars

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The National Council of Corvette Clubs is offering advertising opportunities in its quarterly publication *Blue Bars* to Corvette-related businesses, clubs, and NCCC Regions. Why should you consider advertising in this publication?

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The interests of our membership are varied—competition, car shows, parades, charitable events, and numerous social events, all of which are sponsored by our clubs. As the interest of our membership is so varied, so are their needs for Corvette-related products, services, and activities.

Don't miss this great opportunity to market your products, services, or events to Corvette enthusiasts across the country.

<u>Size</u>	<u>Advertising Rates</u> <u>4/Color</u>	<u>Black/White</u>
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Sixth Page (2-1/4 x 4-7/8)	\$325	\$275
Business Card (3-1/2 x 2)	\$200	\$150
* Full Page Bleed (8-3/4 x 11-1/4)		

Effective April 1, 2008, a 15% discount will be given when four (4) ads are purchased as a package. These ads can either be 4/color or black/ white, but they must no smaller than a half-page.

Advertising Deadlines

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

BURNING RUBBER

Reporter takes Corvette on drive down the straightaway

PERU, Ind. - With my seat belt cinched tightly against my waist and a helmet strapped uncomfortably snug on my head, I was by all appearances ready to complete my first Corvette autocross event. My mental state was another matter. I felt nervous. As the Corvettes ahead of me began their lap around the curvy course at the Grissom Aeroplex, I had one thought to calm myself: It's just driving. But it wasn't the kind of driving I was used to. On the tarmac, another set of rules applied. There, the speedometer didn't matter, and spinouts didn't come with dangers. There was no backing out, though. I somehow let my father pay my \$50 entry fee without much protest. I could already hear the taunts that would follow if I came all the way to the autocross only to watch.



Like the other participants - who came from Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Nebraska and Tennessee - my father and I readied his Corvette for the races. We checked the tire pressure and gutted our belongings from the sports car; apparently unsecured objects thrash around at high speeds. Soon, it was time to walk

the course, which was outlined by dozens of orange traffic cones barring the scars of other autocrosses. The goal, my dad told me, was to go between each gate, or set of cones. Miss a gate or knock a pylon over and get penalized. Although the course included a 90-degree turn, a U-turn and a chicane, it didn't appear too difficult. Rather, it looked like an elaborate driver's education course.

Because I wasn't a member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs - the Indiana Region hosted and sanctioned the autocross - I raced in the exhibition class against a girl driving a Ford Mustang. Fortunately, that meant I could ride in the car as my dad drove in his class, which was up first. Once we got the



signal to go, Dad floored the gas, making my stomach lurch as it would on a rollercoaster. I braced myself as he slammed on the brakes to make the first turn, and I tried to stay composed as, a few gates later, we spun out. Before

we finished the lap, I was already thinking, "I'm definitely going slower than this." Tired of being jostled, I stepped out of the Corvette for Dad's last two runs and spoke with Fort Wayne, Ind., club member and veteran racer Dick Runyan. He assured me I wasn't alone in my hesitation. He recalled how he spent half the summer of 1978 psyching himself up to race. Once he did, he wondered why it took him so long. "You're among friends," Runyan said. "Drive as fast as you're comfortable with." The whistle finally blew to signal the start of the ladies' class. I strapped on my helmet, cinched my seat belt and cruised to the line. So there I was, surrounded by Corvettes - and one Mustang - with no escape but the track. "It's just driving," I thought. "It's just driving." And it was - at least in my first lap, when I clocked a leisurely 90 seconds compared to most people's 60 or 50. With each lap I let go of some of my inhibitions and thus cut my time to 72 seconds, 70 seconds and, on the last two laps, 69 seconds. Like most racers, I couldn't tell you the fastest speed I drove. The speedometer doesn't matter when you're trying to stay on course. And, when I did think about checking, I decided I didn't need to see what I knew would be embarrassingly slow speeds. Better to let people think I floored it.

Submitted by Ashley Rhodebeck, Daily News staff writer. Ashley is the daughter of Marlin and Anita Rhodebeck. She is a former NCCC scholarship winner who graduated from the Indiana University School of Journalism and reports for the Beloit Daily News in Beloit, Wisconsin. She is a former NCCC and FCOA member from the Indiana Region.

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One of the most significant benefits of NCCC membership is our Annual Convention.

A large number of our members give a significant amount of uncompensated time and effort to the membership by assisting and leading the program. They do the hardest work that anyone could ask for. Their loyalty to their clubs, Regions and the general membership is amazing. Compensation is limited to an attaboy and your smiling face.

In all of the programs is a major effort to provide great activities for vacationers who choose to visit the various annual venues to be with their Corvette buddies. This year there are road tours, dinner drives, rallies, bus rides, gambling trips, and the biggest party in NCCC history. History is the key. Bandimere for drag racing and Pikes Peak International for high and low speed events are cool venues, too. There is a lot to do in Colorado Springs. Check it out. Sign up now!!

The excitement continues to grow as our 2010 Convention in West Palm Beach, Florida. The leaders of this project are working toward an outstanding program and it is all for your enjoyment. More enticing information is coming.

The information is posted on the web site. Be sure to look it over.

See you there!

Hal Bellamy
Convention Steering Advisor

NVCC TEEN DRIVING SCHOOL



The Northern Virginia Corvette Club held its latest Teen Driving School this November for 50 high school students, who were at the beginning of their driving careers. The students received classroom instruction as well as behind in the wheel exercises stressing car handling, braking and decision making. They all received a hands-on lab on maintenance, checking under the hood, changing a tire and other safety related issues to driving a car. Thanks to our club members, their businesses and community organizations, NVCC can offer our teen driving school, complete with lunch, at no charge to the students.

Each NVCC teen driving school has been filled (or nearly filled) to capacity. For most of them, we have had a wait list. We have some teens take the driving school more than once, and if they have siblings, their parents enroll them when they start driving. Parents, who can sit in the back of the car while their children are learning behind the wheel, learn as much as their children.



We do not put on these schools alone. The driving school is more than one club can handle. NVCC has instructor and worker help from the Corvette clubs throughout the east region, as well as instructor help from local Audi, Porsche and BMW clubs. Including the students, parents, instructors and workers, we probably have over 150 people participating in various capacities during the day.

The club had to purchase more traffic cones for the school, as the driving exercises involve navigating a sea of cones. Throughout the day, students practice placing the car between cones without knocking them down. The exercises introduce them to understeer and oversteer, to recognize these conditions and how to respond when they occur. At the end of one series of cones, students have to back their cars up and maneuver into a parking slot. The braking exercise teaches students threshold

braking in a straight line and while steering around a curve. An exercise on a skid pad, watered down with soapy water, simulates extreme road conditions, all within the safety of the cones. The students are pushed hard all day long.

As an instructor, it is gratifying to see the students learn driving skills, skills that have never been presented to them prior to the NVCC teen driving school. Many of them realize that this was the first time an adult instructor sat beside them and urged them to, "Go faster!" It is not a problem to knock a cone down in the school. The more they learn in the controlled safety of a parking lot, the more prepared they will be to deal with a situation out on the road. The personal confidence and car control skill they gain from the first session to the last is also noticed by their parents.

The day ends with a class presentation by a police officer. The officer investigates all traffic accidents in the District of Columbia and it is his job to notify parents of the death of their children. He stresses that as much fun as they had learning new skills during the day, that each of them has a responsibility to drive within the limits every time they get behind the wheel. Everyone in the room is equally sobered by his story and advice.



NVCC has more teen driving schools planned for the future. Our goal is to present two schools a year in our area, one in the fall and one in the spring. NVCC will be bringing this school to other Corvette Clubs in the region and we are available to start a national program through NCCC. Our feedback shows there is a need for this type of hands-on learning for today's young drivers and we are responding to this need as a member of our community.

For more information, contact the Northern Virginia Corvette Club at www.nvccorvetteclub.com. To view our Teen Driving School video, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1P-5y9lsSk>

Article submitted by Andrej Balanc; pictures by Sheikh.

WANTED!

ADDRESS UPDATES FOR FCOA MEMBERS!!!

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

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

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director



A THANK YOU FROM FCOA!

NCCC's youth organization, Future Corvette Owners Assn., thanks the companies and NCCC clubs listed below for donating the great items included in FCOA's 2008 membership packets. You can find links to these businesses and clubs on FCOA's website.

BADGER STATE VETTES & NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB ~ Corvette Assembly Plant postcards

CHEVROLET MOTOR DIVISION ~ Corvette "hero" cards & posters

CORVETTE CENTRAL ~ decals

DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION & TEJAS VETTES ~ dash plaques

ECKLERS ~ "Do Not Touch" signs

MICHELIN TIRE COMPANY ~ Michelin Man temporary tattoos

MID AMERICA MOTORWORKS ~ decals, FCOA membership cards & FCOA patches

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM ~ information cards & calendars

WINDY CITY CORVETTES ~ notepads

Mad House Marketing helped the FCOA kids from Badger State Vettes buy Corvette trading cards for the packets. They raised the money through sales at a concession stand they had at some speed events a few years ago.

Due to a shortage of some items, there may be a difference in the packet items received by kids in the same family.

Thank you to all NCCC Members for your continued support of the FCOA Program! *Pat Kelly*, FCOA Director

E-mail: FCOAKids@aol.com

Website: www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html

2009 FCOA Membership Count by Region
as of March 19, 2009

	REGION	# MEMBERS 01-01-09	ADD NEW MEMBERS	SUBTOTAL	LESS 16 YR. OLDS	# MEMBERS 03-19-09	# MEMBERS 02-28-08	% INCREASE 02-08/03-09	CLUB WITH LARGEST FCOA # (03-19-2009)	# FCOA MEMBERS
MW	MIDWEST	487	8	495	-5	490	479	2.30%	MW-351 WINDY CITY CORVETTES	211
WR	WEST	405	6	411	-6	405	409	-0.98%	WR-015 CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	152
MI	MICHIGAN	309	3	312	-3	309	320	-3.44%	MI-003 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	70
ER	EAST	241	22	263	-2	261	212	23.11%	ER-108 YORK COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	37
FL	FLORIDA	219	12	231	-2	229	185	23.78%	FL-276 CORVETTES OF NAPLES	87
EO	EAST OHIO	166	3	169	-1	168	165	1.82%	EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND	56
SW	SOUTHWEST	165	5	170	-3	167	160	4.38%	SW-131 OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	62
WC	WEST COAST	158	4	162	-6	156	160	-2.50%	WC-302 CORV WEST & WC-326 CORV SUPER SPORTS	16 each
IN	INDIANA	113	3	116	-1	115	113	1.77%	IN-382 S CENTRAL INDIANA CORVETTE CLUB	36
RR	ROADRUNNER	112	0	112	0	112	108	3.70%	RR-303 DESERT CORVETTE ASSN.	54
SE	SOUTHEAST	94	7	101	-2	99	97	2.06%	SE-073 NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	35
WO	WEST OHIO	83	0	83	-1	82	86	-4.65%	WO-027 CORVETTE TROY	44
RM	ROCKY MTN	63	3	66	0	66	64	3.13%	RM-183 COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	28
NE	NORTHEAST	41	0	41	0	41	43	-4.65%	NE-105 SYRACUSE CORVETTE CLUB	13
CA	CAROLINA	31	0	31	-2	29	30	-3.33%	CA-014 CAROLINA CORVETTES	14
NW	NORTHWEST	1	0	1	0	1	1	0.00%	NW-483 TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	1
TOTAL		2688	76	2764	-34	2730	2632	3.72%		

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

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e-mail: FCOAkids@aol.com

website: www.corvettesnccc.org/fcoa1.html

telephone: 414-422-0874

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director



See FCOA's website for membership applications & address change forms.
Also check out the information about the new FCOA apparel & books!

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FCOA MEMBER #4000 ~ NOAH

Noah's application for FCOA membership came just at the right time in mid-January 2009 for him to be assigned FCOA membership #4000! Also in the envelope was an application for his 13-year old brother Brandon who was assigned FCOA #3999. His parents, Michael and Tracy, have been members of Cumberland Valley Corvette Club in the East Region for nine years. Currently, they have a Polo Green 1995 coupe and previously owned a 1968 green convertible ~ no wonder Noah's favorite color is green!



Seven-year old Noah loves attending school as a first grader and is an excellent student. When he's not in school, Noah's life is filled with many activities including playing with his dog Morgan, hanging out with his friends and various sports. His favorite toys are Matchbox and Hot Wheels cars, as well as Legos and his Nintendo DS. As you can see, building model cars with his dad, collecting cars (especially Corvettes) and go-kart racing with his big brother Brandon are also high on his list of fun things to do. He's always excited to help in the garage where he learns all about cars from his dad who builds and restores cars as a hobby.

Noah really likes attending Cumberland Valley Corvette Club events and the Kids at Carlisle activities. Following in his brother Brandon's footsteps, his 2005 Corvette convertible placed first in the model contest in 2007. Pictured here is Noah with his award, the winning model and some of the other cars in his collection. It's a safe guess that there will be lots of Corvettes in his future!

Congratulations, Noah, for being FCOA member #4000!



Future Corvette Owners Assn. Membership Application

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

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Windy City Corvettes, inc. was incorporated on August 15, 1990, and is located in Orland Park, IL. Those first members wanted to have a club that had two main goals; (1) one to drive and have fun with America's Sports Car the Corvette through competitive events and social activities and (2) one was to be able to support local charities through various fundraisers. 2008 is over and those two goals are still the main focus of this club. Instead of just eight charter members, Windy City, at any given time, has over 130 members helping to keep these goals alive.

Every year Windy City Corvettes, in conjunction with Bill Kay Chevrolet (Lisle, IL), raffles a new Corvette with proceeds benefiting SBail (Spina Bifida Association of Illinois). The 2008 raffle winner was Jon Meneses from Carlsbad, CA. In 2008, we donated \$46,000 to SBail. Over the years, we have donated over a **half million dollars** to this organization.

Some of our other endeavors are:

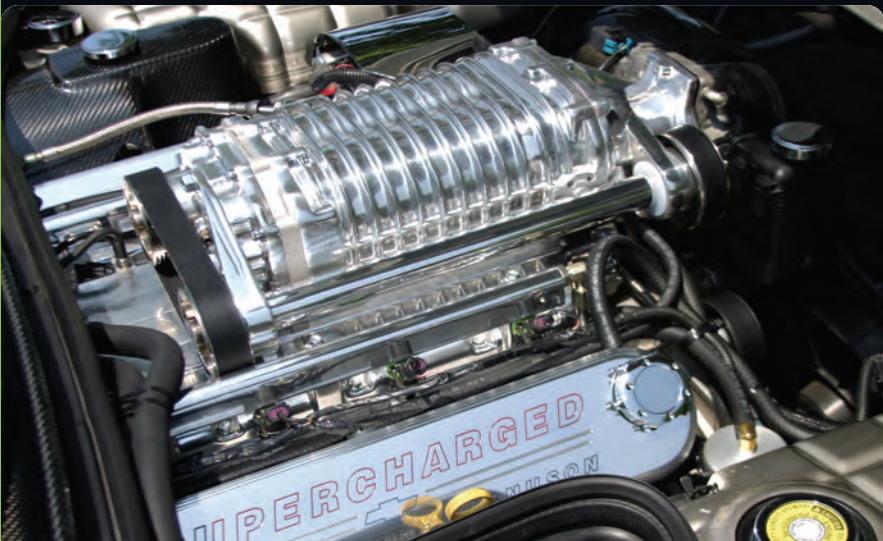
- Our club attends the SBail Picnic and Walk and Roll-a-thon each year. We donate to the Walk and participate in the picnic with giving rides to the kids and giving each of them a gift.
- For more than 12 years, we have been sponsoring at least one (sometimes two) NCCC scholarships.
- We donate to FCOA each year to help with the purchase of items sent and mailing costs.
- We have been a 100% club for the NCCC Kidney Foundation for many years.
- We support Brookfield Zoo each year with their Holiday Lights program. (This is not only a donation to the zoo but a great social event for our members.)
- Windy City is and has been a member of the National Corvette Museum since September 1991. We have purchased several bricks over the years and will be purchasing a 2 ft. x 2 ft. brick this year.
- We donate to our local 4-H Center annually.
- Windy City also sponsors two bowling leagues at Orland Park Bowl. Our monthly meetings are held at this facility and it is an opportunity for us to give back.
- Our latest venture is called "Operation Welcome Home," a program in Orland Park that welcomes home veterans who are returning home from Iraq or Afghanistan. When one of the men or women comes home

from their tour of duty, we send them a gift certificate to a local restaurant.

For those reading this, it may seem like all we do is work, which is not true! We do not consider any of our Charity Events as work. Some of these events are our **best** social activities. Our club is very competitive and hosts several events each year along with other Midwest Region clubs. We also have a Social Committee that plans social events each month. To find out more about Windy City Corvettes, Inc., our wonderful membership, our annual Corvette Raffle and to see pictures of all of our events and activities, visit our website at www.windycitycorvettes.com.

Respectfully submitted by WCC Charity Committee: Teresa Kocanda, Chairperson, Nancy Burns and John Adamski.

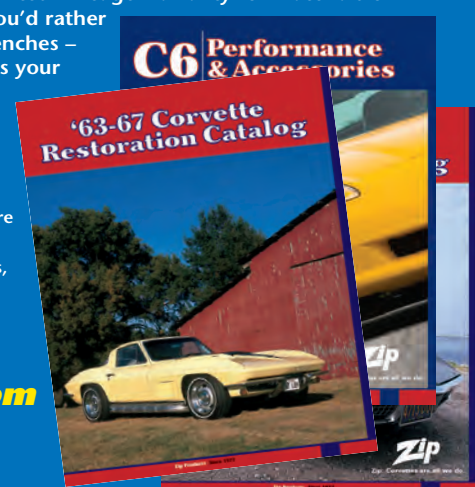
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1953 Corvette, Blue Flame Six, powerglide, numbers match. Polo White with Red interior. Body-off restored. One of 300 produced.



1957 Corvette, 283-250 hp, (fuelie), 4 speed. Onyx Black with Red interior. Body-on restored. T-10, posi, and wide white tires.



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



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



1970 Corvette ZR-1/LT-1 Coupe, 350-370 hp M-22 one of 25 produced. Monza Red with Saddle Tan interior. Radio delete, 4.56 posi, F-41 suspension, power brakes, J-56 brake system. Well documented.



1972 Corvette ZR-1/LT-1 Coupe, M-22 4 speed. Elkhart. Green paint. Very nice. Appears to be mostly original paint and interior. Power brakes, leather, transistorized ignition, 4.11 posi, A.I.R., heavy duty suspension, J-56 brakes, aluminized exhaust. Smog system. Tank sticker, warranty pamphlet, P.O.P., owners manual packet, sales brochure. Rare ZR-1 and 1 of only 20 produced.



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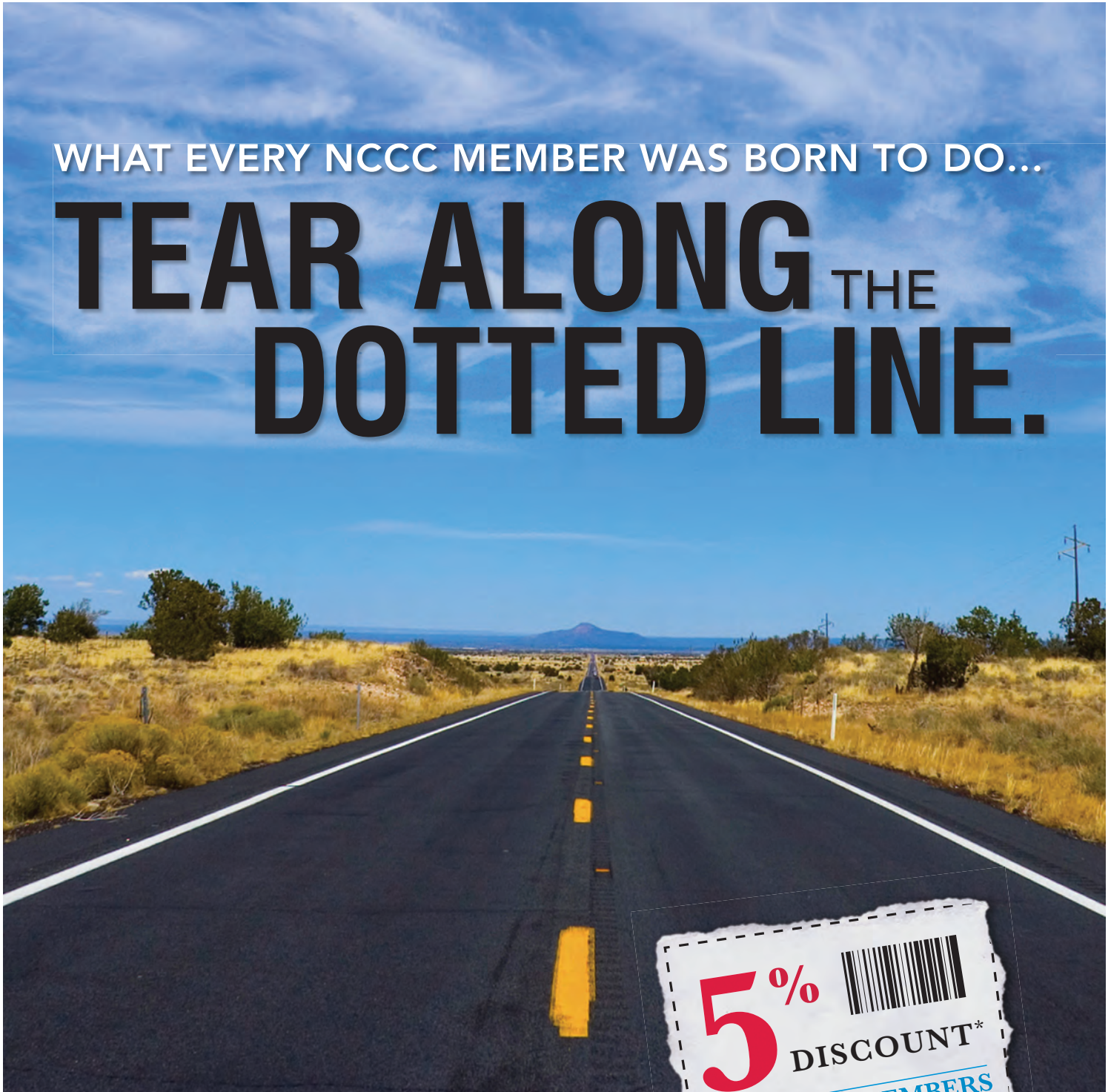
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Building off the overwhelming success of **Hagerty's** Youth Model Building Contest last summer we are pleased to announce the 2nd annual Youth Model Building Contest which will give kids ages 8-12 the opportunity to once again construct their own die-cast model supplied by **Hagerty**. New for 2009 is the addition of a Youth Design Contest for ages 13-17. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the iconic 1959 Cadillac, young designers will be asked to submit their sketch of what a 1959 Cadillac would look like if it was still produced today.

Hagerty's Model-Building and Design Contests will run through the entire summer, with final judging during the Classic Car Weekend in Monterey, CA. The model-building kits will be available to car clubs from March 13 to April 17 and will be shipped to youth contestants sponsored by the clubs. Contestants will have until May 1 to build their model and ship it back to **Hagerty**. **Hagerty** will then photograph the models and display the photos on **Hagerty's** website to be voted on by staff, clients and anyone who visits the site.

"I will always equate my love of cars to the early experiences with my Dad working in the garage," said McKeel Hagerty, CEO of **Hagerty Insurance**. "At **Hagerty**, we feel it is extremely important to introduce today's youth to collector cars to further the hobby and have been extremely pleased with the response from the community and the kids regarding our youth initiatives."

If you or anyone you know is interested in participating in either of **Hagerty's** Youth Contests this summer, please visit www.hagerty.com/modelbuildingcontest or www.hagerty.com/designcontest for more details.

Valley Vettes Huntsville, AL

When my wife, Ann, and I joined Valley Vettes Corvette Club in Huntsville, AL in 2003 to enhance the enjoyment of owning our first Corvette, mum was the word that we also had a Mustang. Back in 1966, after discharge from the Air Force, I noticed that Mustang offered a GT package that included suspension and brake upgrades. One caught my eye, a red fastback, and it became mine on July 30th. It's still in our garage and we're members of the Rocket City Mustang Club (RCMC). However, Corvettes were always to be respected and in 2001, we bought a new pewter coupe. Eventually, word leaked out that there was also a Mustang lurking in our garage . . . and the ribbing began. About that time, it also started from the RCMC when a member saw me in the Vette one day. In the following months, four Valley Vettes members confided that they also had Mustangs, but I kept their secret. We agreed that Mustangs and Corvettes were both great cars in their respective classes. Something had to be done to get that message across to everyone else.

Ann and I had run and worked time, speed and distance rallies in the north Alabama and Southern Tennessee area put on by the Tennessee Valley Region of the Sports Car Club of America and the independent Twickenham Auto Club in the Sixties and Seventies. They were always fun. So we decided that a simple course-following rally might be a good opportunity to get folks from both clubs together, meet and enjoy the cars, a good course, scenic roads and each others' company. The first rallye in which both clubs were included was held in October of 2005 and has become



an annual event.

This year's event on October 25th found a mix of 25 Corvettes and Mustangs, and a 1965 Sunbeam Tiger



meeting at a local Sonic drive-in. After receiving instructions at a driver's/navigator's meeting, the cars were started at 30-second intervals and headed out. Many heads turned as a group of Mustangs and Corvettes streamed by.



The 77-mile course was broken up by a rest stop and a checkpoint. In the past, we played Dominos and Scrabble to earn points, kind of like a poker run. This year we played Monopoly and participants collected game cards at the start, rest stop, checkpoint and at the end. The finish was at a steak house in Priceville, AL where war stories were swapped during dinner and the winners, one from each stable this year, received gifts.

Ann and I have enjoyed finding interesting roads in the boonies and putting the rallies together. It's given us additional opportunities to have fun with both the Mustang and the Vette, now a C6 Z51. And it's extremely satisfying to



get positive comments from drivers and navigators and to see the number of participants increase each year. Members of both clubs remember each other and catch up on how things have gone for the past year, check out the new models and oogle the classics. We also couldn't help but notice that the good-natured ribbing between the "Blue Oval" and "Bowtie" crowds has really decreased.

Articles and photos were submitted by Vic van Leeuwen, a member of Valley Vettes and Rocket City Mustang Club. Anyone wishing to see additional photos, please check out www.rocketcitymustang.com.



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

PERRY POINT VA MEDICAL CENTER CRUISE-IN AND COOKOUT

On a beautiful, sunny (*read very hot*) day in June 2008, the Bel Air Corvette Club (BACC), the Chesapeake Corvette Club and the Lost in the Fifties Street Rod club as well as some independents cruised into the parking lot of building 314 at the Perry Point VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Maryland. The approximately 400 acre VAMC campus is just off I-95 and U. S. Route 40 and is located on the banks of the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay. The VAMC is a leader in providing comprehensive mental health care to Maryland's veterans. The VAMC offers a full range of inpatient medical, intermediate and long-term care programs, including nursing home care, low-level rehabilitation, geriatric evaluation and management, respite care, chronic ventilator care, hospice care and a specialized unit for patients with Alzheimer's disease. A newly renovated 50-bed domiciliary care program helps to rehabilitate homeless veterans through counseling, job assistance and home placement. The Perry Point VAMC is home to a new and innovative substance abuse residential rehabilitation treatment program, which is an intensive outpatient program for veterans with drug and alcohol addictions. Patients can enjoy a variety of recreational activities including fishing, bicycling, jogging and, on this day, soaking up images of dozens of Corvettes.

About seven years ago, the Lost in the Fifties Street Rod club worked with the VAMC to hold a car show on their campus. Nancy McLaughlin, the VAMC Recreation Director, decided to combine the car show with a cookout. The car show and cookout has grown over the years and in the past two years, attendance of veterans and those showing their cars attracted more than 1,000 people.

This hot June day for the cruise-in and cookout was all about the veterans, not the cars. The cars were there for the enjoyment of the veterans. Since many vets are in the VAMC recovering from both mental and physical problems, the cars were a form of therapy. The vets were excited to see the Vettes and street rods and it enabled them to reminisce and to dream.

Due to the extreme heat, many of the regular VAMC volunteers did not attend because many are up in years (some are in their nineties) and they could not tolerate the heat. The heat did not deter BACC. Nancy McLaughlin was impressed with the manner in which BACC members jumped in and prepared produce, served food and drinks as well as provided any additional services that were needed. All of the BACC contributed to the success of the day. In all the years Nancy coordinated this event, never has she had volunteers come in and take over all of the services. Not only did BACC help prepare and serve the food, Russ and Brenda Carmosino (owners of a local Golden Corral), donated all of the food for the day. Another club member, Bill Etzel (an employee of Frito-Lay) arranged for Frito-Lay to supply all of the snack foods. Another BACC member, Ron Mayo, was the roving photographer. Ron was armed with a Polaroid camera and a bag of Polaroid film. Ron took photos of and for the vets in their favorite Vettes. Nancy was impressed that Corvette owners permitted the veterans to sit in their cars to have photographs taken. She said she had not been to another car show where owners permitted others to sit in their cars!

When all the cars were in the parking lot, a contingent of soldiers from nearby Aberdeen Proving Grounds marched down the road to the parking lot in uniform. Then, the soldiers dispersed to escort long-term care veterans to view the cars. There were a wide variety

of activities for the veterans including a DJ, dance contest, and trivia games. The highlight of the day was when the military escorts did their annual line dance. The vets enjoyed both the cars and the food. At the end of the day, the question the vets were asking was "Can we do this again next week?"

What a joy to see the smiles on the faces of the vets! BACC members so enjoyed themselves, they made a commitment to continue their support of the VAMC. BACC has drawn three fun show sanctions for June 14, 2009. See the East Region web site for the flyers. We encourage other East Region clubs to join us in giving the veterans a day of enjoyment. We feel this is just a small way of giving back to our veterans for the sacrifices they have made for the freedom we have!

Article and photos were submitted by Lee Anderson and Joe Vasta.





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The Carolina Region is looking forward to another fun season of competition and events. If you're on the East Coast, check out all the People's Choice and Concours events presented by Eastern Carolina Corvettes, Carolinas and Corvettes International. These folks love to shine and show their cars!! There will also be several low speed events throughout the year, so please keep looking at www.crnccc.com for details!

We need your help! NCCC has a committee designed to collect and compile recommendations to make our organization match up to today's Corvette owners and operators. Submit your thoughts to this committee by email at vision_committee@corvettesnccc.org.

This committee is made up of volunteers who are very open to suggestions. Please take a minute to send your thoughts – this is your opportunity to make a difference!

It's not too late to sign up for the 50th Anniversary Celebration Party at the NCCC Convention in Colorado Springs. Your regional officers are packed and ready to caravan to Colorado and they plan to have a fantastic time seeing our beautiful country. Come on along!

Margaret Bohannan – RE
Johnny Haskell – RCD
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Not only do NCCC clubs regularly support each other in competitive and social events, but regions also cooperate with each other. In the fall of 2008, the Northeast Region found themselves without regional officers. The East Region pitched in to help. Denny Morin, East Region RMD, not only handled all of the renewals for the East Region, but he also stepped in on short notice to handle all of the membership renewals for the Northeast Region. (*See his comments later in this article.*) While the Northeast Region is identifying regional officers in 2009, the regional officers for the East Region will continue to support the Northeast Region. Denny Morin will continue to provide membership support. Brian Gallagher, the East Region RCD, will issue sanction numbers and will process competition results using the tools developed by the East Region. Joe Vasta will handle any items that require RE attention. Should you attempt to contact officers from the Northeast Region using the standard NCCC e-mail addresses, the e-mails will be forwarded to the individuals above until regional officers for the Northeast Region are in place.

As mentioned in the last issue of *Blue Bars*, Dick Yanko, NCCC President, created a new committee known as the Vision Committee. The committee is charged with performing an analysis of NCCC and establishing a plan for the future. They have created a survey to gather input from the entire membership and to have a page on the NCCC national web site (corvettesNCCC.org). The survey site is active and we will collect data for the next few months. You can e-mail all committee members using the Vision-Committee@corvettesNCCC.org e-mail address to give them your thoughts about how NCCC should change.

Jeff Port, the East Region webmaster, is developing specifications for permitting East Region clubs to host their web site using the same ISP that hosts the East Region web site. The East Region Executive Board is investigating the feasibility of providing a vehicle that will permit East Region clubs to host their club web sites with the East Region ISP at much reduced rates. Talk to your club governor to get details.

Joe Vasta, East Region RE

I would like to congratulate GBV out of Gaithersburg, MD as our top club for the third straight year. Also our top five men and ladies:

In addition, the East Region recognizes clubs for their participation in NCCC sanctioned events by an award based on the number of points per member. We began this in 2007 to recognize smaller clubs that may not have hundreds of members but their members are VERY active in competition.

This year's award goes to one of our newest clubs, Classic Corvette Club of Maryland, with 16 members. They racked up 805 points, ranking them eleventh

in our region overall. However, their 16 members earned an average of 50.3 points per member, ranking them our NUMBER ONE club in member participation.

Our 2009 calendar is fairly full with 121 sanctions and 17 non-sanctions. We have our annual big events, such as Corvettes at Carlisle and the Ocean City Boardwalk Concours and Rallye in Maryland. We also have our Teen Driving School hosted by NVCC, and a second one being worked on by CVCC and the NVCC High Speed events at Summit Point in October. We also have two HPDE'S at Pocono Raceway in Long Pond, PA hosted by CCNEPA and CVCC; and one at Summit Point, WV by NVCC.

I think our members will have plenty of events to choose from. We look forward to being your host at any of our events. Come out and see us!

Brian Gallagher, East Region RCD

The East Region annual renewal for 29 clubs and MAL renewed 2106 of 2561 members, for a renewal rate of 82 percent. We also had 183 new members join at renewal time. Additionally, we helped the Northeast Region in renewing 331 of their 450 members for a renewal rate of 74 percent and 25 new members. "Late renewals" and new member accessions are continuing for both regions. Congratulations to Bill Jorgens, Brampton, ON, Canada – an NCCC NE Region MAL and winner of an NCM Raffle car! Congratulations also to East Region Keystone State Corvette Club as the latest 100+ member club! We lost Culpeper Corvette Club in VA and gained Corvette Friends Corvette Club in MD, joining Shenandoah Valley Corvette Club and Tidewater Corvette Club as new NCCC ER clubs in 2008. We have also had inquiries from three additional clubs expressing interest in affiliating with NCCC. We also had Governor changes in eight existing clubs. With new clubs and with Governor changes, we focused on Governor training and orientation at our Regional meeting in March and have been using our Region web site and email to push NCCC and Region information out to our Governors and club presidents. We are also using our Region web site and email to keep the benefits of NCCC to our individual members, pushing information on member discounts and promotions from sponsors to our ER clubs and membership. We are also promoting the FCOA program: FCOA kids with one of our clubs are planning a charity fund-raiser refreshment stand at an upcoming show – they'll be promoting FCOA at their stand!

We also plan to work on increasing visibility of our members who hold membership in the NCM, as we build on the long-standing relationship of the NCCC and the NCM and add value to NCCC membership.

Denny Morin, East Region RMD

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Hello from the RE of the East Ohio Region:

The writers' block is over! Let me say that if you had a problem with me not producing an article for *Blue Bars* in the past year, you should be talking to me directly and not behind my back. Enough said.

Onto the positive happenings in the East Ohio Region. We have had two successful Chili/Appetizer Challenges the past two Novembers, a chance for all Regional members to gather and chat without a competitive atmosphere. Thanks, Alan, for the suggestion. Our Regional Banquets have been well attended despite the weekend blizzard of '08. Thanks to all who took the time to attend. Regional Governors have been busy trying to keep the NCCC Spirit alive. Some have had great success with continued NCCC growth within their Club while others are struggling, as is the economy in our part of the country.

Clubs have been inviting other nearby Clubs to their social activities to try to bring about a better understanding of how the other side works and plays. Although competitive sites are always a problem, many members continue to scout for areas that have been passed by previously. As times change, so must thinking and understanding.

In the East Ohio Region, we continue with our National Meeting support for our Governors. Clubs can apply for a one-time rebate when their Governor attends a National Governors' meeting. This is designed in hopes that the Governors will continue to attend the National Meetings. A novel idea, attending a meeting to understand the inner working of this organization and having a chance to come away from these meetings with questions and maybe even answers.

As a final thought, thanks and goodbye to a close friend and NCCC model for all, JACK EAKINS. Jack worked and played hard for NCCC for many years as a Club Governor, Regional Officer and early on as a National Officer. You are and will be missed by many who knew and respected what you stood for. Thanks, Jack.

Chuck Heretta, East Ohio Region RE

The time of year has finally arrived where we get to take the covers off our cars, dust them off, and get them ready to "rumble." Yes, I know, in parts of this good old U.S.A., some of you get to run your cars around all year long, but some of us "Snow People" don't have that luxury. All of us need to get out there and support other clubs as well as our own. We can make a lot of new friends, as well as get reacquainted with our old friends. Now, I'm not saying some of our friends are old; I'm just saying we can see our friends from past years of competition. I know if a person gets out and tries, they can find several fun things to participate in....Rallyes, Car Shows, Concours Shows, Low Speed Events, High Speed Events, Drags, Funkhanas.... and the list just keeps rolling on and on as our tires keep turning. You can also find good times in the evening once your day runs down. If you stay at the same motel as several other friends, all you have to do is bring along a chair, snacks, and drinks, then take these items to the parking lot and pull up a spot in the circle of friends. Here you will get into several different conversations and have lots of laughs. When we see other Corvette owners, we need to let them know what they are missing. We also need to tell them they can join in the fun just by becoming an NCCC member. During the conversation with the potential NCCC members, we need to let them and others know how generous our organization is. Tell them that NCCC gives to the National Kidney Foundation each year and that many of NCCC's individual clubs also give to their local charities. Let's get out there, have fun and get new NCCC members. If each one of us signed up one new member, look where our organization would be.

NCCC will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. Let's make it a GREAT year and a year to remember.

Peggy L. Stephens, East Ohio RMD

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What comes to mind when you say 2010? How about the 51st NCCC National Convention in West Palm Beach, FL. Start now and make your plans to attend this event. Where else can you get a week's fill of Corvette, Corvette and more Corvette fun? There will be High and Low Speed Autocrosses, Rallyes, a Funkhana, a Concours, a People's Choice Car Show, Drag Racing, plus other local activities.

The best reason to go is for the new friends you will make and the old friends whom you get to visit with again. Florida has been very fortunate to have the NCCC National Convention in our state many times in the past. Don't miss this opportunity to attend it in our own backyard; it won't be back here for awhile. Having it in Florida will give a chance for many NCCC members — new and old — who have never been to a Convention to attend.

Hope to see ya' there.

Let's Vette together Soooooooooooooon!!!!!!

Glenn Hutchinson, Florida Region RE

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First, I would like to thank outgoing RE Mary Bellamy for doing a great job. I'm very happy to serve as the Indiana Region RE, but if you don't compete in NCCC events, you may not recognize my name. I've been a member of Corvette Indy for 14 years, served in various positions during that time and been a two-time Indiana Region Champion. I view *Blue Bars* as an excellent way to communicate with IR members and I welcome your input.

While the main reason I joined NCCC was to race, over the years I've developed an appreciation for the other activities organized by the NCCC Clubs of Indiana. With the average age of an NCCC member increasing, I believe non-racing events may be what drives our new memberships and retention in the future. As an example, the largest club in the Indiana Region has had little involvement with racing events. At our Governors' meetings, I will be encouraging discussions about what clubs are doing to recruit and retain members. If your club is not active in attending the Governors' meetings, please let me know about the successful activities of your club.

When someone in the Region accomplishes something special, I believe that they should receive recognition. I would like to recognize DAVID GODFREY for winning the 2008 Men's Indiana Region Championship. David competes in all the Indiana Region events and has a way of beating drivers with much better equipment. David is obviously a great driver and an outstanding sportsman. I would also like to recognize KAY CLAWSON as the 2008 Women's Champion. Not only is Kay a great racer, but she and her husband are very active in supporting all the activities in the Region. Kay and Dave will be receiving their first-place jackets at the Indiana Region Banquet on March 28th. Members with 200 or more points are given a jacket with their name and place in the Region on it; this includes both competitors and workers. Everyone in the Region should be thinking about how they'll get their 200 points.

I would also like to welcome the Indy Classical Glass Corvette Club to the Indiana Region and encourage their participation in Region activities. The Governors of clubs that do not regularly take part in the Governors' meetings will be receiving a Proxy request from me.

Please complete and return these forms, because they are important to make sure the Indiana Region is adequately represented in the National Governors' Meeting.

Racing events start with High Speed events at Putnam Park on May 30-31. For more information on this and all other events, please go to the Indiana Region home page at www.indianaregion.com. The Indiana Region web site is a great source of information for what is going on in the Region and in NCCC.

I look forward to seeing many of you at Indiana events and the National Convention in Colorado Springs, CO.

Jim Walton, Indiana Region RE

Listed below are the 2009 meeting dates for the National Governors' Meetings at the Sheraton West Port (not the Chalet) in St. Louis, Missouri. This will allow you to plan ahead. For reservations, please call (314) 878-1500.

May 1-2, 2009
August 7-14, 2009 (TBA)
September 11-12, 2009
November 13-14, 2009

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Michigan Region mourns the loss of our Past RE, LORRAINE McLAUGHLIN. Lorraine passed away December 2, 2008 from heart complications. Lorraine promoted the competition program in Michigan 100%. She was the driving force for west Michigan to hold a driving school. We will be holding our fourth driving school this May. In memory of Lorraine, our driving school will be named the "Lorraine McLaughlin Memorial Low Speed Driving School."

With spring here and summer not far behind in Michigan Region, the familiar smells and sounds return. For the nature lovers, it's the sweet smell of blooming flowers, fresh spring air, fresh cut lawn and the sounds of chirping birds migrating back to Michigan. There are also the smells and sounds with which we Michigan Region Corvette owners are familiar: the smells of high-test or race fuel we burn in our 'Vettes and, my favorite, the smell of BFG, Goodyear, or Firestone when you were down the street autographing pavement with two black strips! I think most of us can relate to the sounds of our performance exhaust system or open headers and noise of squealing tires.

When I mentioned the return of birds to Michigan Region, a bird I didn't mention was the snow bird that migrates to warmer weather for the winter. Welcome back to Michigan, our snow bird members. Glad to see them back.

Have a safe and fun Spring.

Bill Siebel, Michigan RE

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

We will again have a Great Lake High Speed Series that will be held on three tracks—July 5 at Waterford raceway, June 14 at Gingerman, and October 3 at Grattan—open to any NCCC members. Best time at each track for class and Overall Winner must run in the same class at all tracks. We have two low speed driver schools planned along with the sanctioned events and lots of things to do. So, come on over!

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

Michigan standings for 2008 are shown on the next page.

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

Ray Meesseman, Michigan RCD



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Greetings everyone,

As I write this article for the spring issue of *Blue Bars*, I am looking out the window at four inches plus of new snow falling with a reported wind-chill factor of -10° . However, Spring cannot be far behind, because I just received the first flyer for a 3Rallye at Milan, IL, April 5th. We are blessed with over 150+ events in the Midwest Region this year from Rallyes and Autocross events to car shows and Concours events for those individuals who are really into waxing. Check out the sanction event schedule to see what interests you and what you would like to attend. Take your car and have fun this year.

To our new members, welcome to a great organization and the best region, in my opinion, made up of members who know how to enjoy life and have fun with the best sports car made: their Corvette.

On a sad note, we will miss RHONDA HIGGINS who gave so much to our Region and to National Council. The Region wants to offer our condolences to the family of Larry Higgins. Rhonda will be missed by everyone who knew her. Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Larry. God has blessed NCCC with some wonderful people and we hope you all realize how special you are to us!

On a lighter note, this year's Convention sounds like it is going to be a blast! If you have never attended an NCCC Convention, this is the one that you may want to consider. It's the 50th Year of National Council. As with all conventions, there is a lot to enjoy, from car shows to rallyes to high and low speed racing, plus the sights of beautiful Colorado.

Have fun and be safe.

Warren Snyder, Midwest Region RE



**Tribute to Rhonda Higgins
at February Governors Mtg.**

Regional News

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The Rocky Mountain Region is busy preparing for the 50th Convention, as well as this year's events. It will be a very full year. We have a lot going on in our Region: races, shows, parades, dinners, rallies, and... *CONVENTION!!!*

During the '99 Convention, I worked on tech and the concours show, ran the low speed, and helped Cindy with the children's program. That week in Denver was one of the best times of my life. I have a lot of great memories from the 40th Convention. Every time I pass by the hotel where Convention was held, I smile and enjoy the memories.

I can see this happening again in '09. Come and share the excitement of the 50th in Colorado Springs and, if there is anything I can do to help you out, call me. If you have a problem, call me and I will try to fix it. I am at your service as Regional Executive of the Rocky Mountain Region.

Pete Urenda, Rocky Mountain Region RE

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MICHIGAN REGION 2008 POINTS STANDINGS

Club	Points	
1	CC of Michigan	6221
2	Michigan Autocross Group	4536
3	Shiawassee CC	1859
4	Flint CC	1830
5	Calhoun County Corvettes	1722
6	CC of Battle Creek	1285
7	Jackson CC	1097
8	Kalamazoo CC	935
9	Capital City CC	897
10	Great Lakes CC	700

LOW SPEED

Men		Points
1	Ray Meesseman	649
2	Don Bush	585
3	David Johnson	554

Ladies		Points
1	Mary Wentzel	494
2	Sharon Meesseman	441
3	Angela Hanlin	392

HIGH SPEED

1	Ray Neesseman	156
2	Bruce Wentzel	147
3	Paul Yuska	128

Ladies		Points
1	Mary Wentzel	133
2	Sharon Meesseman	105
3	Jan Van Maanen	89

CONCOURS

1	Angela & Mark Hanlin	12
1	Randy O'Neil	12

RALLYE

1	James J. Sweet	128
2	Donna Janos	121
3	Jim Sweet	110

ROOKIE AWARD

1	Tom Beaver	
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Regional News

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The Roadrunner Region's 2009 Competition season has already begun with two autocross days and a Concours and PC show in the books so far. We presently have additional autocross days scheduled in March, April, May, October, and November. We have PC shows scheduled in March, May, October, and November plus rallies set for April, May, October, and November. We also have tentative dates for additional shows and rallies in July and September. It looks like 2009 will be another great year for Roadrunner members, with a wide variety of events of all types available.

We held our first quarter Governors' meeting on February 15th in Scottsdale AZ. The next three meetings will be in Tucson, AZ; Silver City, NM; and Sierra Vista, AZ. The day of the February 15th Region Meeting, we presented the 2008 Region Awards for top clubs and participants in three categories: Overall, Rallies & Car shows, and Racing. The final results were published in the last issue of *Blue Bars*. We also presented the top club awards for participation to Arizona Competition Corvettes, Corvette Motorsports, and the Tucson Corvette Club, respectively. The Region's Top Volunteer Worker award was presented to MARGARET SAVKO of the Tucson Corvette Club. I look forward to increased numbers of competitors next year and am anxious to present the 2009 awards to some new faces.

As RCD, I try to single out either an individual or a club each year for special recognition. This year's RCD Award was presented to the "Most Inspirational Competitor" in the Roadrunner Region. Tucson Corvette Club member RICHARD GRAY was diagnosed with lung cancer mid-year 2008. He underwent surgery and began chemo and radiation therapy during the summer. An avid autocrosser, Richard was helped by his wonderful wife Nancy to the next autocross in October. While in the midst of his debilitating treatment, he strapped into his 1968 "Shark" and competed in a full day of autocrossing. Not able to get in and out of the car easily, Nancy kept him supplied with water and he completed all runs safely and successfully. Richard loaded his Shark on the trailer and made it to Phoenix for autocrosses the next month, still undergoing chemo and radiation. Richard never asked for special consideration and he never stopped smiling and

offering to help others. He was fighting cancer, while continuing to demonstrate his love for Corvettes and autocross competition. Richard is an inspiration to all who know him, as well as to all the new friends he makes at every event. Richard was pronounced "Cancer Free" in January 2009. He truly deserves the title of the Roadrunner Region's "Most Inspirational Competitor."



Richard Gray and his beautiful 1968 – bought new in 1968 at Don Yenko Chevrolet

RCD Challenge – bring a new Corvetter to the next event!!

RR Schedule & details: www.nccroadrunner.com

Paul Hamersly, Roadrunner Region RCD

Regional News

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The Southeast Region has begun 2009 with over 950 members and 17 clubs – what an awesome start!!! As we thaw out for the Spring in the South, we look forward to events in Nashville, TN (April 18-19) and Tupelo, MS (May 9-10). Both weekends will include 14 low speed events. Additionally, the Regional Awards Banquet will be held on May 9th in Tupelo.

As NCCC turns 50, plans are being finalized for two celebrations at the Convention in Colorado Springs, CO. On Sunday evening, August 9, the 50th Birthday of NCCC will be celebrated in style with a buffet dinner and a program that will honor NCCC members past and present. That evening will conclude with the 2008 National Competition Awards. On Wednesday night – the 50th anniversary of the National Convention will be celebrated. A large amount of work has been done to gather 50 years of information about NCCC. We hope that you will make plans to attend – enjoy a great week of fun, fellowship, competition and learning where our Corvette family has come from!

Following the Convention (August 8-14), competition will return to the Southeast Region with events at Huntsville (Oct. 31-Nov. 1), Roebing Road (Nov. 28-29), and Huntsville (Dec. 5-6). We look forward to seeing as many of our 950 members at these regional events. Remember – you get out what you put into the Region! Please get involved with us!

John McGee – RE
Don Parks – RCD
Gail Yanko – RMD
Betty Parks – Secretary/Treasurer

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Spring is in the air...It's a new year and time to bring out the Corvette for another year of fun. I hope to see you at the awards banquet, our annual event that gives members an opportunity to visit and catch up with friends. This is the time to bring a member from your club who has not been to banquet. This year's convention will be in Colorado Springs. I hope that you plan to attend and help celebrate NCCC's 50th anniversary.

Region renewals were up 8% over last year and we now have 1277 members in the Southwest Region. Thanks to the Governors for getting more of your members to renew. Keep up the good work!

Cheryl Surdick, Southwest Region RMD

**MEMBER
2009**
**50 YEARS
1959 - 2009**

THE NCCC FAMILY... Est. 1959

Regional News

SOUTHWEST REGION (SW)



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The year 2009 is here, and as I look at the Southwest Region Club sites, we have a variety of upcoming Corvette Activities throughout this year: Chili suppers, Casino Nights, Scavenger Hunts, picnics, winery cruises, fish fries, rallies, parades, drag nights, autocross play days, and car shows. Many of our Southwest Region Clubs are very active in charities. Brazos River Corvette Club has raised over \$22,000 for various charities since 2006. The Brazos River Corvette Club is the most recent club to join the Southwest Region. This club started with just six members in a small community in Granbury, TX and has grown to over 50 members.

For those members who enjoy the perks of competition, the Southwest Region offers 126 sanctioned competitive events this year, including Concours, Funkhanas, Rallies, Drags (both Record and E.T. Bracket), and Autocrosses. Most importantly, following the competitive days, we have “parking lot hours” that include one of my personal favorites: “bench racing.” I do enjoy the stories and all the tears from the laughter! We have an especially great story regarding how “refreshing” a beverage can taste coming from a certain Southwest Region Member’s concealed cooler. Snoops say his initials are A.B. –I wouldn’t know, though.

The Rocky Mountain Region is hosting the 50th Annual NCCC Convention this year and quite a few of the Southwest Region members are planning to attend and have a great time!! Our Southwest Region members certainly know the work that goes into planning and hosting a National Convention, as well as appreciate all of the support received from members across the nation. We have two clubs within our region that are over 50 years old: San Jacinto Corvette Club will celebrate its 52nd year and Corvette Club of Texas will be celebrating 51 years in existence.

Bernyce Molenda, our outgoing Southwest RE and a dear friend, has now been elected the NCCC Treasurer and needed to step down from serving her last year as Southwest Region’s RE. We all congratulate her and support her in this endeavor. I’m pleased to be taking on the responsibility of the Southwest RE position. I’ll be working with a great team of partners – Joe Reese, our Competition Director; Cheryl

Surdick, our Membership Director; Eileen Fox, our Regional Secretary; Mary Ann Kolb, our Regional Treasurer and Sponsorship Chairperson; and Doug McMahan, our Regional Webmaster. I don’t want to forget our Southwest Membership – represented by their Club Governors: BRCC – Mike Lanzara, Cen-Tex – Jason Franklin, CCO - Tom Finley, CCOC – Mike Hoehn, CCT – Paul Wolter, COAST - James Garvin, CTV - Scott Wheeler, LCC - Tracy Gaudu, MCCC - Hayman Dengler, MTCC - Joe Denham, NTV - Donna Snyder, OCCC - Brett Ruston, SJCC - Bob Patillo, SCCC - Dee Albert, TV - Brenda Lackey, TOCC - Jon Bradford, THT - Larry Warrell and TVS - Les Harvey.

The Southwest Region Members and their Corvettes look forward to seeing you and your Corvette this year!

Jeannie Ruston, Southwest RE

I just completed my first official competition meeting since 2006. Man, how things change in two years. We’re getting our rulebook cleaned up and, hopefully, making it simpler to understand while making our organization attractive to more Corvette owners. At this point, we are making yearly improvements as needed until we perfect it. While our insurance coverage has not changed, we are required now to communicate more with our provider about activities during the year. If you have questions, please communicate with your Regional or National officers. The NCCC website can also keep you informed on just about anything you need to know.

The SW Region is going to have another big year. We are using sanctions from all of our clubs and are on a pace to have 125 events. Check out the SW Region website for our schedule and come see us; you won’t be disappointed. We put on well-run, high-volume events at some very desirable venues.

Joe Reese, Southwest Region RCD

Regional News

WEST REGION (WR)



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In spite of the gloomy economic news we are hearing, the West Region is gearing up for a fantastic 2009. We have a new club, 4 State Vettes, in the Region and the RCD has been busy with sanction requests. This year we are also looking forward to celebrating NCCC's 50th anniversary in Colorado Springs. Times may be tough, but the Corvette life offers a bright spot to join with friends from across the country to celebrate a lifestyle that is filled with adventure and camaraderie. With a car that gets over 30 miles per gallon and so much horsepower, we can afford to thumb our noses at the economy and go out and PLAY!!!! See you all in Colorado.

Gary Brisbois, West Region RE

CONGRATULATIONS to the Cornhusker Corvette Club for achieving high honors as #1 NCCC Club Points Champion, scoring a whopping 22,000+ points. Congrats are also in order for TIM BAILEY and PAT HARRISON as they were the West Region Overall Points Champions. Thank you all for participating in the West Region events in 2008.

As I write this article, we still have more winter to go, but we are preparing for another exciting competition season. I have processed 71 sanctions so far and have more in the works. It's looking like another banner year in the West Region. The West Region will again be hosting Record Drags, Sept. 19 in Kearney, NE. We also have two clubs that will be putting on High Speed events at premier racetracks. Check out the competition schedule at www.westregionnccc.com

The West Region Awards presentation will be held April 25 in conjunction with the season's first autocross in Council Bluffs, IA. Over 60 competitors earned more than 200 points. That's got to be a record!

I'm excited about the addition of a new club to the Region, 4 State Vettes, out of Joplin, MO. PHIL RANKIN will serve as their Governor. We look forward to meeting and competing with them in 2009. Welcome aboard.

Save the wave!!!

Jerry Koraleski, West Region RCD

Well, I'm back as your West Region RMD after my four years as NCCC VP of Membership. I want to thank my wife, Diane, for helping me these past four years while she was also your West Region RMD. I couldn't have done the job without all of her help. Thanks, Diane!!

Well, spring is here and it is time to crank up those 'Vettes that have been sitting all winter. I hope you all get a chance to get out to some West Region events this year. If you do, you'll meet some nice people. We have the best Corvette people here in the West Region. The NCCC Convention is in Colorado Springs this year, Aug. 8-14, which should be a great time.

Don't forget to sign up your children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews in the Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA). It is open to children, birth to age 16, for a one-time \$5 fee. They'll get something every year and they have a special website that can be reached through the NCCC website. Application forms can be found in the back of every *Blue Bars* magazine, or on line. The deadline for the NCCC scholarships is May 9; they have to be received by that date. The application can be found on the NCCC website or contact me and I'll get you one. NCCC members' children and grandchildren are eligible. The West Region scholarship deadline will be Aug. 1 this year. Please use the NCCC application. Just make a copy of the one you send into NCCC and send it to me. If a person wins the NCCC scholarship this year, they can't get the WR scholarship, so we wait until after Convention when the NCCC awards are made before picking our winners.

Fire up those 'Vettes; we'll see you on the road.

Bob Bowen, West Region RMD

Regional News

WEST COAST REGION (WC)



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This year has started out as a banner year within the region with more events on the regional calendar than all of last year. There is a variety of things to do and something for everybody. If you wish to enter the competition events, get with your Governor to find out if you need to do anything to meet the entry requirements. For example, to enter the high speed autocross you need a high speed license and a fire extinguisher for stock class. Low speed classes have less stringent requirements. See your new NCCC hand- book for help.

Our RCD, Joe "Blue Flash" Orrico, and sidekick, Costa Mesa Cindy, will be at a lot of events and, with the new rules to follow, the "Blue Flash" will be the man to go to for answers for events.

Those who attended events the first half of the year on the West Coast had a great time. We have many additional Corvette events to enjoy on the West Coast plus the National Convention in Colorado Springs. Check out the regional calendar on the web page at <http://www.ncccwcregion.org>. Do not restrict yourself to your own club's events. There are lots of wonderful Corvette people doing fun things all over the Region. Expand your circle of friends and have more fun. Have your club host an event in 2009. Your Regional Officers will help your club put on an event.

For the time and place of regional meetings, ask your Governor because he or she they has all the information on events within the region.

If you would like your club flyers on the website, just send or email to Cliff Harris, our Webmaster.

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

Save the Wave,

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

WEST COAST REGIONAL 2008 TOP COMPETITORS

Club		Points
1	Las Vegas Corvette Assn (LVCA)	2263
2	Corvette Super Sports (CSS)	1450
3	Pomona Valley Corvette Assn (PVCA)	1412
Men		
		Points
1	Scott Erickson - PVCA	171
2	Charles Lipscomb - PVCA	154
3	Jerry Klaizner - LVCA	132
4	Joe Orrico - CSS	125
5	Lenord Grodzinsky - LVCA	94
Ladies		
		Points
1	Benita Klaizner	147
2	Nancy Erickson	137
3	Cindy Orrico	133
4	Marilyn Davis	83
5	Jennifer Spencer	79

**For up-to-date information
about NCCC news and
events, be sure to CLICK
on the NCCC website,
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Regional News

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If you've read this far, you either are very interested in what everyone in NCCC has to say or you want to know what is going on in the West Ohio Region. If you started at the back of *Blue Bars* (like I do), I would encourage you to read ALL the regional reports and officer reports in this issue.

Due to the long lead time of these issues, sometimes you may wonder why you are reading about things that have already happened but you should be aware that many regions have ongoing events that happen every year, and maybe you would be tempted to attend, if not this year, maybe next year. Maybe driving across the states to attend a competition event is not your idea of a good time. What about car shows, color tours, cruise-ins, and even boat cruises? Most clubs have regular events without competition and welcome members of NCCC.

2009 is the celebration of 50 years of NCCC some of the original members who laid the groundwork for us are still with us. West Ohio has three NCCC Charter members DON HEBER, HERB POPP, and DICK RUDY (all of the Cincinnati Corvette Club). I sincerely want to thank all of the charter members for the foresight and dedication that it took to make NCCC into the most unique group of Corvette clubs in the world! There are so many stories and memories and I know that the convention in Colorado Springs will be a great time to reminisce. Our annual convention allows us to come together as a group, to see a new part of the country and to catch up with friends we have made across the country. The planning for these conventions starts years in advance and are scheduled so that YOU can put them into your vacation plans.

We have spent a lot of time (more time than I would like) at Governors' Meetings discussing budgets, costs and future plans. A Vision Committee has been formed to look at the big picture of where NCCC has to be in the future and how we can get there. There will be a membership survey online if you don't fill it out, don't complain about how things turn out. I know the committee would welcome your ideas. It's obvious to me that in order to continue to grow as an organization, either dues must be increased, or expenses need to be drastically cut. And this is not unique to NCCC; many other organizations are taking steps to cut back.

Other regions have covered the "Why NCCC" question in great detail in previous issues and I think that you would have to agree with all of them or you are not getting the full impact of belonging to NCCC!! If you didn't see those ideas, please go back and re-read them.

There is no denying that we (you as members) do not enjoy losing some of the things that we have become very accustomed to having. Some of you have said, "We are not getting our money's worth out of our dues." That being said, you can't take away the basic reasons for our being here. Friendship, fun, fellowship and camaraderie are priceless; that can't be taken away.

There are very few of you who have not made new friends who have not changed your life in some way. Many of you have stepped up when fellow members needed help and it not only changed their lives, but yours also. A lot of you can think back on some experience at a Convention, an event or a caravan or a party that was probably one of the funniest or best times you had. I've been there and I know I have heard that many times. These things don't have a price. You can't take them away; they are the real things that matter in NCCC.

Pat Brown, West Ohio RMD

West Ohio Event Schedule Jim Asbury, RCD 937-339-3079

EVENT DATE	2009 CLUB		TYPE EVENT	EVENT LOC
4/19/2009	Corvette Troy	NS	Low Speed	Kilkare, Xenia
5/17/09	Corvette Troy, Glass Society, Greenville		5 Low Speed	Kilkare, Xenia
5/23 & 5/24	Corvette Troy	NS	HPDE	Bluegrass Motorsports, KY
5/30-5/31	Corvette Troy, Glass Society, Cincinnati		High Speed w/IN Reg=7	Putnam Park
6/21/2009	Corvette Troy	NS	Low Speed	Kilkare, Xenia
6/28/09	Cincinnati CC		3 Low Speed	Scarlet Oaks
7/12/09	Cincinnati CC	NS	Low Speed	Scarlet Oaks
7/12/2009	Corvette Troy	NS	Low Speed	Scarlet Oaks
7/26/09	Cincinnati CC		3 Low Speed	Scarlet Oaks
8/2/2009	Corvette Troy	NS	Low Speed	Kilkare, Xenia
9/5-9/6-9/7	Fountain City CC, Glass City CC, Miami Valley CC		21 Low Speed	Defiance
9/13/09	Corvette Troy	NS	Low Speed	Kilkare, Xenia
10/10/09	Corvette Troy, Glass Society, Greenville		6 Low Speed	Kilkare, Xenia
10/11/09	Corvette Troy, Glass Society, Greenville		6 Low Speed	Kilkare, Xenia

* NS=non sanctioned club event

ABOUT THE BACK COVER

Carolina Corvettes of Greenville, SC recently had a great pre-Christmas outing. On December 6th, a group of club members met for breakfast at Stax Original, a legendary local eating establishment. From there, we decided to “head for the hills,” in this case the hills outside Asheville, NC, to view an outstanding Corvette collection.

This collection belongs to Bill Mullis, a Florida businessman who owns a 100-acre farm in the North Carolina mountains. His collection consists of some 25 Corvettes starting with a '54 and including every year after that through '68, with both coupes and convertibles in all the mid years ('63-'67). There is also a '90 ZR-1, a '98 Convertible, and a 2008 Z06. Some of his Corvettes are quite rare, including a '66 “tanker” coupe (one of 15) and a '62 fuelie with the RPO 687 “big brake” option (one of 246). But the most interesting thing of all is that every one of them is black, including one of only four black '54s produced. Why no '53, you ask? No black ones, of course!

In addition to the Corvettes was an outstanding collection of other Chevys including five mid to late '50s BelAirs and Impalas, a pair of '62 BelAir 409s (one being a “bubble top”), and a pair of '69 Camaros, one a SS and the other a Z28. We also saw a few old 1930s Ford coupes and a '42 Willys, all highly modified with killer engines. And lest we forget the lone

Pontiac, a '64 GTO with a triple deuce carbed 389. Once again, all black. For an up close and personal look at the Mullis collection, Texas Vette Collector and video producer Michael Brown has posted a short video his company produced at: www.vettecollections.com.

Upon leaving this beautiful setting, the small caravan continued into downtown Asheville for a little shopping and some relaxation, then it was off to TGI Fridays for dinner and the highlight of the day — a candlelight tour of Biltmore House. This 175,000 square foot, 250-room house was built in the late 1800s by George Vanderbilt, an obviously wealthy man from New York City. It has many features that were unheard of in that day including an elaborate electrical system,

running water in its 43 bathrooms, a bowling alley, and a 70,000-gallon indoor pool complete with a “deep end” for diving.

The group had a wonderful time viewing this magnificent residence in all its Christmas finery and has vowed to return in the springtime for a daylight tour along with some spirited driving on the local

twisting, turning roads.

Carolina Corvettes is already making plans for the spring and summer racing season, ready to see old friends and make some new ones at the track. Come join us!!

Article and photos were submitted by Debbie Haskell.



ATTENTION NCCC MEMBERS!!

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

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

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

Spotlight: The History of Corvette Central

In the 1970's, the Corvette hobby was much different than it is today. It was a time of swap meets, not catalogs or internet buying power. It was a time of new soft bumpers, catalytic converters and modest horsepower.

It was also a time when new Corvette parts were scarce and most Corvette owners spent time sifting through used parts at swap meets. It was then that Jerry Kohn, a Corvette enthusiast from Michigan, was searching out much needed parts for a 1958 Corvette. He soon found that the parts he needed were either unavailable, of poor quality or overpriced.

Luckily, being a tool and die maker by trade allowed Jerry the opportunity to build tooling and die cast his first reproduction parts, grille teeth for 1953-1960 Corvettes. In October of 1974, he took his first sets of reproduction grille teeth to a Corvette show in Illinois. Soon other Corvette owners were asking for grille teeth and Jerry began making sets for fellow restorers. The need for reproduction Corvette parts greatly exceeded Jerry's expectations.

There was a demand for quality reproduction parts and **Corvette Central** was born. In the early years Jerry, with the help of his then teenage son Scott, sold his parts mostly at swap meets around the country. Today the team at **Corvette Central** consists of 80 full-time employees including Jerry's wife, son Scott, daughter and son-in-law.

In March of 2001, we moved the administrative offices, order fulfillment and warehouse operations into a new 40,000 square foot facility. Our manufacturing facility remained in downtown Sawyer where it started.

Incorporated into the move was the implementation of a new automated order picking system, which interfaces with the computer network making it possible to pull orders and put away inventory more efficiently. The system also controls inventory levels and purchasing quantities.

To fill the need for an ever-increasing span of Corvette parts has required an ongoing commitment to research and development. **Corvette Central** continues to spend time and resources to develop and manufacture many of our own products, 3000 right here in Sawyer, Michigan.

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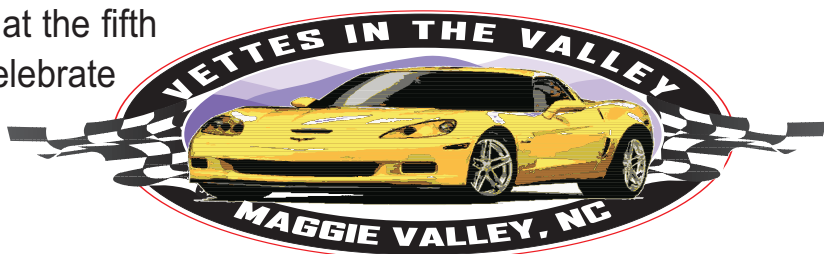


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