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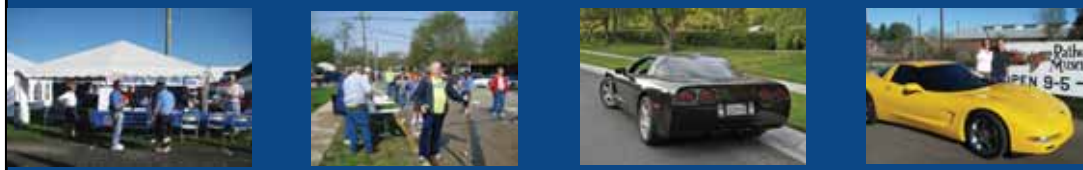


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From the President

A couple months ago, I took my grandson to a parade. He is 13 years old and I could tell he was into the twenty or so cars involved. He was urging the parade cars to do burn outs (none did) and was pushing on the floor to imitate the action of driving. He is ready to do the Corvette experience. The opportunity to grow our community is there for the taking. Encourage a young person to be involved.

Some of us will be putting our toys to sleep for the winter. Some will just put them back in the garage. There is a long list of activities that clubs are hosting. Color tours for some. All sorts of club parties and functions are happening.

As President, I am a member of the Board of Directors of the National Corvette Museum. The experience has been very enlightening. I don't have much experience in the museum business, so I am learning a lot. The Museum has certainly become "big business." If you have been there lately, the structure is very well done and very well taken care of. The displays and the various areas of interest are doing well. The latest and greatest development is the attempt to create a motorsports park.

The Motorsports Park is a tremendous undertaking that will require a significant investment. The area being considered is across the Interstate from the Museum. The plan is underway with land options and zoning changes in process. Engineering and development of the site is in the planning stages. Sponsorship has been slow in coming and remains a difficult hurdle. The "buy an acre" program is moving along and helps. The opening is at least a couple years away, so maintaining the enthusiasm will be a goal for interested folks.

When you and your club begin to develop your schedule for the 2012 Corvette season, be sure to include the annual NCCC Convention. Topeka is a surprisingly interesting place and is very much worth your attention. Larry Beebe and the entire West Region have designed a program that will prove that there is more than racing in Kansas. Toto will be there to prove that there is great racing in Kansas, too. Registrations will be open in February. Be sure to get registered early.

Your National and Regional officers diligently represent your interests at the National level. They can do a better job if they know of your needs and desires. Communicate with them. The contact information is easy to find. Your Governor has a good pipeline through the organization. We need your help to determine the direction of our organization.

Spring will be here soon. Get all of your chores out of the way and be ready to go.

See you out there.



Hal Bellamy



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FROM THE VP COMPETITION

2011 has proven again to be another successful year with the NCCC Competition Program. As of September 1st, we have 1365 Sanction Requests submitted. This has exceeded our average of around 1200 per year.

It has been a quick four years as your Vice President of Competition. I believe, with the dedication and support of the Competition Committee, we have fulfilled the objectives that were committed to you in my campaign four years ago. As the saying goes, "Anything worth doing is worth doing well." The members of NCCC deserve the best service that can be provided.

I am pleased to see we have two viable candidates running for this position starting 2012. At this writing, it will be up to the membership as to whom they will choose, but I believe whoever will get the position and, with the continual support of the Competition Committee, the program will continue to be successful and will have further improvements.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and friendship over my term of office these past four years.

Jack Wilson

NCCC Competition Committee Minutes
9/9/11

Sheraton Westport Conference Center
St. Louis, MO.

Competition meeting Open Session began at 6:30 p.m. CST. Present were VPC Jack Wilson plus 13 RCDs representing 14 of the 15 Regions, which were EO Chuck Stephens, ER/NE Brian Gallagher, FL Manny Montgomery, MI Dave Johnson, IN Mike Godfrey, MW Paul Haack, RM Walt Jenkins, RR Paul Hamersly, SE Don Parks, SW Craig Kamradt, WR Jerry Koraleski, WC Joe Orrico, and WO Jim Asbury.

Introductions:

RCD introductions were made and a welcome was extended to the gallery of members present to witness the meeting.

VPC Comments:

High Speed and Novice cards were made available to the RCDs.

Jack spoke of the success of the MWR 2011 National Convention and thanked everyone for attending and anyone who assisted in putting on the convention from both internal MWR and other Region members. Everyone's help made it successful.

Jack announce pictures of the record drag teardown equipment,

teardown procedure, drag timing and ladder run process has been submitted into the Convention Procedure Manual and is in the VPC Master Flash Drive File that will be passed on to the next 2012 VPC. Joan Thomas is setting up access for Jack to put all available VPC files onto the NCCC Server for archive posterity.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

Paul Hamersly made a motion to accept the 4/29/10 STL Competition Minutes. Jim Asbury seconded. Motion carried.

2011 Sanctioned Event Status Review:

Jack announced an updated Points Status was just published 9/8/11. As of this date, we have a record 1365 Sanctioned Events scheduled in 2011. 915 (67%) have been completed and 789 (86%) have been posted. The 126 outstanding to post have been completed within the past 30 days and are waiting to be received to post. We have 450 (33%) left to do for the year.

It was also noted that 2320 men, 1313 ladies, and 219 Clubs have earned points this year so far either by working or entering events.

2011 High Speed Driving Schools Approved:

There are no schools planned for the balance of the year.

Drag Records:

There was a new updated drag record listing published 8/13/11.

There were no new drag records set at convention.

The 2011 Record Drag Schedule has one left for the year

on:

- 10/8/11 Cornhusker Corvette Club, at Kearney, NE.

Clarification(s):

There was one clarification submitted.

1. RR – Page 7-24, Sec. 7.21 People's Choice Judging **Clarification** – The Rulebook states that in a "People's Choice" car show that judging is done by "entrants and spectators". There seem to be many shows that are advertised as "Participant's Choice" where only the entrants vote. The Rulebook does not address a Participant's Choice car show.

Question: Am I correct in assuming that they would both be judged as People's Choice and if a spectator asked for a ballot the Chairperson of the event would be required to supply ballots to anyone who request a ballot other than those who have already received a ballot?

Answer: Yes, the current Rulebook stipulates both entrants and spectators to vote at People's Choice Concours.

Convention Steering Competition Representative Report:

Jerry Koraleski reported the 2012 West Region Convention in Topeka, KS. is coming together as planned. They have done a warm-up with 3 High Speed & 5 Low Speed events with over 50 entrants. It will be a 2.1 mile High Speed track. The track will have experienced corner workers provided. It is a 20 acre facility & track. They also have experienced Concours and Chair personnel. The drag facility will have experienced record drag personnel also. The High & Low speeds for your group will all run on the same day.

Old Business:

Manny Montgomery reported as the Competition Committee Rep. on the Finance Committee. There will be a report given covering specifics at the Saturday Govs Mtg.

Jack provided the committee with the 2012 VPC Budget and where the 2011 YTD Budget stands. The 2012 VPC Budget has had approximately 5% increases to the three key expenses covering patches, rebates, and the Top 15 Awards due to the suppliers informing Jack they will increase their cost by approximately 5% in 2012. All of the suppliers have held their costs over the past four years at the 2007 level for us.

Jack reported we have had additional incidents and claims at all types of events over the past year from falls, incidents at speed events and car shows, etc. With more events and participation raises the risk of incidents. B&B Insurance Coverage Cost could be affected due to the incident rate. We believe we will hold the line depending on the outcome of the past incidents and preventing future ones from happening for the balance of the year. **Please be cognizant of all safety concerns at your events.**

New Business:

1. Joe Orrico, WC RCD, brought up there needs to be an adjustment to the Time Trials results sheet. It does not have "Time Trials" as a selectable event. Also, you cannot enter times over 120 seconds, so you have to put seconds under a minute and drop the minutes. Paul Haack volunteered to make the changes working with Joe.
2. Pg. 2-33, Sec. 2.7.1.15.12 allows the removal of the steering column lock, or install factory or aftermarket steering column lock bypass in all classes. It was asked if there should be a comment listed in the Safety Section to warn owners that, if it is not secured in the column unlocked position that you may be able to lock the column in an emergency situation if you have to shut off the engine. It was unanimously decided the most appropriate place was to announce it at the drivers meeting since it was already covered in the Rulebook, thus giving people verbal notice until the majority become familiar with the potential issue.
3. The question arose if longer wheel studs and wheel spacers can be used on Group 1S & 1 vehicles. The Rulebook does allow this and it was also pointed out the lug nuts should have a minimum of six turns on the stud to be considered safe. Some shorter studs may be a bit shy of that with some of the aftermarket wheels and especially if a spacer is required for caliper contact clearance.
4. It was pointed out the new Carbon Z06 & the ZR have factory performance upgrades that can be ordered and installed on the street cars sold. i.e. lighter aluminum wheels, close-ratio gear box, short shifter, and Michelin Pilot cup Series tires with 80 wear rating sold as a performance street tire. The current Rulebook, Pg. 2-31, Sec. 2.7.1.14.1 states "Factory original tires, and replacement STREET tires with MINIMUM DOT wear rating of 110 manufactured with MINIMUM 8/32" tread depth....." is Required for Class & Group 1S. It was a unanimous decision these tires fall under the required 110 Rulebook rating and therefore would put the vehicle into Group 1.
5. Walt Jenkins, RM RCD, reported the Events Reporting Form needs to add first and last name format change to provide a

better sort capability. Paul Haack volunteered to work with Walt to change that for the 2012 year.

6. Debbie Linsey, NCCC Sponsorship, asked Jack to have the RCDs provide input on the type of questions they would like to have the Michelin engineers address on their 2012 Webinar with customers. Jack asked the RCDs to provide their input to him by the end of Friday 9-16-11 as he would forward that input on to Debbie.

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

Note: 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:

Several general discussion items occurred to assist clarification for consistency and decisions within the various regions.

2012 Rulebook Discussion Items:

The RCDs covered any outstanding items needing discussion for the 2012 Rulebook and reviewed the Proposed Summary of 2012 Rulebook Changes that would be presented at Saturdays Governors Meeting. (attached)

It was unanimously decided these recommended proposed changes would be presented and voted on as a total package.

A red-line of the changes as would be made in the Rulebook would be available next week and both would be put on the NCCC Website for the membership to review.

Protest & Appeals: None to discuss.

Mtg. adjourned at 10:40 P.M.

Jack C. Wilson, Vice-Pres. Competition

Date: 9-10-11

Prepared by: Jack Wilson, VPC

Summary of 2012

Proposed Rulebook Changes

Notes: changes made for the 2012 Rulebook are identified with (01/12)

- **Introduction:**

- Change date 2011 to 2012
- Updated ACKNOWLEDGMENT section to include list of 2011 RCDs.

- **Chapter 1 General Information**

- Pg. 1-2, Section 1.3.3 - change "A Club may sanction a maximum of seven (7) events during the competition season." to "A Club may sanction a maximum of ten (10) events per year with seven (7) events per day."
- Pg. 1-3, Section 1.4.1.G – change "The time of the Drivers Meeting (including Time Zone)" to "Times (including Time Zone) for: Gates Open,

Stop Clean/Start Judging, Tech Inspection, Driver's Meeting, or other significant time milestones for the event."

- Pg. 1-3, Section 1.4.1.I. – add “All entry cost options available to entrants must be clearly stated on the official NCCC flyer. This includes discounts for early registration, registration in multiple events, NCCC membership, lower competitive event costs when also participation in non-competitive events, etc. Late registration penalties must also be clearly stated on the flyer.”
- Pg. 1-4, Section 1.5, item 2: Results Form - Delete “or Word” file format. Makes section consistent with current results reporting requirements in Excel only.
- Pg. 1-6, 1-7: Section 1.7.2: High Speed Certification – Add new item 7 - “The RCD and/or Vice President of Competition shall have the authority to deny or revoke a High Speed Certification if the applicant or holder does not demonstrate adequate skills for safe car control at High Speed. The RCD will document the reason for denial and forward to the Vice President of Competition.”
- Pg. 1-9: Add new section 1.9 titled “Rulebook Change Request Procedure”. Renumber old sections 9 through 12 will now be 10 through 13. Language add will be:
 - 1.9.1 The form is to be filled out by an NCCC member by including Current Rulebook Language, Proposed Rulebook Language, and a detailed statement why the rule should be changed.
 - 1.9.2 The member will sign the form, include their NCCC number, Region name, and date.
 - 1.9.3 Their RCD will sign, date, and electronically submit the form to the Vice President of Competition before April 1st.
 - 1.9.4 The Competition Committee will review, discuss, and decide whether to include the change request in the list of proposed Rulebook changes to be presented to the Governors at the September meeting.
 - 1.9.5 The Vice President Competition will fill out the section regarding the Competition Committee Decision and sent it to the submitting RCD who will provide a copy to the submitting member.
 - 1.9.6 Decisions to incorporate the proposed change will take effect in the next Rulebook.
- **Chapter 2 Speed Events**
 - Pg. 2-9, Section 2.6., item 2 – change last sentence to: “Group 3 includes classes for cars with modifications beyond Group 2. Depending upon the degree of modification, a car within Group 3 may be moved to the Race Prepared (RP) or Race Prepared Altered Frame (RPAF) Class.”
- Pg. 2-11, Section 2.6.1.3 – delete all “Modified & M” designations from this section.
- Pg. 2-17, Section 2.7.1.1, item 3: Add: “Factory parts discontinued without a superceded replacement available may be replaced with a similar non-performance aftermarket part”.
- Pg. 2-24, Section 2.7.1.8.7 – MA, CLM, ME, MH, and MK changed from “M” to “3” typo change from the original change effective 1/1/11.
- Pg. 2-29, Section 2.7.1.8 item #95 - regarding aftermarket engine oil cooler Typo should have been eliminated due to item #55 on Pg. 2-27 covering all classes. Renumber old items 96 to 99, now 95 to 98
- Pg. 2-31, Section 2.7.1.14, item 1: Remove portion of first sentence - “Factory original tires, and replacement” (Group 1S tires). Ensures clarity that Michelin Pilot Sport Cup tires with a wear rating of 80 will be classified in Group 1, not 1S.
- Pg. 2-35, Section 2.8.9.A.4 – Helmets: Updated to reflect current approved types of helmets in 2011
- Pg. 2-36, Section 2.8.9.E.2 – Delete the word “Modified” from “Group 3 Modified.”
- **Chapter 3 Drag Races**
 - Pg. 3-6, Section 3.6.1.2 – change the last sentence to: “Groups 3 and DP include classes for cars with modifications beyond Group 2. Depending upon the degree of modification, a car within Group 3 may be moved to the Race Prepared (RP) or Race Prepared Altered Frame (RPAF) Class. Similarly, a car with modifications beyond the DPA or DPB would move to the DPC Class.”
 - Pg. 3-8, Section 3.6.1.3 – delete all “Modified & M” designations from this section.
- **Chapter 7 Concours**
 - Pg. 7-9, Section 7.8.1 – Change second sentence from “A spouse/companion and dependent are required to show a driver’s license along with their NCCC card to prove that both entrants live at the same address.” to “One (1) other active NCCC member, who helps clean, prep, and display the vehicle, will be allowed to compete and earn the same points as the owner. Both entrants must attend the driver’s meeting, remain at the event, and attend the awards presentation.”
 - Pg. 7-11, - following language added to **NOTE**: at bottom of the page – “Usage of a clear vinyl paint protector, no restriction on the amount of area covered, will be judged as Paint.”
 - Pg. 7-11, Section 7.9.2.I – add “Applied Graphics/” at the beginning of the sentence.
 - Pg. 7-11, Section 7.9.3.E – add “Non-Stock Applied Graphics or” at the beginning of the sentence.

- Pg. 7-13, Concours Prepared, Modified, S/S & Custom – Exterior Judging Sheet – add to bottom of page “NOTE: Usage of clear vinyl paint protector, no restrictions on the amount of area covered, will be judged as Paint.”
- Pg. 7-18, Race Prepared – Exterior Judging Sheet – add to bottom of page “NOTE: Usage of clear vinyl paint protector, no restrictions on the amount of area covered, will be judged as Paint.”

- **Chapter 8 Championship Points**

- Pg. 8-2, 8-3, Section 8.1.2.1.3 & A. & B. – Replace with the following before the chart and rename the chart to “Group/Sub-Group Bonus Points”

3. Ten (10) Bonus Points are awarded instead of Entrant’s Points for the Fast Time of Day (FTD) in the following Groups and sub-Groups **as long as there are at least 2 classes entered in the Group or Sub-Group. Bonus points are not cumulative. An entrant can only earn bonus points for a Sub-Group, Group, or Overall FTD 1/2/3 placing.**

A. Group 1S, Group 1, Group 2 , and Group 3 as long as there are at least two (2) classes with drivers in the Group:

1. FTD in each Group.

B. Groups 1S, Group 1, and Group 2 in each of the following Sub-Groups as long as there are at least two (2) classes with drivers in the Sub-Group:

1. Sub-Group composed of Year Groups C1/C2/C3 – Classes CL, A/B, C/D

2. Sub-Group composed of Year Group C4 – Classes E, F, & G

3. Sub-Group composed of Year Groups C5/C6 – Classes H, J, & K

4. Sub-Group composed of Year Group C6 – Classes M & N

C. Group 3 in each of the following sub-Groups as long as there are at least two (2) classes with drivers in the Sub-Group:

1. Sub-Group composed of Year Groups C1/C2/C3 – Classes CL, A/B

2. Sub-Group composed of Year Groups C4/C5/C6 – Classes E, H, & K

3. Sub-Group composed of Year Groups C6 – Class N

4. Sub-Group composed of Year Groups – Classes RP & RPAF

- Pg. 8-3, Section 8.1.2.1.3 (Subgroup Table) – RP/RPAF change to a comma instead of a “/” between the two classes. Typo that was effective 1/1/11.
- Pg. 8-3, Section 8.1.2.1.3 (Subgroup Table) – change “CLM” to “CL” in Group 3.
- Pg. 8-3, Section 8.1.2.1.3.A – Typo correction effective 1/1/11 “with a 2 driver minimum” should have been removed so the effective language

should have read “Each subgroup of 2 or more classes, has its own 10 Point FTD.”

- Pg. 8-5, Section 8.1.2.4.5 – change “Workers shall not receive Travel Points.” to “Workers shall receive Travel Points, the same as an entrant.”
- Pg. 8-5, Section 8.1.2.5.3 – change “A NCCC member can only receive either Chairperson or Co-chairperson Points (not both) ONCE during a competition year.” to “A NCCC member can receive Chairperson and Co-chairperson Points once during a competition year.”
- Pg. 8-5, Section 8.1.2.5.4 – change “Event Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Rallye Checker, Rallye Co-Checker, Concours Judges, and all other Workers MUST be at the event to receive points.” to “Event Chairperson, Co-Chairperson, Concours Judges, and all other workers MUST be at the event to receive points. Rallye Checkers and Rallye Co-Checkers do not have to be at the event to receive points.”

- **Chapter 12 Forms**

- Pg. 12-9, Form 12.6 - TECH FOR RALLIES AND ECONOMY RUNS: Remove the requirement to write down the Driver’s License Number on the tech form.
- Pg. 12-12, Section 12-9 – add to the form a section “Competition Committee Decision” so the submitter will know the reason(s) why or why not the request was accepted or rejected.

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In Memoriam

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*The above list consists of members who have died since the
Winter 2011 issue of Blue Bars.*

FROM THE VP MEMBERSHIP

I am writing this at the end of September so the weather is still nice for most of our members to be enjoying their Corvettes. I hope everyone has been able to attend one of the fine events hosted by one of our many NCCC clubs.

Club renewals are about to start and, with the new data system, I feel that it is easier for governors to renew their members. I want to make sure everyone understands that if they have a problem with the data base, contact me or your region's RMD and we will help you solve it. Thank you to everyone for helping move NCCC forward.

Have you signed up your children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews in the Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA)? The one-time \$10 fee is a real bargain and it keeps our children involved in the Corvette experience. Get those kids signed up today; there is an application in the back of every *Blue Bars*. Thanks, Pat for all you do for FCOA.

Registration for the 2012 NCCC Convention will be open February 1 and ready for you to register. This will be the 53rd NCCC Convention and is being held in Topeka, KS, June 23rd to 30th. Many things are being planned for all different type of interests. so start making your plans to attend. I know you will have an enjoyable week.

You, as an NCCC member, are our best NCCC recruiter and usually have the first contact with a prospective member, so don't be afraid to let them know about all the things we have to offer.

Until next time,

Larry Morrison

MEETING DATES

Listed below are the 2011-2012 meeting dates for the National Governors' Meetings at the Sheraton West Port (not the Chalet) in St. Louis, MO. This will allow you to plan ahead. For reservations, call (314) 878-1500.

*National Meeting Hotel Reservation Form
Is available on the NCCC website.*

November 11-12, 2011

February 24-25, 2012

May 4-5, 2012

Annual Meeting during Convention Week

September 7-8, 2012

November 9-10, 2012

FROM THE BUSINESS MANAGER

Hi, everyone!

We have Insurance FAQ's that have been posted to the NCCC website. These questions were asked by NCCC members and answered by the folks at Brown and Brown Insurance. I know everyone doesn't always go to the NCCC website, so I wanted to make sure they were available for everyone to see. [See page ?? for Insurance FAQ's.] We will continue to update the FAQ's as you ask new questions and will post them to the NCCC website. As always, if you have an insurance question or need information about NCCC insurance programs, let me know.

Thanks!

Hal Tumbleson

P.S. PLAY HARD, PLAY OFTEN, AND ALWAYS PLAY SAFE.

FAQ's General Insurance Section:

1. Q: One of the benefits that the NCCC provides to constituent clubs is third party liability insurance. The NCCC has contracted with Philadelphia Insurance. What is third party liability insurance and what does it provide for?

A: Third party liability is insurance coverage for damages in case of a spectator's bodily injury or property damage that is caused by a member or participants. The coverage provided by Philadelphia is contingent upon having a signed waiver & release form that was completed before the start of the event.

2. Q: Are member clubs insured under the NCCC policy?

A: Yes. The NCCC policy provides a total limit of \$5,000,000 of liability (1,000,000.00 Basic with a 4,000,000.00 Umbrella for a total of 5,000,000) for all club sponsored activities including meetings, rallies, autocrosses, gymkhanas, slaloms, time trials, drag events, etc...

3. Q: Some clubs only have one family member that is interested in Corvette activities. Their spouse or significant other has either little or no interest and only comes to periodic club events. Should an incident arise involving one of these reluctant spouses, are they covered by the NCCC insurance if they have a signed waiver for the event?

A: Any person that is on the premises at an NCCC event would be covered for any negligent act caused by the

NCCC. However, competitive event participants (including car shows) must have a signed waiver in-order for coverage to apply.

4. Q: If our club invites guest or Non-Members to a sponsored event, what coverage's are afforded at this event?

A: The NCCC policy would be in full force for the sponsored event and provide coverage for the club and its members. Non-Members brought into a claim as an individual, would not have personal protection and thus would have to seek their own counsel. This is just one of the many benefits of becoming an NCCC member.

5. Q: My club is having a caravan/tour or some other event that is not sanctioned. Is my NCCC policy providing coverage for these events?

A: The NCCC policy does protect you in these situations provided these events are sponsored and the event is "Published to the Public" (IE. Websites, newsletter, written meeting announcement, etc...).

6. Q: Does the NCCC policy provide coverage for members while driving to and from club meetings?

A: This is not a covered event. Driving to and from meetings or an event is the responsibility of the individual and his/her personal auto policy.

7. Q: As a competitor of a Drag race, Autocross, or similar track event, is my Corvette covered for physical damage under the NCCC policy?

A: If the cause of the accident was due to gross negligence on the part of the NCCC, then there is a \$300,000 limit. If the accident was caused by driver error, then there is no coverage.

8. Q: I've heard several clubs say they are not "racers." All they do is hold car shows and socialize. There, they have no need for third party insurance.

A: Not all accidents are related to speed events. In fact, because of the controls and risk management provided at speed events by the track organizers, it actually makes them very safe for everyone involved. In contrast, car shows and concours have their own dangers as well. In such events, spectators and other competitors are encouraged to view participating vehicles. Many of the products used on tires like silicon tire shine can cause very slippery conditions that may cause slip and falls. Should a spectator fall and injury themselves, they are covered by the NCCC policy.

9. Q: Some clubs do not participate in any NCCC sanctioned events. Therefore, it would seem they do not benefit from the NCCC policy.

A: This is not necessarily the case. There are many situations in which third party liability may arise. Let's use an example: A club that was not an NCCC club, is engaged in a social activity and held a local car show. A strong gust of wind came through and blew a Club-Owned canopy into a 1963 Split Window with original paint. One can only imagine the cost of the damage. If this club were under the

NCCC policy, the claim would be paid if the club didn't properly secure the canopy to the ground or display other gross negligence that contributed to the damage.

10. Q: In the situation above, suppose the canopy was set up by the "morning shift." After working several hours, the morning shift was relieved by another team of people who continue the work for the day. In the "Morning Shift" crew was not an NCCC member, who would cover the claim?

A: Ultimately the responsibility lies with whatever club was hosting/organized the event. The hosting club has the responsibility to ensure that all facets of the event are safe and that they have performed their due diligence to prevent any injuries or property damage from occurring.

11. Q: As an active member of my club and a Director/ Officer, what coverages are provided under the NCCC policy?

A: The NCCC policy provides protection for the individual members who are Directors, Officers, Stewards for any Occurrence arising out of their official duties with regard to an insured event or fiduciary responsibilities.

12. Q: A member is going to the NCCC convention and uses the club website and club general meeting time to advertise that he/she is going and wants to know who else wants to convoy. The club is not funding the cruise in any way and has no organization presence at the NCCC convention. Is there coverage?

A: Simply no. However, if the club has posted this convoy and made it public knowledge, then this would be a covered cause of loss.

13. Q: Our club is thinking about getting its own insurance and not be with the NCCC any longer. Can you give us an idea of what the insurance would cost?

A: This option would not be financially equitable. The buying power of the NCCC's policy is tremendous and to break separate from this policy would result in significantly decreased coverage and higher premiums. As of 2011, the cost of insurance per NCCC member is \$7.66/year. You simply cannot get \$4,000,000 of coverage elsewhere for the price.

14. Q: Is there a limit to the number of club events during a calendar year?

A: There is NO limit to the number of event during the year. There is also no surcharge associated unless higher limits of liability are required by a track or separate organization.

15. Q: Is there a difference in deductibles between a High Speed event and Low Speed event.

A: There is no deductible in regards to liability.

FAQ's General Waiver and Release Form Information

1. Q: I am frequently asked to sign a Waiver and Release form. What does this form do for us and why do we have to sign it at every event?

A: This form is the single most important document the NCCC has. The Release and Waiver of Liability is the form that protects the NCCC and its member clubs if an injured participant, worker, or volunteer sues you. All participants must sign a **Hard Copy Release** form at each event.

2. Q: I usually have my waiver form photo copied. Is this okay to do?

A: YES! The form may be photocopied or printed directly from the NCCC website.

3. Q: Suppose a spectator, participant or a worker does not want to sign the waiver?

A: Anyone that refuses to sign a waiver is **NOT** permitted to participate, work, or enter **ANY RESTRICTED AREA** at any NCCC event.

4. Q: If a club sponsored an Autocross and during the event, a participant recklessly decides to take the vehicle off the course and causes property damage. How will this claim be paid?

A: Hopefully the track organizer for the NCCC has formatted the track in such a way that a participant couldn't take their vehicle for a joyride off the track; however, if property damage would occur, the NCCC's policy would cover such damage.

5. Q: You have emphasized the signed waiver and release forms in your responses multiple times, so I guess it's important.

A: Correct – This is the MOST important form you have to protect yourselves from a lawsuit and for coverage to apply.

6. Q: If an accident were to occur to a member's vehicle, who would pay for such damage?

A: The member is required to control their vehicle at all times - As such, if an accident were to occur due to "Driver Error" than the coverage would not apply. Inversely, if the NCCC displayed gross negligence that caused the accident, then the policy would cover those damages.

7. Q: Some clubs participate in parades. They do this to show their vehicle or to chauffeur local dignitaries. At such events there is little spectator control. Should an accident occur at one of these events, are NCCC members covered by the NCCC insurance program?

A: Yes. These activities should be treated as "Events" and participants, including those who are riding as passengers within the cars, must sign a waiver in-order for coverage to

apply.

8. Q: For a Youth driver, do both parents need to sign the Minor Waiver?

A: For every Minor signature, their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) must countersign the form jointly in-order for coverage to apply. If the Minor has 2 parents/legal guardians, then it is recommended that **BOTH** parents sign the form to eliminate a “He-Said, She-Said” situation.

9. Q: Must the Guardian sign their full name, and not “Mr. or Mrs. Doe?”

A: Correct. The parent or legal guardian must sign their Full Legal Name.

10. Q: Most parades or homecomings are not club organized. Should we check if the school or organizing body covers the event?

A: Yes, but most likely, the school will require the club to provide a Certificate of Insurance.

11. Q: If the school covers the activity, should we still get waivers signed?

A: Yes. You may provide the waivers to the school ahead of time and request that the Parent consents are returned with both parent’s signatures, or at least secured from both parents the day of the event.

12. Q: Do I still have to fill out a Rallye Waiver?

A: **NO!** Rallye Waivers are no longer required by the NCCC’s insurance program. Hallelujah!

13. Q: Which waiver should we use for parades or homecomings?

A: For Adults, a General Waiver is sufficient. However, Youths (under 18) must sign the Minor waivers and have it be countersigned by both Parents/Guardians.

14. Q: If both parents have not, or cannot sign a Minor Waiver, can the child stay at the event or should they be asked to leave? Example: A person who is not an NCCC member who comes to watch a friend compete?

A: The club should be aware of the waiver procedures for all persons that are going to be attending a competitive event. This includes persons entering restricted areas during an event. Whether an adult or minor is a friend of a competitor, the club is required to follow the insurance guidelines/procedures.

15. Q: If a club runs out of Youth Waivers at an event can photocopies be made?

A: Absolutely YES!

16. Q: What is the age limit for a participant to drive at an NCCC event?

A: A participant/driver must be at least 16 years old and

have a valid driver’s license. It is imperative that all Youths (under 18) **MUST** sign a Minor Waiver & Release Form.

17. Q: A progressive dinner is held annually at 4 different member’s homes with cruise in-between courses. The total event takes 6 hours to complete and involves 100 miles of driving. What is the club’s hosts coverage?

A: If this is a “Published Event” that is posted for all members to see, then this would be covered event.

18. Q: Once a month a local restaurant hosts a “Vette-together.” Members drive individually to the social event, and at the end the event, several drive in a convoy to a local Sonic for an after-hours get together.

A: If the “Vette-together” was published to the entire group, then this would be a covered event. However, the “After Party” would not be covered since it was impromptu.

19. Q: How many different Release Forms are there?

A: General Waiver for Adults (18+). Minor Waivers (less than 18). Parental Consent Forms that must be countersigned by a Legal Guardian(s) or Parent(s).

20. Q: What if the club participates in a parade or car show they are not hosting? Are waivers required?

A: To maintain good Risk Management, we recommend Yes. Even though the NCCC is not hosting the event and all responsibility falls upon the organizer of the event, it is best practice to indemnify your club from any subrogation that the claimant may bring upon the NCCC.

21. Q: We are going to be in a Christmas parade with children from our charity. These children have special needs and are all minors. Their parents accompany them on the float and within our vehicles. Will there be a problem if both parents do not accompany the child? Which Waivers must be signed in this case?

A: In this case, both parents would need to sign the General Waiver for themselves and a Minor Waiver/Parental Consent for their child. If the child is **NOT** accompanied by their parent, then just the Minor/Parental Consent waivers must still be signed. In any case the coverage would still be provided for the child if they were injured.

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

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

The 2011 calendar year has sure flown by, but it has been a great opportunity and experience to get involved at the National Level. It has been an opportunity to contribute to hopefully make a difference while meeting people that our paths might never have crossed along the way. Along that same thought, we have attended the NCCC Conventions for years and have met lots of great people and enjoyed lots of fun. However, the business side of NCCC has opened up a whole new view of the organization and what goes on behind the scenes. Our Organization, as with most, is experiencing changes in our economy and world that we do have to make adjustments to continue to enjoy growth. Our long-time members augment the organization's great foundation and wealth of knowledge of enjoying "America's Sports Car" – the Corvette; however, we must keep open minds and look for ways to improve and grow.

I would like to remind you about our NCCC Displays that are available as a sales tool for your club and region when you host events. Joan Thomas helps me keep the usage schedule for these updated on the National website (under Promotional Displays), so you can validate if one is available for the desired weekend. You can then drop me an email with the event date, the shipping address with the contact name and phone number and, if the date is still available, we will book it for that event. On our National website, you will find photos of the display set up, along with information on the contents of the display. There are also documents located there that help understand what is needed to set up and use the display and, if that doesn't answer your questions, you can always contact me.

We are now utilizing several new forms in the displays and we have additional ones in the works. These new forms utilize added graphics for more pizzazz and typically a QR (Quick Response) code. This code gets users to our detailed information faster, along with helping us to track responses as a result of using the displays. We do realize that if a potential member comes to you while you are utilizing the promotional display, the local club will desire to sign them up as a member in their club rather than as a MAL – which is fine. This area is one where we haven't figured out how to track 100% of the new members. We would request that the clubs have the new member fill out the special MAL forms; even if they join your local club – contact me for more details.

We are evaluating various ways to see how we can determine that the ADs, flyers, displays, etc. are working for NCCC and not just a bad return-on-investment (ROI). Determining ROI for any advertising expenditures is tough, regardless of what business or organization you are in. However, if you don't advertise and get your name in front of potential customers (members), you for sure won't have any sizable new growth in the organization or business.

Below is a brief recap for this past year, which will share a few Public Relations related accomplishments.

- ADs were traded with Vette Magazine & NCRS
- The new National Corvette Museum Tables have been built and are in place in the NCM Café; they are a much better looking table than the previous ones.
- Corvette World Tribute & Road America – we created Goodie Bag Flyers with an AD on one side and a special MAL form on the other. ADs ran in both the CWT and Road America program books back in August and again this fall. Additionally, we are included in their email campaign, named "Living and Reliving the Corvette World Tribute" with a large mass mailing that started on September 19th.

•Corvettes at Carlisle – We created Goodie Bag Flyers, again with an AD on one side and a special MAL form on the other. The program book also included a full page AD – all with QR codes.

•Involvement with the **Family Helping Family** program, led by Hal T., is well underway; we have volun-

teers stepping up that will enable us to get this new NCCC member benefit into full swing.

- A couple of high-level notables for the NCCC Promotional Displays
 - Recently included is an updated version of the MAL & FCOA forms. Even though these new forms have only been used a couple of times in the displays, we are already seeing them coming in with new MAL members.
 - The newly expanded "Why NCCC" document is also included; it has obviously been a big hit. The displays have been coming back with none left in it and some have gone down to have more copies run while the event was underway. This document is also available on the National website for your Club and Region's use.
 - Documentation was created around how to best utilize the promotional displays that includes a how-to repack, care and ship the unit back.
 - The displays have been shipped out 13 times this year with four more future bookings pending.

Upcoming activities for the Public Relations arena:

- ADs for 2012 will take on a new look; year to year they must change to catch the readers so they look at our ADs – a stale AD look never sells anything!
- We are trimming down the "Why NCCC" document to a single sheet with some graphics to provide more impact and appeal to prospective members. The new flyer would then guide them to the NCCC website where they can obtain the detailed "Why NCCC" document.
- In partnership with Membership, we are working on a quick hitter flyer to help a prospective club understand the benefits to join with NCCC -- similar to what we do with the MAL form but targeted at a club level.
- Efforts are underway with the NCM to trade ADs in their publication.
- For 2012, we are looking for new markets, events and opportunities to promote NCCC both with attendance at the event using our display and/or with ADs and flyers. We have worked with some of the larger ones for years, but there are some other events that have different audiences, potential members and clubs we need to reach.
- We are starting an effort to see how we can partner with GM and Chevy Dealerships that sponsor many of our clubs with a goal to help us reach all new Corvette owners from those dealerships – stay tuned.
- Some of the promotional display items are becoming faded and dated; we are looking to keep these in top shape and current with the times to represent NCCC the best they can.

If you have suggestions where Public Relations should be involved either behind the scenes (ADs, flyers, providing displays) or where there might be a large event which we should have representation, please feel free to contact me.

In closing, remember that NCCC is YOUR organization and finding solutions to make it better and grow membership should be important to all of us. There is no single individual nor single group who can do it alone, so let's put our heads together and make it happen. If you have constructive ideas or opportunities around how to better our NCCC organization, please feel free to contact me and/or the Vision Committee.

Regards,

Douglas McMahan



FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

Welcome, Pat Clark (Michiana CC) and Patsy Shearer (CKCC), the newest members of the *Blue Bars* staff. Governors, please have hardcopies of your newsletters sent to Pat at [50866 Country Knolls Drive, Granger, IN 46530](mailto:50866CountryKnollsDrive.Granger.IN.46530). In addition to contributing an article for *Blue Bars* from time to time, Pat will peruse the newsletters she receives for interesting articles for inclusion in *Blue Bars*. Governors, if your club's newsletter is generated electronically, then please email your newsletters to Patsy at wshearer001@cfl.rr.com. She will also peruse the newsletters she receives for interesting articles for inclusion in *Blue Bars*. Five (5) items in the Fall issue of *Blue Bars* were 'borrowed' from various newsletters: [CC of Illinois Charity Event](#), [My First Encounter](#), [Charities Byline – Bob Reed](#), [A Bit of Corvette Trivia](#) and [More Corvette Trivia](#).

Articles & photos are always needed:

- Club spotlights (focusing on club history, events/socials, charity work, etc.)
- Member spotlights (spotlighting outstanding Corvette enthusiasts)
- Corvette garage
- Corvette spotlight (unique photo with caption)
- Corvette-related technical articles

All photos in *Blue Bars* should be hi-resolution. The front and back cover photos MUST be hi-resolution in order to retain their 'crisp, clear' quality. The FRONT COVER should fit an 8-1/2" wide x 11" long area (portrait style). Because of the current layout of the front cover with the blue bars at the top and bottom of the page, the actual focus of the photo should fit in an 8-1/2" wide x 7-1/4" long area (in the center of the page).

The BACK COVER photo has no obstructions like the front cover; therefore, the back cover photo should be landscape style and fit 8-1/2" wide x 6" long.

And, of course, all front and back cover photos must be in full color.

As everyone knows, change is good for everyone...even NCCC members. However, when it comes to NCCC members changing addresses, it is very important that ALL members keep your mailing addresses updated on the NCCC database at all times. Governors, please remind your club members of the following deadlines for updating the NCCC membership database prior to printing and distributing each issue of *Blue Bars*:

[December 21, 2011](#) (for the Winter 2012 issue)

[March 21, 2012](#) (for the Spring 2012 issue)

[August 21, 2012](#) (for the Summer 2012 issue)

[October 21, 2012](#) (for the Fall 2011 issue)

If you have an interest in writing Corvette-related technical articles for *Blue Bars*, either on an issue-by-issue basis or on a full-time basis, please contact me at BlueBars@corvettesnccc.org.

The deadline for submitting items for the Winter 2012 issue of *Blue Bars* is [February 29, 2012](#). Please keep in mind that submitting items by the deadline does not guarantee placement in the next issue of *Blue Bars*. I use a continuous checklist where I add items in chronological order (as I receive them) for items such as articles, front and back cover photos. I continue to stress that all emails sent for *Blue Bars* should have **BLUE BARS** in the subject line.

Have a question about *Blue Bars*? I'm only a phone call or mouse click away. Contact me.

Sylvia Hoaldrige

Blue Bars

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES LIKE NONE OTHER!

(revised 8/1/11)

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?

- Favorable rates
- Official publication of the largest single car club of its kind in the world
- Average circulation in excess of 11,500 copies

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.

Advertising Rates

Size	4/Color	Black/White
Inside Front Cover	\$900	n/a
Inside Back Cover	\$900	n/a
Full Page (7-3/4 x 9-3/4)	\$725*	\$625
Half Page (7-3/4 x 4-7/8)	\$400	\$350
Third Page (5 x 4-7/8)	\$375	\$325
Quarter Page (3-7/8 x 4-7/8)	\$350	\$300
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 be half-page or larger.

NCCC Clubs that wish to publicize their clubs' activities and special events by placing a flyer in *Blue Bars*, may do so by purchasing ad space at 50% of the Advertising Rate shown above for the page size desired. Allow 4-6 months lead time.

Advertising Deadlines

February 28 for Spring issue	Published in late April
July 15 for Summer issue	Published in late August
September 30 for Fall issue	Published in mid-November
November 30 for Winter issue	Published in mid-January

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NCCC's youth organization sponsored by Mid America Motorworks
FCOA Membership is limited to family members of current NCCC members.

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



Applicant: (ONE MEMBER PER APPLICATION; PLEASE PRINT)

FCOA Member Name: _____ boy girl

Birthdate: _____ – _____ – _____ Interests/Hobbies: _____

Address: _____

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

Sponsor Information:

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Send Form & Fee to: NCCC-FCOA, c/o Pat Kelly, S68 W17323 Rossmar Ct., Muskego WI 53150-8575
Questions???? E-mail FCOAkids@aol.com or call 414-422-0874

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PAST FCOA MEMBERS WHO ARE NOW NCCC MEMBERS

As a wrap-up to the celebration of FCOA's 20th Anniversary, I'm looking for the names and contact information of former FCOA members who are now active NCCC members! I have a list of many of them but I know I'm missing lots so get the information to me by December 1st if possible! Need names & the best way to contact you and/or them so I can let you know what I need for the article. E-mail the information to FCOAkids@aol.com ~ please put something in the subject like "Past FCOA member" so you don't get spammed or deleted.

Thanks for your help!

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director

From the Director of Sponsorship

Sponsorship Views- Fall 2011

Post convention, time to follow through with my sponsorship responsibilities and it is travel time for two important events of the year to promote NCCC to outside groups and companies. First up was the Corvettes of Carlisle event that was held August 26-29, 2011. We started the weekend with a viewing of the movie "The Quest," which is a documentary produced by Michael Brown about the acquisition and restoration of the #3 Corvette that ran the LeMans race in 1960. If you have not seen this, I would encourage you to buy one as the history and the dedication of the Miller family to see that Chip Miller's dream was fulfilled was very inspiring. The weather was a concern all weekend as Hurricane Irene flirted with the East Coast. Overall attendance was good over the weekend especially if you consider the fact that the event was closed on Sunday. NCCC had a display next to the GM tent and, once again, we were fortunate to have a car in the display that was being driven by one of the Corvette Team members, Ray Krawzyck. His 2011 carbon edition Z06 looked very nice and brought a lot of attention. Interest in NCCC was good as were the raffle car ticket sales. We were able to tell ticket buyers that we would have a Grand Sport for the 2012 raffle but, needless to say, a few were disappointed that we were not raffling the actual car in the display. Would have been nice, though. I must give an extra special thanks for the help that was given to me and NCCC to run the display this year. In previous years, George Gallant has helped with this venture, but he was not available this year so help was sought from other East Region members. Joe Vasta and Steve Johnson, East Region officers, stepped in to help, as well as my husband, Jerry Lindsey and, with their help, along with Bel Air CC members - Deb and Jim Eberling, Bob Lueckel, Milt Kulczynski, and Mark Zimmerman and Lancaster County CC members - Clyde Mooney, Russ Stoflett, John Rosenow, John Schulter and Barbara Hartley, we were able to get the job done. Hopefully, we planted the seed of interest for others to join NCCC as we fielded various questions about the organization and, more importantly, Corvette owners were able to see that NCCC does exist in the world. Thanks to Doug McMahan for the artwork for the flyers and the ad in the program book.

Fast forward a few weeks and it is time for the annual Mid America Motorworks Funfest. NCCC is provided the opportunity to promote our organization at this annual event and, in true form, it is a great weekend. The weather was slightly cooler this year, but we had great participation from some of our National officers as we participated in two seminars about NCCC and provided information about NCCC and our 2012 Convention in Topeka, FCOA, and sold raffle car tickets at the display to Corvette lovers who travel from all over the world to participate in this fun weekend event. The Yager family does a superb job in hosting this event each year and it is one that is enjoyed by all. This was my 7th year to attend and they keep getting better.

Thanks to those who helped - Hal and Mary Bellamy, Richard and Gail Yanko, Patrick Dolan, Pat Kelly, Dave and Joan Heinemann, and Larry and Chris Beebe. A special thank you is extended to Thom and Sheila Shultz who attend to help the Charity Committee in its efforts to promote the 2012 raffle car ticket sales.

Information about the use of GM Trademarks/Logos has recently been reevaluated by GM and EMI and your Governor should have received this information via email and/or an addendum to the Governor's meeting Minutes. This information should be shared with all club officers to ensure that we are in compliance with these guidelines, so I hope that your club Governor has followed through with this.

One of the great programs of NCCC is our Charity Program and each club is encouraged to participate not only in our National program but in local charities as well. Many clubs do this and make a great impact in their community. The Eagle One Golden Rule Award that is sponsored through Valvoline is an annual award given to car clubs across the country that provides extra help to those in need in their community. NCCC has been well represented with winners in one of the regions for many years, the most recent winner being Colorado Springs CC in 2010. I encourage all of the clubs to review the guidelines for participation in this program and "toot your horn" about what your local club is doing to help those who are less fortunate. It always feels so good to help those who are in need! The guidelines are listed on the NCCC web site and entries are due by December 3, 2011.

Interest in the Discounts for Members section of the website continues. **Car Art Work** was added during the summer and they provided a great door prize at the last Governors' meeting. They have some very unique decorative items for sale. We have recently added **Ventura**, a company that produces a tire repair kit for tubeless tires. Purchase their product as an NCCC member and receive a 10% discount. **Xcel** is a credit union that wants to get involved with NCCC, so check out their ad in *BLUE BARS* and the information on the Discounts for Members section of the website. They offer some low cost loans for pre-owned cars with a minimal fee to join the credit union. Also, don't forget about **Allied Van Lines** and their link on the website. If moving, you can receive a discount through this company, as well as help in selling your home.

The sponsorship information for 2012 has/is being sent out and I look forward to working with our faithful sponsors, as well as trying to gather new support from others. A few of these sponsors may work with us in a different way this year and I am anxious to see their involvement with NCCC expand. The work of the 2012 Topeka Convention Committee has provided a lot of interesting activities to sponsor and I think our support will be as good, if not better, for 2012. If you know of any companies that may have an interest in NCCC, please do not hesitate to contact me. It never hurts to have some inside help!

Happy Holidays!

Debbie Lindsey

~ Photo Album ~ Corvettes of Carlisle



*Ray Krawzyck and Debbie Lindsey with Ray's 2011 carbon edition Z06
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Photos were submitted by Debbie Lindsey, Director of Sponsorship.



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NCCC's largest club is the Tulsa Vette Set and has been for several years. TVS joined the Southwest Region in 1975 and has hosted the NCCC National Convention two times, 1985 and 2008.

The Tulsa Vette Set has been a part of many fine folks' lives for 40 years, both from a member's perspective and the lives we touch with our Corvette activities. The best being that the Tulsa Vette Set members use their Corvettes to raise money for The Little Light House, which is a great school for children with special needs in Tulsa and surrounding areas.

This club is the same as NCCC Corvette clubs all over the country in that we use the NCCC as a vehicle to join us together with likeminded folks everywhere. Driving a Corvette and being a NCCC member will get you into activities any place you wish to go. You meet and get to know NCCC members through club activities and end up having friends near and far that you see at events year after year.

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Article and photos submitted by Carol Castellon, member of CC of Illinois





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MY FIRST ENCOUNTER



Cedartown, Georgia. In 1972, the population was around 7,250 (and that included 2 horses, 4 chickens, and a cow). One could go from one end of town to the other end in about 10 minutes (time allotted for traffic lights included). Needless to say, there were no Corvettes in town, and at the tender age of 7 years old, I had never seen one.....didn't even know they existed. Unbeknownst to me, that was about to change.

Atlanta was approximately 60 miles away. In order to travel to Atlanta from Cedartown, there was only one major freeway and one had to make a trek into the next town (20 miles away) in order

to take it (I referred to the freeways as "race tracks" because it appeared to me that everybody was racing).

At the time, my parents owned a 1968 Ford LTD with a big-block 8-banger 390 engine. I always looked forward to riding on the "race track" because that LTD was the fastest car out there (or so I thought).

One Saturday morning, my parents, two sisters and I hopped in that Ford and headed to Atlanta to spend the day at Six Flags over Georgia. I was uncertain as to the root of my zealous state of mind. Was it the thought of being at the amusement park? Or was it the process of getting there? I later decided it was getting there because we had to go to AND fro. That day was like an Oreo cookie. The race track was the outside, and Six Flags was the cream filling. For me, a 7-year-old kid from Cedartown, the anticipation of riding on the race track produced a certain euphoria that could have been compared to that of Christmas Eve (Wow.... only if kids today were so easily entertained).

In route to Six Flags, we eventually made our way to the race track and the only things pumping faster than my little heart were those 8 cylinders! I would point to a car in front of us and say to my mother, "pass that car". She would. Then I would point to another and then another and say the same thing. Each time, she would oblige. This carried on for about 10 miles until it became mundane. I eventually had the conjecture that there was not a car on earth faster than my parents' Ford LTD. My parents, of course, allowed me to live in the moment and accepted this implicitly.

Like a predator stalking its prey, I kept scanning the race track in search for the next "meal". AND THEN, as if we were standing still,... out of nowhere, this batmobile-looking vehicle just zipped by us like a bat outta....(well, you know where) with a certain impetus I could not fathom as a 7 year-old. I immediately went into ADHD overload (of course, Ritalin was



unavailable at the time). "WHAT WAS THAT?!", I asked in a voice two octaves higher than I normally spoke. My mother responded, "That's a Stingray". "CATCH IT, CATCH IT!", I demanded. Without being contrite, she calmly proclaimed, "Son, we can't catch that". I cataleptically watched that Batmobile, which turned out to be a Corvette. It got smaller and smaller and ultimately disappeared into the horizon. Now HOW could a measly ole amusement park top THAT?!

I remember hopping on the rollercoaster called the Scream Machine and fantasizing about being in that awesome piece of machinery that I briefly encountered hours earlier. I do believe that it was the first time in history that a kid was excited about LEAVING an amusement park. But I wanted, no, NEEDED, to get back to the race track and be on the lookout for another Stingray. Unfortunately, I did not see another one, but it was one of the "awesomest" days of my life!

With college and family and house and MORE college taking precedence, it "only" took me 36 years after that glorious day before I purchased my very own "batmobile" (that's another story altogether).

Even though I cannot describe the excitement of purchasing my very first Corvette, the excitement of doing so could never rival the day in which I first encountered America's ultimate driving machine. SAVE THE WAVE!

Article written by Reggie Barton, member of Pacific Coast Corvettes; article and photos submitted by David McCue of Pacific Coast Corvettes, Tustin, CA.

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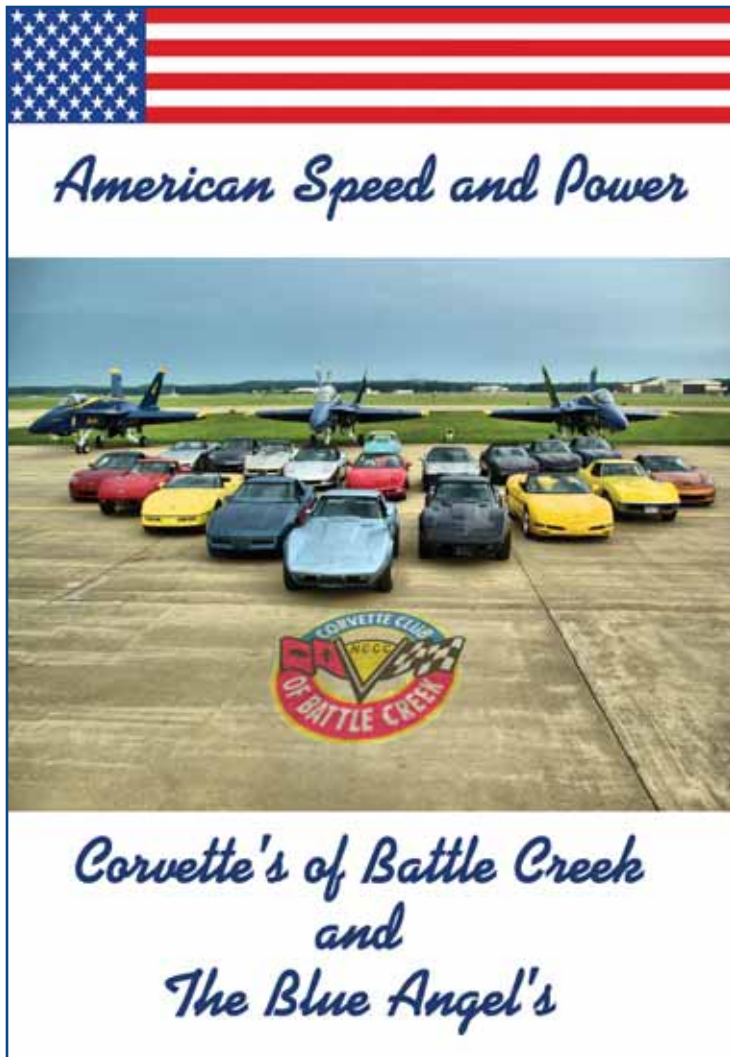


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ABOUT THE BACK COVER



We are a small club with 40 members and we all have membership in NCCC. Our NCCC number is MI-019 and we are proud of it. We celebrated our 50 years as a club in 2009. Our activities include showcasing area students at their homecoming parades. At homecoming time, we carry nearly 100 students. We do not charge the schools. We have about seven local schools that call and request our participation. We filled a request two years ago to take a bride and groom from the church to the reception hall. This was a surprise for the groom who is a big Corvette fan. We have fun every month

traveling to area restaurants, orchards, and short trips in southern Michigan. Our group is diverse in that we have varied interests. While a few enjoy autocrossing, we have the dine-and-drive group, and some travel to sanctioned rallies and people's choice car shows. We also have the spring dust-off and fall color tours. One benefit of NCCC membership happened this past summer. MIS Speedway needed 53 Corvettes with NCCC affiliation to take NASCAR drivers around the track in a parade lap. Our members returned with some good stories.

Our charities include the local food pantry, which has five branches in the area. We donate money to "Safe Place" [a shelter for battered women], the Humane Society, the Boy Scouts, and we have a picnic in early fall for the 28 special needs kids at the "Kambly School." At Christmas time, we receive a list of gifts that the Kambly students would like and we arrange for Santa to make an appearance and hand out gifts.

This summer we had the exciting opportunity to have photos taken with the "Blue Angels." One of our members came up with the phrase, "American Speed and Power." What better way to describe the Chevrolet Corvette and the US Navy Squadron of the "Blue Angels."

Our club has enjoyed outings with other clubs in NCCC family in southern Michigan. There are times we ask for help and times when we get to return the favor.

Article submitted by Richard Williams, governor of CC of Battle Creek, Michigan Region

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One Thing is for sure, during this down-turn in the economy there is less charitable giving at a time when it is needed more than ever. I'm confident that we all still want to contribute. The problem is those extra dollars may no longer be available!

Our club's charity slogan for this 2011 is "Give and it won't hurt." There are ways that you can help without opening your wallet! Earlier in the year, I introduced several organizations that our club can support without writing a check.

These are worthwhile charities that support our armed forces, children and others that are truly in need. Take a moment to look over how you can support these organizations. I would be surprised if you said that you don't have at least one item on the list.

In cooperation with our primary sponsor, Connell Chevrolet, we will be collecting "Cell Phone for Soldiers." That old, unused cell phone in the bottom of your drawer can be turned into minutes that our young men and women in uniform can use to call home. For more information, go to:

<http://www.cellphonesforsolderies.com>

In that same drawer, next to that unused cell phone, you probably have a gift card with a few cents or a few dollars of value that you will never use. The Salvation Army is collecting those cards and turning them into needed cash help those regardless if it is local or around the world. For more information, go to:

<http://www.salvationarmyoc.org/giving.htm>

For a number of years now, St. Jude's Ranch has been supporting the needs of children through their recycled greeting card program. The children use the fronts of the cars to create new cards that are sold around the world. While Christmas cards are the most popular, Get Well, Birthday and other occasion cards are needed. For more information, go to:

http://www.stjudesranch.org/help_card.php

Article and photo were submitted by Geoff Girvin, Editor of Corvette Super Sports.

[Blue Bars Editor's Note: This article was brought to my attention by Patsy Shearer, member of the Blue Bars staff, who is now receiving all NCCC club newsletters generated electronically. Patsy goes thru each newsletter she receives and recommends to me articles or items she feels would be of interest to YOU. Does your Editor email Patsy a copy of each issue of your club newsletter? If not, ask him/her to put Patsy on their email list – wshearer001@cfl.rr.com. You never know when your club will be mentioned in a future issue of Blue Bars. Also, this holds true for those NCCC clubs that mail hardcopy issue of their newsletters. If your club is one of these clubs and you are not mailing me a hardcopy of your club newsletter, please mail it to Pat Clark, member of the Blue Bars staff, who will be going thru each newsletter for articles or items of interest to our NCCC members. Pat's mailing address is 50866 Country Knolls Drive, Granger, IN 46530.]

A Bit of Corvette Trivia

- **June, 1953:** Chevrolet begins production of the Corvette on a tiny assembly line in Flint, MI.
- **June 30, 1953:** The first production Corvette rolls off the assembly line at Chevrolet Plant, Number 35, near Flint, MI. Sticker price: just over US\$3,000. Assembly line worker Tony Kleiber has the honor of driving the first Corvette off the assembly line.
- **June 4, 1957:** The Automobile Manufacturer's Association passes a resolution recommending that member companies (including General Motors) not participate in auto racing.
- **June, 1960:** In LeMans, France, the 24 Hours of LeMans race is held. Briggs Cunningham enters three white Corvettes with 283ci engines, driving by John Fitch and Bob Grossman, Cunningham and Bill Kimberley, and Fred Windridge and Richard Thompson. The Fitch/Grossman car reaches 151 mph, and finishes 8th overall, 5th in GT class. Racing team Camoradi U.S.A. enters two factory prepared Corvettes. One places 10th overall, 7th in GT class.
- **June, 1961:** The Corvette Shark showcar makes its first appearance, at Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI.
- **June, 1971:** A full-size fiberglass model of a Wankel-engined Corvette prototype is completed, and shown to top management of General Motors. General Motors President Ed Cole approves construction of a complete running car.
- **June, 1978:** The movie "Corvette Summer" premieres, in Maumee, a suburb of Toledo, OH. Terry Michaelis, of T. Michaelis Corvette Supplies, Inc. arrange to have the world premiere there, and raffles off a 1978 Corvette Indy pace car replica. Plus, every Corvette in the country was invited to the party. The Corvette parade set a new mark in the Guinness Book of Records, at somewhere between 5000 and 7000 Corvettes.
- **June, 1978:** The first Bloomington Gold Corvette show is held. It was formerly called Corvette Corral.
- **June 1, 1981:** Production of Corvettes begins at a new plant in Bowling Green, KY. The first Corvette is a beige 1981 model.
- **June, 1985:** Group Lotus in Norfolk, England, proposed building a new engine for Chevrolet, who quickly approves the project. The engine would become the LT5 for the ZR1 Corvette.
- **June 2, 1990:** Ground-breaking begins on the National Corvette Museum, in Bowling Green, KY.
- **June 14, 1993:** Corvette program manager Russ McLean and chief engineer Dave Hill meet with the General Motors Strategy Board, including General Motors president Jack Smith, to get approval for Concept Initiation of the 1997 Corvette program. The plan is approved.
- **June 29, 1993:** Chevrolet general manager Jim Perkins states that a fifth-generation Corvette will be produced for the 1997 model year.
- **June, 1994:** General Motors' Strategy Board meets again with the Corvette group, continuing their arguments defending their request to proceed on schedule toward production building of the new 1997 model Corvette. It is agreed that plant conversion would begin in April 1996, with final current model production ending on June 21, 1996.
- **June 26, 1994:** The first C5 (1997 model) alpha test car rolls out of the assembly room. Build chief John Fehlberg has the honor of being the first C5 driver.
- **June, 1995:** Three Reeves Callaway SuperNatural Corvettes enter the LeMans race in Paris, France. One qualifies for the pole position in the GT2 class, and finishes second in class, 10th overall. Another finishes third in class, and 11th overall.
- **June 11, 1996:** General Motors holds a press conference to announce and display the new Gen II engine for the 1997 Corvette. The engine will be known as RPO 151, a 5.7 litre V-8.
- **June 21, 1996:** The last Corvette of the fourth-generation "C4" body style (used since 1984) is produced. Over 300,000 cars were produced since 1984. The car is bought by Mike Yager, owner of Mid-America Design, for his museum in Illinois.
- **June, 1999:** At the Grand Prix of Sonoma at the Sears Point Raceway in California, Chris Kneifer and Ron Fellows drive a C5-R to second in class.
- **June 29, 1999:** The last 1999 model Corvette is built, a silver coupe.
- **June 17, 2000:** The 24 Hours of LeMans race is run, in Paris, France. For the first time, Chevrolet's Corvette Group officially enters two Corvette C5-R race cars. They place 3rd and 4th in GTS class, 10th and 11th overall.

This bit of Corvette Trivia was contributed by Herb Duffy, president of Great River CC, and appeared in GRCC's June 2011 club newsletter.

More Corvette Trivia

This Corvette Trivia Challenge appeared in the June 2011 issue of GRCC's club newsletter. How many can you get right?

1. As GM was thinking of making their sports car, the following two seat sports cars were already being sold in America except for which one?
 - a. Nash-Healy
 - b. Cunningham
 - c. Kaiser-Darrin
 - d. Scarab
2. The radio antenna on the 1953 Corvette was found in what unusual place?
 - a. Rear deck lid
 - b. Right front fender
 - c. Windshield frame
 - d. Gas cap lid
3. In 1957, the optional wide wheels, RPO 276, were what width?
 - a. 5 inch
 - b. 5.5 inch
 - c. 6 inch
 - d. 6.5 inch
4. What was the paint color choice order on the fewest 57 Corvettes?
 - a. Venetian Red
 - b. Onyx Black
 - c. Polo White
 - d. Inca Silver
 - e. Aztec Copper
 - f. Cascade Green
 - g. Arctic Blue
5. What kind of pain was on the 1958 Corvette?
 - a. Nitrocellulose Lacquer
 - b. Enamel
 - c. Acrylic Lacquer
 - d. Water base paint
6. What model year did the Corvette pass the "break even point" where it started making a profit?
 - a. 1958
 - b. 1964
 - c. 1961
 - d. 1966
7. The side mount exhaust was introduced in what year?
 - a. 1963
 - b. 1964
 - c. 1961
 - d. 1963
8. How many L-88s were automatics in 1969?
 - a. 0
 - b. 25
 - c. 17
 - d. 8
9. In 1970 John Greenwood was GT class winner at Sebring. What Hollywood personality was his co-driver?
 - a. James Garner
 - b. Dick Smothers
 - c. Jay Lemo
 - d. Steve McQueen
10. The LS-6 sold as an option for what cost?
 - a. \$550
 - b. \$1100
 - c. \$1200
 - d. \$1426
 - e. \$55
 - f. \$1221

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Regional News



2011 REs

Front Row (l to r): Jim Harris, MI; Ray Schafer, NE; Kathy Brisbois, WR; Jeanne Ruston, SW; Margaret Bohannan, CA; Joe Vasta, ER; Ron Brown, WO

Back Row (l to r): Jim Gray, RR; Jim Walton, IN; Pete Urenda, RM; Gary Kelly, MW; John McGee, SE; Allen Morris, WC

Not Shown: Chuck Heretta, EO; Glenn Hutchinson, FL

2011 RCDs

Front Row (l to r): Don Parks, SE; Brian Gallagher, ER/NE; Joe Orrico, WC; Paul Hamersly, RR

Back Row (l to r): Walt Jenkins, RM; Jim Asbury, WO; Mike Godfrey, IN; Jerry Kovaleski, WR; Craig Kamradt, SW

Not Shown: Johnny Haskell, CA; Manny Montgomery, FL; Chuck Stephens, EO; Dave Johnson, MI; Paul Haack, MW



2011 RMDs

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Not Shown: Debbie Haskell, CA; Steve Johnson, ER; Peggy Stephens, EO; Pat Brown, WO



Regional News

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By now, the Baltimore Grand Prix (BGP) is just a memory and what a great memory it is! The American Le Mans Series has a number of new fans. Suzie and Mike Stylc are responsible for adding a number of East Region NCCC members to the list of converts. When Suzie learned the Grand Prix was coming to Baltimore on August 2010, she decided to go to the kickoff meeting at the Baltimore Inner Harbor during her lunch. During the meeting, she met Johnny O'Connell (*Johnny joined the factory Corvette team in 2001, scoring an overall victory in the 24 Hours of Daytona in his first race in the Corvette C5-R, followed by Corvette Racing's first class victory at the 24 Hours of Le Mans. Johnny also helped GM's factory team capture five straight manufacturers' titles and shared the driver's championship for the GTS class with teammate Ron Fellows in 2003-04. Johnny scored the Corvette's C6.R's historic first victory at Road Atlanta in April 2005 after winning his first ALMS pole*). When Johnny learned Suzie autocrossed Corvettes, she got a hug!

After the initial meeting, Suzie contacted George Gallant (Bel Air CC governor) and suggested NCCC East Region for this event. George concurred and asked Suzie to represent the NCCC East Region in her discussions with the BGP committee. Suzie worked with Lonnie Fisher (ticketing) to create a ticket package that would enable East Region enthusiasts to not only see the race, but also have pit and grandstand access.

Since this was the first event of this type in Baltimore, a myriad of questions followed. Suzie repeatedly got answers for ER NCCC members. Since there were multiple street closures associated with the race, Suzie and Mike drove the area and provide ER members with several maps to get past the detours and into the pits. Once inside, all Corvettes parked immediately outside of the pits with easy walking access to the pits and the drivers. On Saturday, due to Suzie's and Mike's efforts working with the Baltimore Grand Prix, they were permitted to lead the Corvettes in the parade lap around the course. If you would like to see their video of the parade lap, it's available on the East Region Vette-Works website. (See your club governor if you do

not have access to this site.) Since Suzie & Mike are members of the Bel Air CC (BACC), it is not surprising that BACC won the Corvette Club participation trophy from General Motors!

The East Region sends its sincere thanks to Suzie and Mike for making this an enjoyable weekend! We can't wait till next year.

Joe Vasta, East Region RE

2011 is winding down. The leaves are turning and summer is now a memory. We set a record with over 200 events. The current top club is **G-Burg Vettes**, followed by the Bel Air CC; Revolution CC, Corvette Annapolis and Tri-County Vettes. In the men's' and ladies' division top 5 we have:

EAST REGION 2011 POINTS		
PLACE	NAME	CLUB
MEN		
1	John Hay	TCV
2	Albert Wojciechowski	CPCC
3	Rick Serfass	TCV
4	Alvin Brown	GBV
5	Tom Gunderman	TCV
LADIES		
1	Darlis Coble	CPCC
2	Dee Neal	TCV
3	Terry Pearl-Grau	GBV
4	Rocky Alleshouse	KPMCC
5	Sally Bistline	CPCC

The determination of folks like these shows you the true spirit of competition. It is sad to think such a small percentage of our members compete. But then, we all have our reasons for being a member of NCCC and, as members, we share that one common denominator--our Corvette!

Take "Save the Wave" one step farther and actually shake a hand.

Our website has all the information you need to have some fun in the East. www.ernccc.org

Brian Gallagher, East Region RCD

The 2012 renewal season is upon us and the East Region is looking forward to maintaining our current membership numbers and even increasing our numbers. Many of the Governors have been quite active in recruiting new members at the end of the summer competitive season and are seeing increased interest in their clubs this fall

Our East Region members have been our greatest source of spreading the "Corvette word" to prospective members at their shows and other events. Several of our clubs are in heavily populated suburban areas and this has helped with our exposure. The recent American Le Mans Series race in Baltimore over the Labor Day weekend attracted many Corvette enthusiasts as have some of the high speed events in our area. The CC of America, ER-001, has a core of

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dedicated members who always promote NCCC membership at VIR or Watkins Glen events. This has helped their membership grow to over 220 members.

The East Region looks forward again to being the largest region in all of NCCC and, with the help of our dedicated members, we will stay at the top.

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With the summer over, the competition season has ended in the East Ohio Region until, spring. Our bidding meeting is scheduled for the first Saturday of December, the 3rd at 9:30 AM at Esbers' Restaurant in Canton to set up a tentative schedule for the 2012 competition season. We will also be taking bids for the Regional Banquet 15 months away in March 2013.

Even though the competition season may be over, our annual Chili & Appetizer Challenge will be held the Saturday before Thanksgiving on the 19th of November in Akron. This is our Fifth Annual Feast where Regional members gather to sample various types of chili, appetizers and desserts. The idea was brought forth by Alan Moore some years ago and we made it happen. Plenty of good food, beverage and friendship get the winter hibernation off to a good start.

The Region's Awards Banquet will be at the Galaxy Party Center in Wadsworth, Ohio the first weekend of March, 2012. This year's banquet will be hosted by Alan and Gail Moore. Again, another weekend event that starts on Friday night with an informal pool party, continues on to Saturday with a Regional meeting, hospitality room and the banquet/award presentation for the 2011 competition season.

As you can see, there is always something going on in the East Ohio Region whether it is competitive or not. All Clubs do their best to participate in these events and events in their own Club. Check out the Region's website and your favorite Clubs' websites for further info.

Chuck Heretta, East Ohio RE

How to get more club participation: Chuck and I and our granddaughter, Kayla Kerr, became members of the Kanawha Valley CC in Charleston, WV, in 2008. When we became members of the club, they were 16 members strong (19 with our memberships) and were basically a social club. But, with Chuck, Kayla and me being "Racers," we made a request of our club to bid in a few Low Speed Autocross events along with the East Ohio Region, so they could get the feel of what the Low Speed Autocross events were all about. So they did! The East Ohio Region and Kanawha Valley CC ran four

Low Speed Autocrosses at the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport on July 11, 2009 -- two Low Speed events for EOR and two Low Speed events for Kanawha Valley CC. Several members from KVCC made the trip from Charleston, WV to the airport in Williamstown, WV to help out with food for the entrants, as well as working the corners for the entire day. Of course, they got a real good taste of things that can happen at an autocross event...such as "RAIN"...and boy did it rain! They were also able to see the camaraderie between several people when we went to dinner that evening at DaVincis Restaurant in Williamstown looking like drowned rats.

At the beginning of this competition season, we talked to the club members of KVCC again to try the Low Speed Autocross events this year and they agreed. We put in a request to use the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport, and permission was granted. Then along came the FAA. Chuck was notified by the Mid-Ohio Valley Regional Airport Manager that FAA would no longer allow anyone that wasn't associated with the airport to put on any activities at the airport. The airport manager apologized for not giving us more notice, but Chuck thanked him for calling us as soon as he did. When this happened, Chuck and I and the President of KVCC and his wife, Jack and Cheryl Jarvis, got together to find another location someplace close to the Charleston area....since our club is located in Charleston. We did find a parking lot large enough, so on September 04, 2011, we proceeded forward to hold six Low Speed Autocross events -- three for KVCC and three for EOR. There were 15 members of KVCC who showed up that day to help even though they had no clue what they would be doing. They all worked the corners for the events and, after the events were finished, Chuck questioned the workers on how they felt about the day. Each of them said they really enjoyed their role in the events and are looking forward to next year's Low Speed Autocross events....and some of them have even put in a request to ride along with a few of the drivers. We need to show NCCC club members that we can have "FUN" at NCCC sanctioned events, that it isn't all work and that we do like to play! When we get together, laugh and have a good time, the more people will talk about what a good time they had then more people will be interested in coming out to the events. No one wants to just come out to WORK!!

Our next adventure is to invite a club from up North to visit our beautiful State of West Virginia. We want to give them a tour/host in our area, so we can show and explain to them the rich history of this Great State.

Combined Blue Bars Article Submitted By: Chuck Stephens, EOR - RCD and Peggy Stephens, EOR - RMD

Club Spotlight

2010 marks the 50th anniversary of Buckeye Corvettes Inc. The rich history of the club is not without merit and has certainly come a long way since its inception in March, 1960. Fifty years ago, three men had a dream, a clever sales plan and the initiative to formulate a club of fellowship for Corvette lovers in the Canton, Ohio area.

After discovering that several other Corvette clubs were established in the Northeastern Ohio area, Ewing Chevrolet's Stan

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Ewing, his sales manager Ed Baines and Barney Crum came up with a plan in order to be known as the area's "Corvette Dealer." The idea to develop a club soon became a reality when their first meeting was held on March 9, 1960 in the truck garage housed in Ewing Chevrolet. Fifteen charter members were established that day. In that first meeting, Ed Baines remembers, "Enthusiasm was high, and the officers and club name were elected right away." With the faithful sponsorship of Ewing Chevrolet, the Buckeye Corvette Club took off, and while mostly friends and other acquaintances were invited to the first meeting, several others shared the enthusiasm and came to the second meeting.

In those early years, the Buckeye CC held monthly meetings, corresponding by postcards and letters. The club met on the second Wednesday of every month—a tradition that still continues today—and participated in several area activities including rallies, hill climbs, economy runs and charity work. Early club member, Lynn Stuhldreher, designed the official club emblem with the official Corvette logo superimposed over an outline of the state of Ohio. In 1964, the club changed their name from Buckeye CC to Buckeye Corvettes, Inc, and also joined the National Council of Corvette Clubs, becoming a prominent club in the national registry.

By the 1970s, the club had grown to 35 members and the solid roots of Buckeye Corvettes began to form. Some members split from the club and formed two other area groups—Hall of Fame Corvettes and Corvette Canton—and the latter still stands today. Also during the 70s, the members of Buckeye Corvettes began their tradition of doing charity work for the Spina Bifida Association. The club hosted Halloween parties, Christmas parties and other events for the children and adults affected by the condition.

In the 1980s, the members of Buckeye Corvettes grew again to 80 members and, in 1980, the club celebrated their 20th anniversary. The members enjoyed weekend getaways, overnight trips, dinner cruises and visited museums, such as the Henry Ford Museum, in order to further strengthen the bonds between members. The 80s also brought another milestone for the club; Buckeye Corvettes began providing cars and drivers in the Hall of Fame Community Parade and the Hall of Fame Grand Parade.

The mid-to-late-90s brought a membership explosion to the club, and they continued their national and community charity work. The increase in membership meant an increase in involvement with the club, and more members began to participate in the club's activities like racing, hill climbs, rallies, parades and other social events.

Buckeye Corvettes, Inc. stands strong today due to involved members, good leadership and the steadfast sponsorship from the Ewing family. In a recent interview with Stan Ewing's son, Dave, he recalls Ewing Chevrolet "was always a proud sponsor of the club, with a mutual respect for the relationship" that has lasted nearly fifty years and that "The Buckeye Corvette Club was always one of the top priorities of the Ewing family." After 93 years in business and 47 years of sponsoring Buckeye Corvettes, Ewing Chevrolet sadly closed their doors in 2007; however, Skip Blowers of Skipco Auto Auction stepped up to carry on the fine tradition of sponsorship duties to which the club is accustomed.

Today, the club boasts 170 current members and remains

committed to several activities within the Northeastern Ohio community. Its members stay busy with social events each month and several competition events throughout the year. Corvettes from the club are pristinely displayed at local car shows and various homecomings and parades, including the nationally distinguished Hall of Fame Parade. The men and women of Buckeye Corvettes also regularly participate in philanthropic efforts, holding fundraisers for charities such as the National Kidney Foundation, Muscular Dystrophy Association and Spina Bifida Association, as well as giving back to their community by donating their time and money to families in need.

Please join me in congratulating the **Buckeye Corvette Club** on their 50th anniversary, and, toasting to 50 more years of success and prosperity.

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Well, by the time you get this issue of *Blue Bars*, our southern (Florida) activities will be in full swing with our car shows, autocrosses, rallye and social events. That's why we live here. I heard from a reliable source that this winter it might get into the 50s (Brrrrr).

Is there anything that you would like to see the Florida Region of NCCC do that would help participation in our attendance at our events and other activities? With your input, we can work towards making your suggestions happen. If we just keep on doing what we are doing now, how do we advance and make our Region stronger. Our insurance with NCCC (Brown & Brown) is a great thing for us to have, but we are in NCCC for more than insurance. When we get together at car shows, autocrosses, rallye and other gatherings, do we talk insurance or do we talk to each other about what you have been doing since the last time I saw you, etc. Please attend the Region meetings or send me an e-mail and give me your suggestions for the Region.

We will be having an awards banquet sometime in March for the people who came out tops in the Region for the events that they excelled in for 2011. I will be sending more information out as soon as a date is set.

Let's Vette Together Soooooooooooooooooooooon!!!!!!

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Yesterday I received word we lost yet another one of our friends and valued NCCC members. This should serve as a reminder to us that life is short; if we were a 12-volt auto battery, most of us would be in the last quarter of our warranty period. At this stage in our life, we should try to focus on things that are fun and bring joy to us and those around us. Please let's try to remember this as we go about doing the business of NCCC both at the national and region level. For the most part, I think we as NCCC members do a good job of this, but sometimes need a little reminder. As the Indiana Regional Executive, having fun is the attitude I've tried to encourage.

Speaking about having fun, by the time your reading this, we will have completed our competitive events for 2011. There will have been close to 1000 sanctioned events and a huge number of unsanctioned events such as: Drive & Dines, Cruises, Car Shows, picnics and parades. So there really should have been something everyone could enjoy and have fun doing. One of these events will have been the "Corvette Fun Day in Brown County." This is a great event and will pull folks together from across the state of Indiana. The reason I think it is such a great event is that it pulls members from different clubs together, something that doesn't happen enough in our Region (and I'm sure it is a problem in other regions also). Our governors are beginning to have discussions about how to have cross club events, such as "drive & dines" and cruises. I'm sure your club governor would welcome your thoughts and ideas about how to make this interaction happen.

It is not too early to be thinking about the 2012 NCCC Convention, which will be held in Topeka KS, June 23rd thru 29th. From what I'm seeing, the West Region Folks are putting a lot of effort into making this a fantastic event. Hey, where else will you get the chance to wear you cowardly lion costume. Seriously, I hope to see the Indiana Region well represented at the 2012 NCCC Convention.

One last thought, please make it your personnel objective to try and recruit one new member to your club in 2012. As you read this, hopefully, you will have had a good summer and have put a lot of safe and fun miles on your Corvette.

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In the Spring 2011 issue of *Blue Bars*, I mentioned several upcoming Summer activities like Drivers Schools, Sloan Summer Fair, Back to the Bricks and Corvette Crossroads, which may or may not show up on the competition calendar. If you were able to attend any of these activities, you know they were all very successful. As with any outside activity, the weather played a major role and it was great. If you weren't able to join us, well, maybe next year as these are some of our annual activities rain or shine.

As of the September 6, 2011 Regional meeting, there hasn't been a bid submitted for the next Regional awards banquet, which is traditionally held in late March or early April. The banquet is held to recognize the competitors' efforts of the previous year's challenges and start the season off with renewing friendships after a long winter. What would a banquet be without some good food, door prizes and maybe an adult beverage or two? Well, in a word 'nothing,' so these are also part of the program. Over the years, there have been numerous clubs that hosted the banquet throughout the Region; some have been the host several times and, for the other clubs, let's just say it's been a long time. If you're interested in having a banquet or being the host club, please contact me ASAP.

Most likely by the time you read this article, the election for 2012 Regional officers will have taken place; however, if you are interested in any of Regional positions, let me know. 2013 will be here before you know it.

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Greetings from the Midwest Region!

I start this my final MWR-RE article with the mixed feelings of leaving a great position. I've really enjoyed my last two years as MWR's RE. In the fall of 2009 when I decided to run for this position, I stated that if elected I would only do this for two years. After that I would have other things on my bucket list that I needed to save time for. I've always believed that, if one runs for an office, they should have something concrete in mind that they want to do to improve the situation, not just occupy a seat.

I had two major goals in mind, the first was to reverse the

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downward financial trend of the MWR treasury and the second was to do my part in seeing that the MWR put on a successful NCCC Convention that would be a great time for those who attended. Both of those items have been accomplished due to the great members, Governors and Officers of the MWR. So many people stepped forward to help with the Convention; as they say “Many hands make small work” or something like that. As to the MWR financial situation, it has turned completely around and the treasury is comfortably in the black and bringing in more revenue than it’s spending, thanks to expense reducing and revenue increasing ideas contributed by the MWR members, Governors and Officers.

A third priority was to increase the communication and enthusiasm in the Region which has been done also. To quote one of the MWR Governors, “This is great; we’re actually getting things done.”

The MWR competition program led so ably by our RCD, Paul Haack, was a huge success this year; see his report below.

MWR membership led by our RMD, Sue Puksich, has been doing great this year also with two new clubs being added and an increase in membership of around 200.

I want to thank the members of the MWR for the opportunity to serve you the last two years. By the time you read this, our competition season will be over; new 2012 champions will have been crowned at the MWR Championship Series and a new slate of officers will have been elected for 2012. From what I can see the Region will be in great hands.

Gary Kelly, Midwest Region RE

Greetings from the Midwest Region!

Our 2011 Midwest Region competition season was another busy one with a total of 159 sanctioned events (113 Low Speed, 33 Rallyes, eight Peoples’ Choice Concours and five judged Concours).

This year I am also happy to report that we have seen several new NCCC members competing in Regional events. It is nice to see this level of enthusiasm and interest in the competition program. We are on track to have a record number of 200-point award winners in our Region this year.

This year is my last as Midwest Region RCD. I would like to sincerely thank all the members, governors and workers for your ongoing commitment to a strong, safe and fun-filled competition program. I have truly enjoyed working with all of you during the past four years as RCD, and wish everyone the best in the future.

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Hello from the colorful northeast where everyone is enjoying a few final rides of the season to unwind from the fast and furious summer. Most clubs have their holiday activities on a calendar as the weather turns cooler. Election time is rapidly approaching, as well as renewals;, please be punctual.

Save the Wave and be safe.

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I often single out a Region member for their contributions to the Region, accomplishments, etc. This issue I want to bring special attention to one of our regions longest participating and hardewswt working members, Fred Hernandez. Fred’s contributions to our Region are far too many to list. Most notably, he has been instrumental in the success of the El Paso CC, its growth and longevity, as well as its NCCC events for many years. Fred is a living legend as one of the top autocross competitors in our Region. In so doing, he has shown countless new and experienced autocrossers why he is known as “**Fast Freddie**.” Fred and his beautiful wife, Cheryl, will be leaving El Paso and moving to Florida before year’s end. Fred, my great friend, you will be missed, but never forgotten. I look forward to racing with you in the years to come.

I want to close my column this issue with a few important reminders about our NCCC competition program. These are items that have come up recently and are not intended to be a complete reference for hosting an event. The event Chairperson should always be familiar with the applicable sections of the NCCC rulebook.

1. Entry fees must be the same for all NCCC members at an event. This means that a club’s members cannot enter at a discounted rate.

2. A rallye in which questions must be answered cannot require unique or local knowledge not generally available to everyone.

3. A rallye course must be pre-run by someone other than the Rallye Master. This Rallye Checker will validate the instructions, questions, etc. and this process will minimize potential problems during the actual rallye. The final pre-run of the rallye must be done the morning of the rallye to identify any last minute changes required due to road construction, road closures, signs moved, etc.

4. Event Chairpersons and workers must be present at the event in order to earn NCCC points.

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5. The RCD, or the RCD's delegate, must be present at a sanctioned event if the host club's event chair or co-chairperson is not present.

6. Cars entering the "1S" class at a speed event must be compliant with the NCCC rulebook's stipulations on tire and wheel sizes, including tread depth and wear ratings.

Thank you for paying attention to these reminders and conducting your events in accordance with the NCCC rulebook.

Roadrunner Region's event calendar, results, and point standings are posted on our web site at:

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In the Rocky Mountain Region, during the winter months, it is time to rest and recharge the batteries for the next competition season. The holidays will be in full swing soon and the snow will be on the ground. Not a good time for Corvettes, but we may have some sunny days to finish out the end of our season. We still have the Turkey Ralley, Snowflake Ralley, S'no Big Deal car show and whatever else we can squeeze in before it gets way too cold to go Corvetting.

When the cars are stuck in the garages for the winter, it would be a great time to fix the little problems that are haunting the show car, racer or fun Corvette, just in time for the beginning of the new season.

Happy Holidays to everyone in our Corvette Family.

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On October 1-2, the Region hosted its "REGIONAL" sponsored fundraising weekend in Knoxville, TN. It was our first trip to Pellissippi Community College – and, hopefully, will not be our last. The facility was very nice and, having access to the restrooms, made the site ideal! A special thanks goes to LINDA & DAVID GOEBEL for securing the lot for the Region and the other members of East Tennessee CC

for working and participating in the event. Several of them got the "racing" bug and had to see how their cars would perform on Sunday.

The following weekend (Oct. 8-9) found the competition in Nashville with 14 more events. The rest of the fall events include our usual Huntsville (Nov. 5-6), Roebing Road Raceway (Nov. 25-27) and Huntsville (Dec. 3-4) events. Check the Southeast Region website (www.ncccsouth.com) for the latest calendar information.

There were 77 sanctioned events in 2011. That number was limited by the availability of autocross facilities. We were not able to return to Tupelo, MS or Shelbyville, TN this year. Perhaps next year will bring more available venues. We do want to thank the clubs that donated their unused sanctions to help promote participation within the Region. Hope we can see more regional folks attending these events in the future.

As this article goes to press, we are saddened to report the loss of GEOFFREY GOTT, member of Tiretown CC in Akron, OH, and longtime supporter of events in the Southeast Region. The Region made a donation towards the purchase of a memorial brick at the National Corvette Museum. If anyone else wants to make a donation, please contact BETTY PARKS. There are plans for a special tribute to Geoffrey at the November events at Roebing Road.

We're still looking for club spotlight articles from Southeast Region clubs. If you'd like to be featured in this column, please submit your club's information (through your club's Governor) to BETTY PARKS. Your club could be featured in an future issue of *Blue Bars*!!

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Our competition season is now over. A big “thank you” to all our Region membership who worked their club events so that our Region competitors were able to compete. Folks, it just wouldn’t happen without individual club membership support.

Hopefully, as you’re reading this article, the weather has cooled down and we’ve had rain here in the Southwest Region. It has been a very hot and dry time for members across the Region, but it hasn’t stopped our members! It was a very active fall.

Listed next are a few of our local club events. Members from Longhorn, Cowtown, Brazos River and Tulsa Vette Set Corvette Clubs have hosted their annual car shows this fall supporting their local charities selected by their membership. Fall Foliage Tours have been a favorite this fall supported by members throughout the Region. San Jacinto CC’s “Chicken Run & Piney Woods Cruise” has been a club tradition since the early ‘70’s. Tulsa Vette Set and Oklahoma City CC members joined together and welcomed home troops by escorting their military busses from the airport to a local Armory.

Don’t forget the special discounts that are available for all NCCC members; check them out on NCCC’s website.

For more information regarding our Region go to ncccsregion.org/

Jeannie Ruston, Southwest Region RE

It’s been a busy year here in the Southwest Region. We are getting out of September and rushing into October with hopefully some cooler temperatures for the fall. We have had autocrosses at venues such as Texas Motor Speedway in Ft Worth, TX, Hallet Raceway near Tulsa, OK, Oklahoma City, OK and Waco, TX; and we have autocrosses scheduled for the Motor Sports Ranch (10/22/2011) in Cresson, TX, along with several 14-event weekends in October. We have been fortunate to see some of the top 10 NCCC racers this season in competition here in the Southwest Region and it has been our pleasure having them come and enjoy some competition and bench racing afterwards.

The latest and greatest information for competition events and Regional standings are available at the Southwest Region home page. Please feel free to check it anytime for released flyers and schedules at www.ncccsregion.org.

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I don’t know where the summer went. The time always goes by so quickly, but then I think back at all that we have done and know why

it went so fast: with car shows, parades, autocross events, drag races, rallies and all kinds of social events. This is living the good life!!!

I want to thank **Heartland Corvette Association** and **Air Capital CC** for donating sanctions for our NCCC Convention warm-up at Heartland Park in Topeka in July. Many of you came and saw the facilities we will be using for the 2012 NCCC Convention. Other clubs in the Region have also generously hosted events and donated the proceeds to the Region so that we can make this one of the best conventions ever. Members of the CC of Iowa have stepped up to handle registration, the Judged Concours and Hi-speed event. Cornhusker CC members have taken on the Drag Race events, People’s Choice Car show, the Corvette Mall and Door Prizes. Members of the Cedar Rapids CC are chairing the Funkhana. Members of the Topeka CC are busy designing the Low-Speed track to challenge everyone. Mid-America CC has shouldered the responsibility of tech. There is plenty to do and all the clubs in the Region are encouraged to contact Larry Beebe (Cedar Rapids CC) and Linda Seicgrist (Topeka CC) to volunteer. There are nightly parties and social activities for those not participating in the race events. This truly is a Region-wide effort to show NCCC the warm Midwest hospitality (Mother Nature willing it won’t be TOO warm) for which we want to be remembered. I hope to see all of you in Topeka in 2012!!

Kathy Brisbois, West Region RE

The West Region recognizes those who earn top points in Race events, Concours events and Rallye / Funkhana Events. Below are the top women and men in each category.

WEST REGION 2011 POINTS							
PLACE	NAME	CLUB	POINTS	PLACE	NAME	CLUB	POINTS
RACE EVENTS - LADIES				CONCOURS EVENTS - LADIES			
1	Kathy Gau	CCC	710	1	Kathy Brisbois	CCC	32
2	Marie Manz	CCC	656	2	Marie Manz	CCC	27
3	Cindy Kohlsheer	CCC	521	3	Kathy Gau	CCC	26
4	MaryAnn Angerorth	CCC	512	4	Sharon Oosler	CCC	22
5	Pat Harrison	MACC	477	5	Jayne Reit	CCC	21
6	Kathy Brisbois	CCC	407	CONCOURS EVENTS - MEN			
7	Sharon Klug	CCI	388	1	Jerry Koraleski	CCC	33
8	Crhris Beebe	CRCC	230	2	Gary Brisbois	CCC	32
9	Sharon Oosler	CCC	244	3	Jon Manz	CCC	27
10	Vickie Faulstich	MAL	217	4	Gene Gau	CCC	26
11	Linda Hommer	CCI	205	5	Larry Steffen	CCI	22
RACE EVENTS - MEN				RALLYE EVENTS - LADIES			
1	Larry Steffen	CCI	644	1	Kathy Gau	CCC	50
2	Gene Gau	CCC	619	2	Cindy Kohlsheer	CCC	47
3	Larry Lichtenwald	MCC	594	3	Marie Manz	CCC	43
4	Jerry Koraleski	CCC	588	4	Kathy Brisbois	CCC	34
5	Don Angerorth	CCC	537	5	MaryAnn Angerorth	CCC	26
6	Erv Gunderson	CCC	545	RALLYE EVENTS - MEN			
7	Tim Bailey	MACC	529	1	Larry Steffen	CCI	60
8	Dave Ferguson	CCC	516	2	Jerry Koraleski	CCC	58
9	Joe Eller	CCC	486	3	Kevin Kohlsheer	CCC	47
10	Randy Williams	CCC	452	4	Gene Gau	CCC	47
11	Kevin Kohlsheer	CCC	396	5	Gary Brisbois	CCC	34

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Overall points leader for the men is **Larry Steffen** from CC of Iowa. **Kathy Gau** from Cornhusker CC is the overall points leader for the ladies. As of this writing, there are still several sanctioned events to be held in the West Region, so these could change by the end of the year. Thanks to everyone for participating and making this another great year in the West Region.

Jerry Koraleski, West Region RCD

By the time you read this, we will be getting into the part of the year that those of us who live up north dread the most -- winter. We will have put our Vettes away until spring and we'll have found other ways to occupy our time.

Renewals will be under when you receive this iss of *Blue Bars*. I encourage all of the Governors to get them in early so your members get their renewal packets as quickly as possible.

I would like to remind all of you of our West Region Scholarship program, where we award scholarships to worthy West Region members' children or grandchildren. This year we didn't have any applicants, so the scholarships went unused. It is not too hard to sign up; we use the same form as NCCC does. Submit it to the West Region RE postmarked no later than August 1st. Any application received after that date will be eligible for the next year's award. Scholarship winners are to be announced after the NCCC Scholarship winners are announced. This is usually following the NCCC Convention. Applications can be found on the NCCC website.

Have you signed up your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews in the FCOA program? Applications for that can also be found on the NCCC website.

New members are important to the continued stability of NCCC. I encourage all of you to try and recruit some new members to your clubs, so we can continue to grow our organization.

Have a safe winter. We look forward to seeing you in the spring when you get your Vettes out.

Take care,

Bob Bowen, West Region RCD

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With 26 clubs in the West Coast Region and one club in the Northwest Region, we need the help of the current members to build membership in the Regions and to keep our clubs growing. Most clubs have business cards that can be used to promote your club. Pass

these out to Corvette owners that you meet or put them on Corvettes that you see parked. NCCC has a full-color brochure that explains to potential members about NCCC. These brochures are available from the RMD and can be sent to those who show interest.

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

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

Cliff would like to share something with every member of the Regions, which also reflects the feelings of the other Regional Officers: I attended the funeral service and Celebration of Life of **Andy Salvaggio**. Great Guy; one of the best. There were a lot of old friends there that I hadn't seen in many years. Many people shared their memories of Andy and how he affected their lives. It occurred to me that you won't make memories if you're sitting at home. Go to the many Corvette events we have in the Western Regions. Make some memories of your own.

The Competition year is winding down and Joe Orrico and Jennifer Spencer are leading the battle for 1st place followed by Scott Erickson and Cindy Orrico. Corvette Super Sports is in 1st with Inland Empire Corvettes looking for a close finish. We would like to thank all members of the West Coast Region for the increased participation this year with seven more events than 2010. Joe Orrico is already working on the 2012 activities calendar. Please contact Joe about any events your club is working on for next year so he can add it to the calendar and not have any event conflicts if possible.

We hope to have another High Speed Certification School in conjunction with Spring Mountain Track Days in early 2012. If you do not have a High Speed License, this is a good way to get one if you are intending on running the high-speed event at Convention.

We all encourage everyone to attend the NCCC Convention in Topeka, KS in June. The convention is non-stop fun for the entire week! We always have fun and stories to tell about the trip afterwards.

Congratulations are in order for Las Vegas CC taking 2nd and Corvette Super Sports taking 4th in the NCCC newsletter competition. A great job by these two clubs and we would like to see other clubs join in the Newsletter competition, since we have a lot of great newsletters in the Region.

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

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

Your WC Region Officers

Regional News

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The director of another association I belong to shared the following:

Many associations in this day and age are losing members at a fairly rapid rate. No one association seems to be immune. Studies conducted cannot seem to pinpoint and determine why, except maybe that future generations are not ones to join associations and do things together as groups.

The Value of A Member

“Ten little members standing in a line; one dislikes the President, and then there were nine. Nine ambitious members offered to work late; one forgot his promise and then there were eight. Eight members with good deeds of heaven; one lost his enthusiasm, and then there were seven. Seven loyal members got into a fix; they quarreled over programs, then there were six. Six members very much alive; one moved away, and then there were five. Five steadfast members wished there were more; one became indifferent and then there were four. Four cheerful members who never disagreed until one complained of meetings, then there were three. Three eager members! What will they do? One got discouraged and then there were two. Two lonely members, our group is nearly done; one joined another group and then there was one. One faithful member was feeling rather blue, met a new neighbor (Corvette owner) and then there were two. Two earnest members each enrolled one more; four determined members just could not wait until each found another and then there were eight. Eight excited members signed up eight more. And thus, in another six verses, there will be one thousand twenty-four.”

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I think if you reflect on what is written, the same can hold true here. This is why it is so important for our members to continue to recruit new members. Only we have the information to convince someone who owns a Corvette why they should join NCCC. Remember, the future of this association is in your hands. Let's each do our part, and NCCC will survive, thrive and multiply.

Keep on Wavin.™

Ron Brown, West Ohio Region RE

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PAST FCOA MEMBERS WHO ARE NOW NCCC MEMBERS

As a wrap-up to the celebration of FCOA's 20th Anniversary, I'm looking for the names and contact information of former FCOA members who are now active NCCC members! I have a list of many of them but I know I'm missing lots so get the information to me by December 1st if possible! Need names & the best way to contact you and/or them so I can let you know what I need for the article. E-mail the information to FCOAkids@aol.com ~ please put something in the subject like "Past FCOA member" so you don't get spammed or deleted.

Thanks for your help!

Pat Kelly, FCOA Director

2011 FCOA Membership Count by Region as of October 20, 2011

	REGION	# MEMBERS 01-01-11	ADD NEW MEMBERS	SUBTOTAL	LESS 16 YR. OLDS	# MEMBERS 10-20-11	# MEMBERS 09-18-10	% INCREASE 09-10/10-11	CLUB WITH LARGEST FCOA # (10-20-2011)	# FCOA MEMBERS
MW	MIDWEST	547	26	573	-37	536	519	3.28%	MW-351 WINDY CITY CORVETTES	219
WR	WEST	443	16	459	-19	440	414	6.28%	WR-015 CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	152
ER	EAST	310	11	321	-11	310	297	4.38%	ER-263 BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	44
MI	MICHIGAN	298	7	305	-16	289	294	-1.70%	MI-003 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	68
FL	FLORIDA	262	27	289	-11	278	258	7.75%	FL-276 CORVETTES OF NAPLES	113
EO	EAST OHIO	180	1	181	-12	169	172	-1.74%	EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND	44
SW	SOUTHWEST	161	5	166	-7	159	155	2.58%	SW-131 OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	51
WC	WEST COAST	165	2	167	-16	151	166	-9.04%	WC-326 CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	26
IN	INDIANA	122	6	128	-5	123	112	9.82%	IN-382 S CENTRAL INDIANA CORVETTE CLUB	25
SE	SOUTHEAST	130	4	134	-11	123	129	-4.65%	SE-073 NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	56
RR	ROADRUNNER	104	2	106	-8	98	104	-5.77%	RR-303 DESERT CORVETTE ASSN.	47
WO	WEST OHIO	72	2	74	-3	71	72	-1.39%	WO-027 CORVETTE TROY	40
RM	ROCKY MTN	69	2	71	-4	67	67	0.00%	RM-183 COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	27
NE	NORTHEAST	47	0	47	-4	43	47	-8.51%	NE-254 SOUTHERN TIER CORVETTE CLUB	7
CA	CAROLINA	27	0	27	-7	20	28	-28.57%	CA-014 CAROLINA CORVETTES	10
NW	NORTHWEST	1	0	1	0	1	1	0.00%	NW-483 TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	1
	TOTAL	2938	111	3049	-171	2878	2835	1.52%		

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

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

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Pat Kelly, FCOA Director



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

NCCC Official Drag Records as of
5/30/2011

Bold Black Box index time indicates reset since last report - **Bold Italics** indicates new record holders since last report of 6/9/11 - **Bold black** Time indicates actual record time set on date listed - Record time is at sea level.

Class	Time	Index	Mens Record Holder	Club	Event	Date Record Set	Class	Time	Index	Ladies Record Holder	Club	Event	Date Record Set
Group 3													
DPA	9.01	9.28	John Sharp	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-2 Oklahoma City, OK	10/19/03	LDPB	9.83	10.13	Dolores Barncord	Comhusker CC	WR-01 Comhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
DPB	9.73		Ron Bockerman	Comhusker CC	NCCC Convention	08/13/09	LDPB	10.05	10.25	Vicki Burgess	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
DPC	7.66	7.89	Carl Moyer	CC of Iowa	WR-01 Comhusker CC-1990	09/03/93	LDPB		11.30				01/01/93
RPAF	9.52	9.81	Pancho Thompson	N.E. Ohio Vette Club	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	LRPAF		10.20				01/01/97
RPA	9.78	10.08	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	WR-01 Comhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	LRPA	10.26	10.57	Linda Garvin	Mid Texas Cust CC	SW-03 San Jacinto CC-1997	11/02/00
RPB	9.97	10.17	James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	SW-03 C.O.A.S.T. 2006	09/24/06	LRPB	10.57	10.78	Sylvia Hoaldrige	Cowtown Vettes	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
A	9.98	10.28	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	LA	10.60	10.92	Loretta Spirrad	Capital City CC	MF-051 Capital City CC-2000	05/20/02
B	10.10	10.30	James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	NCCC Convention	08/10/06	LB	10.31	10.63	Linda Williams	San Jacinto CC	SW-37 Oklahoma City CC-1993	06/12/96
E	11.05		Scott Mathiesen	Oklahoma City CC	SW-431 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LE	11.09	11.42	Kathryn Pennington	Cowtown Vettes	SW-01 Oklahoma City CC-1997	06/07/00
H		11.42				01/01/97	LH		11.42				01/01/97
K		11.42				12/10/05	LK		11.42				12/10/05
N		10.30				05/01/09	LN		10.30				05/01/09
CLM	10.12	10.42	Steve Walling	Comhusker CC	WR-88 Crossroads CC 2005	10/15/05	LCLM	10.99	11.32	Abby Walling	Comhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06
Group 2													
A	10.90	11.23	Stan Dedrickson	Comhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/11/02	LA	10.61	10.93	Liz Bockerman	Comhusker CC	WR-06 Comhusker CC-1994	09/05/97
B	11.34		Larry Walker	Boone Trail CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City, CC 2010	10/17/10	LB	11.70	12.06	Paty Wilson	Comhusker CC	WR-36 Comhusker CC	09/07/00
C	11.81	12.17	Jim Benedict	Comhusker CC	MI-153 Royal Corvettes-1999	09/25/01	LC	12.65	13.03	Linda Benedict	Comhusker CC	WR-39 Comhusker CC-1997	09/01/00
D	11.76	12.12	Dick Smith	Comhusker CC	WR-36 Comhusker CC-1999	09/06/01	LD	11.92	12.28	Sharon Smith	Comhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00
E	12.69	13.08	Dale Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05	LE	12.69	13.08	Amanda Acker	Comp Corvettes of OK	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2005	05/29/05
F		12.24				01/01/93	LF		12.24				01/01/93
G		13.26				01/01/93	LG		13.26				01/01/93
H	12.29	12.41	Johmy Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-038 Oklahoma City, CC 2009	05/24/09	LH	12.34		Christine Gann	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2011	05/30/11
J	12.30		Robt Morrison	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2011	05/30/11	LJ	12.61		Cindy Morrison	Cowtown Vettes	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10
K	11.84		Joe Szjarto	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LK	12.36	12.61	Janet Szjarto	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
M	11.01		Travis Lochthead	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LM		11.42				12/10/05
N		10.81				05/01/09	LN		10.81				05/01/09
CLA	12.92	13.31	Steve Walling	Comhusker CC	WR-36 Comhusker CC	09/07/00	LCLA	14.28	14.72	Joan Bohannon	Comhusker CC	WR-36 Comhusker CC	09/07/00
CL	13.42	13.83	Ron Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99	LCL	13.67	14.08	Jeanie Ruston	Oklahoma City CC	SW-43 Oklahoma City CC-1996	06/08/99
Group 1													
A	12.43	12.55	Ron Bockerman	Comhusker CC	Kearney Raceway Park, Kearney, NE	09/20/08	LA	12.75	12.88	Liz Bockerman	Comhusker CC	Kearney Raceway Park, Kearney, NE	09/20/08
AA	13.13	13.52	Bob Holliday	Tiretown CC	MI-100 Royal Corvettes-1997	09/20/00	LAA	14.73	15.18	Merrilyn Walling	Comhusker CC	WR-36 Comhusker CC	09/07/00
B	13.45	13.86	Doug Shilen	Cowtown Vettes	SW-1 Oklahoma City, OK 2004	05/30/04	LB	14.10	14.52	Joan Bohannon	Comhusker CC	WR-15 Boone Trail CC-1999	05/15/01
C	13.20		Paul Bohannon	Comhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club 2010	10/09/10	LC	14.11	14.53	Joan Bohannon	Comhusker CC	WR-89 Comhusker CC 2004	10/09/04
D	13.96	14.38	Ron Bockerman	Comhusker CC	SW-02 San Jacinto CC-1999	11/14/01	LD	14.08	14.50	Liz Bockerman	Comhusker CC	SW-02 San Jacinto CC-1999	11/14/01
E	13.45	13.86	Dale Acker	Competition Corv OK	SW-02 San Jacinto CC-1999	11/14/01	LE	13.75	14.03	Sharon Meesman	Michigan Autocross Group	NCCC Convention	06/18/07
F		12.75				01/01/93	LF		12.75				01/01/93
G	13.43	13.56	Paul Stewart	Oklahoma City CC	SW-038 Oklahoma City CC 2009	05/24/09	LG	13.41		Jeanie Stewart	Oklahoma City CC	SW-401 Oklahoma City CC 2010	05/30/10
H	12.78	12.91	Chris Cantell	Oklahoma City CC	SW-038 Oklahoma City CC 2009	05/24/09	LH	13.17		Mary Anne Kolb	Tin Hall Toys	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10
J	12.50		Dave Hawks	Comhusker CC	SW-431 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LJ	12.64	12.89	Glenda Brown	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
K	12.18		Ted Molenda	Tin Hall Toys	SW-431 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LK	12.26		Berynce Molenda	Tin Hall Toys	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10
M		11.73				12/10/05	LM		11.73				12/10/05
N		11.11				05/01/09	LN		11.11				05/01/09
CLA	14.65	15.09	Jim Schwent	Boone Trail CC	NCCC Convention	07/16/00	LCLA	15.44	15.91	Sue Schwent	Boone Trail CC	WR-05 Comhusker CC-1991	09/02/94
CL	14.81	15.26	Fred Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Comhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	LCL	15.31	15.78	Terrri Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Comhusker CC-2001	09/02/01

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT
September 6, 2011

REGION	CLUBS	MEMBERS	MAL	FCOA	LARGEST CLUB IN REGION	MEMBERS
Carolina Region	13	257	18	20	CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	60
East Ohio	17	923	31	168	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	181
East Region	27	2359	70	310	CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	208
Florida Region	20	1128	47	278	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	229
Indiana Region	17	954	17	123	FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	138
Michigan Region	15	1117	16	288	AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	253
Midwest Region	33	2248	38	532	WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	171
Northeast Region	5	183	14	43	CORVETTES OF BUFFALO	67
Northwest Region	1	130	0	1	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	130
Rocky Mountain Region	13	660	22	67	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	138
Roadrunner Region	13	829	22	98	TUCSON CORVETTE CLUB	144
Southeast Region	15	1116	19	122	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	274
Southwest Region	20	1462	34	159	TULSA VETTE SET	408
West Coast Region	26	1918	28	151	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	200
West Ohio	7	332	17	71	CORVETTE TROY	115
West Region	24	1664	24	438	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	346
TOTALS	266	17287	417	2869		
TOTAL MEMBERS NUMBER INCLUDES MAL'S AND 7 HONORARY MEMBERS						
NCCC HAS 288 LIFETIME MEMBERS						



Carolina Region			Northwest Region		
CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	CA-174	60	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	NW-483	130
CAROLINA CORVETTES	CA-014	28	Rocky Mountain Region		
CARO-VETTES, INC.	CA-356	26	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	RM-183	138
East Ohio Region			TOP OF THE ROCKIES CORVETTE CLUB	RM-176	115
BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	EO-010	181	CENTRAL WYOMING CORVETTES	RM-497	61
CENTRAL WEST VIRGINIA CORVETTE CLUB	EO-147	109	Roadrunner Region		
CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.	EO-005	92	TUCSON CORVETTE CLUB	RR-331	144
East Region			DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	RR-303	141
CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	ER-098	210	SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB	RR-452	93
CORVETTE CLUB OF AMERICA	ER-001	208	Southeast Region		
BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	ER-263	203	NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	SE-073	274
LANCASTER COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	ER-266	190	EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	SE-253	253
FREE STATE CORVETTE CLUB	ER-038	188	CORVETTE ATLANTA	SE-142	102
YORK COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	ER-108	168	Southwest Region		
KEYSTONE STATE CORVETTE CLUB	ER-093	115	TULSA VETTE SET	SW-248	408
BEACHCOMBER CORVETTE CLUB	ER-366	106	SAN JACINTO CORVETTE CLUB	SW-063	203
CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CORVETTE CLUB	ER-196	101	COWTOWN VETTES	SW-055	162
Florida Region			LONGHORN CORVETTE CLUB	SW-207	154
CORVETTES OF NAPLES	FL-276	229	OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	SW-131	109
CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB	FL-032	129	West Coast Region		
GULF COAST CORVETTE CLUB	FL-076	101	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	WC-202	200
Indiana Region			PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES	WC-336	144
FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	IN-115	138	CORVETTES OF TEMECULA VALLEY	WC-500	134
HOOSIER CORVETTE CLUB	IN-513	126	CORVETTES LIMITED	WC-447	128
CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	IN-281	120	POMONA VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	WC-434	119
TRI-STATE CORVETTE CLUB	IN-133	108	CORVETTES WEST	WC-302	113
Michigan Region			PALM SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	WC-340	112
AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	MI-488	253	O.C. VETTES, INC	WC-325	110
CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	MI-006	201	RED LINE CORVETTES	WC-420	105
GRAND VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	MI-041	135	West Ohio		
Midwest Region			CORVETTE TROY	WO-027	115
WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	MW-351	171	GLASS CITY CORVETTE CLUB	WO-039	81
MIDWEST CORVETTES	MW-054	148	FOUNTAIN CITY CORVETTE CLUB	WO-132	33
SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	MW-051	142	West Region		
WISCONSIN CORVETTE CLUB	MW-075	142	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	WR-095	346
CORVETTE CLUB OF ILLINOIS	MW-109	139	CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	WR-015	193
NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	MW-167	131	CORVETTE CLUB OF IOWA	WR-022	125
SUNBURST CORVETTE CLUB	MW-277	124	SIOUX FALLS CORVETTE CLUB	WR-126	111
CHICAGO CORVETTE CLUB	MW-004	113	NEBRASKA CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	WR-192	106
MID-ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	MW-391	112	Listed are the clubs with 100+ members or the top 3 clubs of that region		
Northeast Region					
CORVETTES OF BUFFALO	NE-030	67			
ADIRONDACK CORVETTES	NE-373	35			
SOUTHERN TIER CORVETTE CLUB OF N Y, INC.	NE-254	34			

THE CORVETTE WORLD TRIBUTE

August 21, 2011

Article by Douglas McMahan and Jan Hyde (RCRC)

The Corvette World Tribute (CWT) which took place on Sunday, August 21st at Road America was one event which helped Chevrolet celebrate the 100th year anniversary. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to a union strike where those of us in management had to backfill the union positions. This event is one that I had been working and partnering with Jan for months and as a Corvette Enthusiast, it was one I had really looked forward to attending.

The Kettle Moraine Corvette Club (KMCC from the Midwest region) hosts the Corvette Corral, which has been a fixture since 1956 at the fabled Road America circuit in Elkhart Lake, WI. Some of the club's long-time members helped organize and take part in the CWT during the 7th round of the ALMS races on August 18 – 20.

The CWT was the brainchild of George Bruggenthies, president of Road America and the Registry of Corvette Race Cars (RCRC) www.registryofcorvetteracecars.com. The RCRC offers online the world's largest collection of data, information and photographs of Corvette race cars, all models, all series, every year. The RCRC mobilized its contacts with Corvette enthusiasts, drivers, racing legends and Corvette race car owners to make the CWT a class reunion for the ages.



Historic Racing



Corvette Bridge Re-Dedication

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There were three days of pre-race sessions for historic Corvette race cars. There was track time for high performance driving (HPD) and touring groups. Ralph Kramer, ex head of Cheve PR moderated panel discussions with legendary drivers from Jim Jeffords, Bob Bondurant and Dick Guldstrand to Andy Pilgrim and Johnny O'Connell. Dan Binks, Corvette Racing Crew Chief, and Doug Fehan, GM program manager raised over \$45,000 at a special auction for camp Anokeje. Saturday dinner participants were treated to a viewing of the Quest, a documentary film about the first Corvette to win its class at Le Mans in 1960 and return for its 50th anniversary with racing legend John Fitch, 93. The CWT topped out on Sunday, Aug 21 with a full day of vintage and historic races, HPD, track touring, auto-

cross, concours, a group Corvette race car photo and a Homecoming celebration at the Corvette Bridge. Many NCCC members, the 2011 Le Mans winning Pratt & Miller Corvette racing team, Corvette racing ambassador Ron Fellows and GM officials were on hand.

John Rische, a past president of the KMCC helped organize the CWT and also raced his 1969 Corvette in the historic race group. Club member Mary Lou Haen (KMCC), a savvy marketing director at Road America, was instrumental during the entire weekend. In addition to the event duties, she worked with PR to get our NCCC Inserts into the CWT Goodie Bags; many thanks to her for that. KMCC member Ivan Schrodtt arranged for a 1976 SCCA GT1 champion race car to appear from the collection of the NCM where Ivan serves as a trustee. Larry D. Beebe (WFCC) generously offered his Trans



Corvette Race Car Group Photo

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Am C6 race car for Tony Ave, the Trans Am series points leader, to drive in the contemporary race group.

The Lamers/Beebe Racing #4 Corvette with driver Tony Ave, did win the 2011 Trans Am championship; that coupled with the car's 2007 SCCA GT-1 championship earned its retirement. Larry stated that the second-generation replacement should be ready for the first race in 2012.

Other NCCC Members participating in the events included Larry Beebe FL, Jim Riley MI, Paul Yeager KS, Ron Marks & Shawn Hanna MN. I would like to thank other NCCC members which responded to my email blast promoting the CWT event. The members I was made aware of included Wally Grivna, Governor, Suburban Corvette Club of MN and around six of their members, Minnesota Renegades, Jim & Christine Riley from America's Corvette Club, Paul Yeager of the Mid-America Corvette Club, Bob Young from Corvette Indy, Larry Bushaw from the Cedar Rapids Corvette Club.

The RCRC has an interest on working future events at more venues involving influential groups like the NCCC, its clubs, the National Corvette Museum and their members. Looking forward as we look into opportunities to augment involvement with our traditional venues, joint-ventures with organizations like the RCRC offer both organizations opportunities to promote and grow.

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Lots of Historic Vettes on hand

Lance Miller with Jim Jeffords with in the SCCA 1959 BP champ Purple People Eater

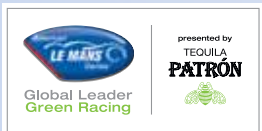
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Dan Binks, auctioneer at Corvette Corral

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