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From the President



Good news for one of our distinguished members... PATRICK DOLAN has been elected to the Corvette Hall of Fame at the National Corvette Museum. Patrick worked to get the National Corvette Museum started from the very first. He was instrumental in forming the organization and planning for the future of this great asset to our hobby. This is a tremendous honor for Patrick and a positive for National Council. Patrick has served NCCC in many functions including V.P. of Competition and President. He is currently our Director of Charity. When you see Patrick, congratulate him. He earned this honor.

The 2012 Convention in Topeka, KS, is ready for you. The committee is well organized and has some fun events for your vacationing pleasure. They have competition events at Heartland Park and a very special

tour that culminates at the Kansas State Capitol for a party. Consider taking the "Yellow Brick Road" to Topeka. You will be glad you did.

Your club will have a great season planned for you. Be sure you support the efforts of the planners by participating. The fun of the club is the activities for you and your car. Shining cars attract attention and sometimes new members. Share your enthusiasm by bringing a friend or neighbor to a club meeting. We have instituted a new program where a National Officer may be able to attend your club meeting. If you would like to have an Officer visit your club, please let us know. This may stir up some interest.

Communication is important. Your club Governor is your representative to the National organization. Try to channel your communications through the Governor. If the need arises, direct contact information for all the officers is included in this publication. We welcome your input.

Another person who deserves a thank you is our Director of Publications. Sylvia Hoaldrige, who has done a tremendous job of keeping our National Publication up-to-date and on time.

Drive 'em if you got 'em.

Hal Bellamy



Social Events in the Land of Oz

Saturday:

- The Welcome and Opening of Convention will include NCCC's Salute to our Military. We want to honor those in your family who have served or are serving in any branch of our armed services.
- Take a few minutes to gather pictures to include in a PowerPoint presentation that will show during the welcome party. Please go to the NCCC website for the email address and details for submitting your pictures.
- Are you creative? If so, join in the Table Top Decoration Contest for the Military Salute. Rules and details are listed on the website: https://93075438.domainhost.com/2012Convention/conv2012_events_militarysalute.pdf
- This evening's band is a local band from Topeka. Legacy is well known for their selection of Bluegrass, soft rock and their humor.

Sunday:

- After the 2011 Competition Awards Dinner you will relive the 60's with the Grapes of Wrath.

Monday:

- Yes, you are back in Kansas! We hope you will participate in the Wizard of Oz Costume Party. Prizes will be awarded for the best Wizard of Oz costume. Rent the movie and decide which costume best fits your personality and enter the contest. You may not be the only "tin man" or "lion" in the room, but your goal should be to have the most "original"! Don't forget Dorothy, the Munchkins, or whatever suits your fancy – just go for it and have fun!
- The Rural Route 4 band will be playing as you wander around the Land of Oz. This country group will get you up and dancing on the yellow brick road.

Tuesday:

- Remember your high school prom? Or, maybe you didn't attend your prom. That's okay because you get a chance to relive, or go for the first time, take your same date or take a new date. Regardless, plan to attend the NCCC Senior Prom. Ladies, come dressed as you did back then or come as "your mother wouldn't let you go". Guys, slick that hair back, grab

your date and rock the night away. Prizes will be given for best Woman and Man's prom outfit, King and Queen and more.

- Bop Daddies will be playing your favorite 60's & 70's music. Wear your ruby red slippers and dance the night away.
- We want pictures of you when you attended your high school prom, high school dance, or when you were in your best friend's wedding, your wedding(s), any picture of you all dressed up during your high school or college days. These pictures will be shown during the evening in a PowerPoint slide show. Information is on the website: https://93075438.domainhost.com/2012Convention/conv2012_events_prom.pdf

Wednesday:

- After the parade and picnic you will be treated to an evening of entertainment with the Steamroller Band. You will remember them from the 2010 Convention in Florida. This group will play a little of everything.

Thursday:

- Beginning at 6:00 p.m. you won't want to miss the evening we've titled "Wicked Sin-sastions! This is a Wine Tasting Contest for individual clubs. This is an opportunity to have fun before and during convention. Your club can hold wine tasting parties to determine the wine(s) you want to "show off" at convention. Select your favorite wines and bring them to convention to share with your Corvette friends and family. Wines will be rated as Fair, Good, Wicked, Wickeder or Wickedest. This evening is called Wicked Sin-sastions because not only will we enjoy the Wine Contests and the tastings but there will be an awesome dessert sin-sation as well. What a night - **Wine and Chocolate!**

Convention is always the same and always different. A different venue with new things to see and experience, but always a good time!





Looking Ahead to the

53rd Annual Convention

By the time you read this article you most likely will have registered for convention, at least we hope you have. We are looking forward to convention to do what we “Corvette Enthusiasts” enjoy doing. Things like getting together with friends, competing on the track, enjoying a tour, dancing to new and old sounds, showing her off a little (speaking of the car of course) and in general having a great time.

We checked the Farmer’s Almanac and it tells us the weather will be sunny. Evenings can be cool so a light jacket may be in order. If you remember the movie Wizard of Oz it snowed on the poppies; good news, the Almanac is not predicting snow on the poppies during Convention!

When you arrive in the Emerald City be ready for a good time. For those who want to get a head start, registration and tech will be open noon to 6:00 p.m. on Friday, June 22.

The Welcome and Opening of Convention will include NCCC’s Salute to our Military. We want to honor those in your family who have served or are serving in any branch of our armed services.

Sunday starts with meetings followed by the Concourse and People’s Choice Car Shows in the afternoon. After dinner we will honor the Top 15 Women/Men and Clubs for their 2011 Competition Season.

Monday starts with the Rallye followed by the Valve Cover People’s Choice, Drag and Distance Races in the late afternoon. Yes, you are back in Kansas and you will want to be part of the “Land of Oz” costume party that evening.

Tuesday has the Wizard of Oz Funkhana at the hotel and High and Low Speed Autocross at Heartland Park. That night you get a second chance at enjoying your high school prom. Plan to attend the NCCC Senior Prom.

Dress as you did when you went to your high school prom or like you wanted to dress. Either way, look for clothes that were in style at the time of your prom and bring them to wear at our prom. A guided trip around Topeka is also available Tuesday.

Wednesday is the second day for Wizard of Oz Funkhana at the hotel and more High and Low Speed Autocross at Heartland Park. Two guided bus trips are available Wednesday to Kansas City. If you like parades we will be motoring south on Topeka Boulevard to Heartland Park and back to the State Capitol Grounds for a picnic before we head back to the hotel to rock to the music by the Steamroller Band.



Thursday takes us back to Heartland Park for the Drag Races. Matching Time, Record and Bracket Drags will take the most of the day to determine the Champions. If you want to tour, join the Guided Corvette Tour through the Flint Hills of Kansas and enjoy the scenery and attractions lined up for the day. Are you a golfer? There will be a golf outing at one of Topeka’s fine golf courses. Bragging rights are allowed. Have you heard about the Wine Tasting Contest? This is a contest for individual clubs. Each club may feature one or two wines at the Contest.

Friday morning is our Convention Awards Breakfast where all trophy winners will be recognized. You will want to stay for the Charity Banquet Friday evening where NCCC Awards are presented to deserving members. Have you purchased your raffle tickets for the 2012 Gran Sport that will be given away that evening? Someone will win – will it be you?

The West Region Clubs are looking forward to seeing you in Kansas!

LARRY BEEBE, CONVENTION DIRECTOR
LINDA SIECGRIST, CO-DIRECTOR

National Council of
Corvette Clubs

53rd Annual Convention

2012 Convention Competition

If you are looking for **Competition**, the Emerald City is the place to be June 22-30. After the floods of '93 we have consulted the Farmer's Almanac and there is no mention of rain.

Saturday:

- Track day at Heartland Park. Twenty minute sessions will help you learn the course and have a great time.
- Saturday evening we want to honor those in your family who have served or are serving in any branch of our armed services. Are you creative and competitive? If so, the Table Top Decorating Contest at Saturday's opening party will intrigue you. Rules and details are listed on the website.

Sunday:

- Competition on Sunday will be the Concours and People's Choice Car Shows. This is your time to show the world what Corvettes are all about. We hope the public will come "take a look" at your pride and joy. The People's Choice will feature your car, and only you know if there are any flaws.

Monday:

- The Rallye will be a learning day for Contestants. The Rallye will have an historical flair that includes a tour of the city and counties surrounding Topeka.
- The Land of Oz will be the theme for the costume party on Monday night. Prizes will be awarded for the best Wizard of Oz costumes.

Tuesday:

- The Funkhana at the hotel will take you through the Land of Oz with fun games of skill and chance. You will visit Dorothy and Toto and many of the other characters as you give it your all.
- In another part of the Oz Funkhana you will drive the 2.3 mile road course with 14 turns as you run for your class championship.
- The low speed course will use most of the 23-acre flat asphalt pad. You won't find curbs or light poles on this well designed course. Your need for speed and skill should be satisfied at this event.
- After the racing there is the Senior Prom. Ladies, come dressed as you did back then or come as "your mother wouldn't let you go". Men, get that tux out and show what you've got. Prizes will be given for the best Woman and Man's prom outfit, and of course a King and Queen and much more.

Wednesday:

- The same competitions as Tuesday at Heartland Park; High and Low Speed Autocrosses
- The Wizard of Oz Funkhana will take place in the hotel.

Thursday:

- We head back to Heartland Park to use their NHRA drag strip. Matching Times, Record and Bracket Drags will challenge your reaction time and fulfill your desire for competition.
- **FORE**, the Annual Golf Outing will have you out on the links shooting up a storm.
- Have you chosen your wines for the wine tasting contest? Each club may bring one or two wines to feature in the contest. Wines will be rated as: Fair, Good, Wicked, Wickeder, and The Wickedest!
- More details available on the website: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/>





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NCCC's Top 15 Ladies

#1

Carolyn McLemore
Michigan Autocross Group
Michigan Region



“Wow” is the only word that comes to mind when I reflect back on the 2011 Autocross season. It was just a year ago (2010) when I went to my first Autocross. I had not heard of Autocross previous to meeting Rene. I was curious and wanted to know, “What is this Autocross thing with Corvettes?” Well, when I showed up, I could not believe people actually drove Corvettes in this manner. It looked pretty cool and I wanted to give it a try, but there was one problem, I had never driven a stick. I learned how to drive a stick 15 minutes before my first Autocross. Thank God I did not have to go out of 2nd gear. Needless to say, once I had experienced my first Autocross, I was hooked. I went to every Autocross event that the Michigan Region scheduled. When the season was over, I was not ready to sit and wait for the following season to begin 5-6 months later. Rene suggested that we go all over the nation and get our fill of this Autocross thing. There was only one thing that could be an obstacle and that is we worked out of state Monday-Friday. We decided we would go ahead and make a run for it anyway. That is when the journey began.

We started the season in Arizona and ended in Florida. We covered a lot of ground in between. We had a few hiccups along the way. Our first hiccup was in Fruita, CO. After Autocrossing in Florida on Saturday, we flew from Orlando to Phoenix. We drove all night (literally) from Phoenix, AZ in hopes of reaching our destination just in time for the drivers meeting. When we finally arrived, to our dismay, the event was already in progress. We didn't know what time zone was being followed. Larry

Morrison was kind of enough to ask the participating clubs if we could join their event since they had just started and they agreed it was okay. That was a close call. The next incident that we encountered was the one all owners/drivers hate to think about- we broke the car. We were in Texas and Rene was on his second to last run and the bearings spun. I did not feel comfortable driving the car. Dean Adler was generous enough to offer his car, so I could make my last two runs. We were now faced with the problem of not having an Autocross car to continue the season. Milton Price, a fellow member of Michigan Autocross Group volunteered the use of his car while Rene's car was being repaired. Milt's car was a bit different than Rene's car for me. I had to build a comfort level all over again. It did not take long to learn that a Z06 drives different, better and faster than a stock C5. How fun! We continued on our journey and we gained another driver, Milt. Rene's car took longer to fix than we anticipated. Rene and I decided that it was time to bring out his backup car, the Callaway! Thank God for the Callaway, but we really did not want to put the car thru the rigors of Autocrossing. We babied the car during our run for points. All of a sudden we were faced with another road block; our work required us to miss two weekends in a row. Ouch! After waiting around one Friday, we finally received a call that the C5 was ready to go! It was 4 pm and we had to make it to Oklahoma by 8 am. Another personal growth experience presented itself to me; I had to drive a truck pulling a trailer. That was the only way we were going to be able to make it on time. I did it!

What a great experience for me. I was able to meet such terrific people. I was fortunate enough to get advice from some of the most experienced female drivers like Mary Wentzel and received words of encouragement from another great driver, Carolyn Samuelson. I watched and learned from some of the best male and female drivers throughout the country. I traveled thru places I probably would never go in this lifetime. I have to acknowledge and thank the person who involved me in this thing called Autocross, Rene. Rene is an absolutely terrific driver who possesses more patience than anyone I know. He has taught me so much. I can only hope that one day I can drive just as good as he does. Maybe the next time we try the National Championship run, I will drive as good. I recommend this experience to everyone to try at least once. I am going to catch my breath this year, finesse my skills some more. Watch out, tho. Next time I do this, it will be in a faster Vette.

Officially, hooked!

#2

Mary Wentzel
CC of Michigan
Michigan Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1970 and competing since late-1978.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

Making new friends and the wonderful competition that I encountered; the great support of my husband. Enjoyed running Roebing Road for the first time and the great southern hospitality. A special thanks for the wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner that was shared with many friends.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

Being able to attend more events.

What are my plans for the future?

To continue competing and enjoying being able to share our Corvettes with my husband. Bruce has been fantastic and a great incentive; to continue to support daughter, Dyan, and have her enjoy racing Corvettes as much as I do.

A special thank you to all of the regions we visited in 2011 and all of the workers.



#4

Christine Reitz
Route 66 CC
Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1999 and competing since 2000.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

The weather was really good this racing season! Our first trip to Hawkeye Downs to race was a lot of fun. Competing and participating in our first NCCC convention was a fantastic experience!

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

If I could change one thing from this past race season, it would be the loss of our good friend Geoff Gott. We sure do miss him.

What are my plans for the future?

Tom and I are planning to attend convention in Topeka, KS in 2012. We are also planning on competing both in and out of the Midwest Region as much as our pocket books will allow. We plan to continue our involvement in our club and in NCCC at the regional and national level.

We really do appreciate all of the volunteers who work so hard to put on fantastic events all over the country. Without the hard work and dedication of NCCC clubs and their members, we would not be able to enjoy all of the competition and friendships we treasure.



#3

Kathy Gau
Cornhusker CC
West Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1999 and competing since 2000.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

Traveling to different regions and renewing friendships.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

I would have purchased a Corvette and started racing years ago.

What are my plans for the future?

Participate in our regional activities.

Thank you to all who helped us along our travels in 2011 and the clubs that sponsored events.



#5

Betty Parks
Corvette Atlanta
Southeast Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1974 and competing since 1975.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

Once again, 2011 found us in all our usual competition places (generally in the Southeast, Florida, Carolina and Indiana Regions). The Tinley Park Convention consumed a lot of my spare time, but it was fun to see such a big crowd there. Following that – we ventured out to some more events in the Midwest – in Centralia, IL and then 250 miles north to Galesburg, IL! What a hike...but we had fun even though the car broke. Thanks to friends, we still got to run. The season was fun and exciting until we lost our dear friend, Geoffrey. As my times reflected - his spirit remained with me throughout the remainder of the season...especially the week at Tybee Island!

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

Probably nothing! As usual, we weren't running for number one, attended everything that we wanted to . . . and were lucky to end in the top 15.



What are my plans for the future?

Well –look for us out in all our usual places – working and running! It's in our blood. If we stay home – then we'll have to finish remodeling the house.

#6

Marie Manz
Cornhusker CC
West Region

I've been an NCCC member since December 2004 and competing since Summer of 2008.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

Enjoy traveling to different regions, making new friends and learning how things are done in other regions.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

Not a thing.

What are my plans for the future?

Focus on the National Convention in Topeka. Compete locally, traveling, and spending time with the grandchildren.



you enjoy the time you spend with them, because you may not see them again. Also, make sure that you keep in touch with those good friends!

What are my plans for the future?

I would like to continue to attend events throughout the year and hopefully attend a couple events that we have heard about but never had the chance to attend. Dave and I are looking forward to a week in Topeka

I would like to thank all the clubs that put on great quality events every weekend! A very special thank you goes to all the workers at these events, from judges to corner workers. We could not have an event without you! THANK YOU!

#8

Tracy Gaudu
Longhorn CC
Southwest Region

I've been in NCCC since 2005 and competing since 2007.

I most enjoyed the caravan up to Topeka last year with other members/friends of the SW Region. It's always fun traveling as a big group versus by yourself. I had never been to Heartland Park before and it was a fun and challenging high speed! Racing at Hallett and Roebling Road are highlights of any year!



#7

Joan Heinemann
Windy City
Corvettes
Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1975 and competing since the EARLY '80'S.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

I enjoyed traveling to our favorite events and in the processes seeing the beautiful USA! Dave and I had the opportunity to attend some new events for us and had a great time. We spent so many fun weekends with great friends and competitors. It is always so welcoming to have clubs greet you when you arrive at their events and then Thank You for coming! Where else can you go to an event and have your competitor cheering you on even if you beat them, or not gloat when they beat you! Only in NCCC! Also, meeting up with friends along the way and traveling together is just an extra bonus for a good week end and makes those dinners along the highway extra special! I can also tell you at what mile mark is every Cracker Barrel and Flying J gas station from our house to anywhere in the USA!

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

2011 was such a great year. I learned a major lesson. When you leave a fun week end, make sure you tell your friends Good Bye and let them know



If I had to do it all over again, I would have raced at Putnam Park! I'd like to make it to that track one day...

In fact, my plans for the future include going to high speed events that I have never raced. Variety is the spice of life!

#9

Janet Wilson
Northern Illinois
CC
Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1991 and competing since 1992. This is my 20th year of competition.



What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

The most enjoyable is still looking forward each week to travel to events in the various regions throughout our country and enjoying the many friendships we have made and continue to make.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

Hope to avoid some of the extremely hot weather we ran into in 2011 at some events. Other than that, we are having a good time and wouldn't

change a thing.

What are my plans for the future?

Stay healthy and do it all over again in 2012 with a continued focus on enjoying every day.

#10

Linda Goebel
East Tennessee
CC
Southeast Region



I've been an NCCC member since 1971 with some time off to go pro-racing and motorcycle touring, and competing since 1971.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

I enjoyed learning a new and very different race car in 2011 built by Phoenix Performance. I am proud of setting two new Ladies RP records at Putnam Park and Roebing Road. Convention this year hosted in Tinley Park, IL, was one of the best I have ever attended. It was a thrill to AGAIN split the Convention LFTD's with Carolyn Samuelson. I also achieved another personal goal of being the overall Champion in the SE Region.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

More horsepower and travel to new places and new tracks.

What are my plans for the future?

More Horsepower and more travel.

We are still living our dreams. Thanks to all the clubs and their workers who make this possible. Thanks to Joe Aquilante, Phoenix Performance, for the best handling car I have EVER driven. As I write this in January, I already miss all our NCCC friends and especially the ones we have lost. Geoffrey Gott was always at our events no matter how far we traveled. He is missed by many who lovingly knew him as the "Professional." To all my fellow competitors and 2011 Champions, Congratulations. It was a great journey and I can't wait for 2012 to begin.

#11

Joan Thomas
Northern Illinois CC
Midwest Region



I've been an NCCC member since 1994 and competing since 1995.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

No matter how old I get competing never gets old. Each autocross run is just as exciting as the first one and just as exciting as the last one.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

Even though I had yet another great year, I did not enjoy my long down time due to illness. Not being "in the game" at events during that time was a very tough position for me to be in as a competitor. Thank you to my fellow competitors for helping me to get through those difficult weekends.

What are my plans for the future?

Every year we say we are going to start slowing down and go to less events and maybe just stay in the Midwest Region and maybe...well...I doubt if 2012 will be any different than previous years!

It is so hard to explain to a non-competitor how great the competition that Speed Events are for spending time with great NCCC friends. Everyone has their "thing" with their Corvette, but gathering and competing at a Speed Event is just the best use of time on any given weekend!

#12

Karla Richmond
Great River CC
Midwest Region



Greetings from Great River CC in the MidWest Region.

I became a NCCC member in 2004. My first Autocross was at Chariton, IA in the West Region, May of 2004. For the next four years, our schedules did not allow us to attend many NCCC events. Finally, in 2008, we began experiencing multiple NCCC events.

With so many enjoyable moments in 2011, here are a few highlights: Spending time with my husband and NOT Working,, WOW,, is this what Retirement is like? I can't forget the Chi-wow-wow sisters, what about those dedicated corner workers, timers and, of course, the after-race parties. Never a dull moment!

The plan for the future?

As with anything, enjoying the Gift of tomorrow.

All in all, this is an extraordinary hobby a couple can enjoy together on the weekends after completing a busy, stressful week. No matter what the weather was, how good or bad you did, it was still time together unwinding enjoying each other and the many crazy others that joined us. At the end of 2011, the season not only ended with familiar faces, it started a journey with an extended family. Last, but not least, Geoffrey, I sure hope race heaven has an unlimited supply of Chocolate Ice Cream with sprinkles for you. Miss you!

#13

Bernyce Molenda
Tin Hall Toys
Southwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1981 and competing since 1985.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2012?

Going to the different events, catching up with everyone and, by being retired, did not have to rush to get home Sunday night to get up and go to work Monday.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

I would not change anything. It was a chance to get out and meet up with people we knew and to make new friends.

What are my plans for the future?

Slow down and smell the roses. Will go out, race and enjoy the friendships we have made.



#14

Deborah Haskell
Carolina Corvettes
Carolina Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1998 and competing since 1998.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

I didn't start out the year with being in the Top 15 in mind. I was working full time with little vacation time. So competing took a back seat. But in the fall, there were so many events in the Carolina, Southeast and Florida regions, Johnny and I decided I might be able to make it. So we ended the year on the road again and seeing our friends. And that's the best part and what makes it all worthwhile – being with friends!!



If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

Probably nothing – we had a great time.

What are my plans for the future?

Learning to get the most out of the Z06 – Johnny's modifying it! Bet you'd never guess that, huh?

Thanks to great friends – Betty Parks, for all her help in timing and results;

Dave and Linda Goebel for putting me in their car on the last race day of the year – which made it possible for me to be in the Top 15; and, of course, Johnny – my best friend and the most wonderful husband a girl could ever want!!

#15

Linda Fairlamb
Northern Rays,
Ltd.
Midwest Region

I didn't start out 2011 trying to get into the Top 15, but it's really cool to have gotten there. All of my points (1128 from 112 events) except 25 from Convention came from Midwest Region events because about half way through the year, I realized I might be able to get #1 in the Midwest Region, something I had never done in the 19 years I've been racing. And I did it (although just barely with Carolyn only 32 points behind!!). Once is enough, though. I race for the fun of it and to relieve stress, but trying to maintain #1 through the end of the year, caused more stress than it relieved!



What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

Most memorable in 2011 was, of course, the Convention our region hosted and the Drag event my Club put on. I had no idea how much work this was going to entail. Afterwards, the number of people who thanked us for our effort was astounding and much appreciated. Also, at Convention at the suggestion of Michael J, Ski formed a new club called the DMO (Drinking Member Only). To join, one need only do a shot of Polish vodka. (The Cizel's have a family membership.) Club motto is "There are no points, we're all winners."

One of the most entertaining weekends of the year was that hosted by Great River Corvette in Quincy, IL. Paula did her best impression of the Dukes of Hazard, launching her car over the parking lot island (evergreens and all) and landing under control on the other side. She and Del being new to racing were not prepared for the help they would get to make sure their car was checked out and fixed. Calls were made and the local tire shop fit them in before they closed. On Sunday, the owner of the tire shop came to the event to check on them! Miraculously, other than some bent rims, there was very little damage to the car. The day's excitement was rounded out with a bus ride to the Richmond's to see the car collection and enjoy an evening of food and drink.

And I can't forget 4th of July weekend at Rantoul. Seeing Sue get whipped cream smashed in her face by the waiter at the Mexican restaurant for her birthday was a sight not soon to be forgotten!

So, as with every year, the most enjoyable part of competing was the time Ski and I spent with good friends during and after the events. No reason to do anything different in 2012.

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In the last half of 1991, there was talk of starting a local Corvette club in the Gainesville, GA area. Four men and one lady planned the 1st meeting for Lanier Corvettes Unlimited (LCU) for March 1992. Two of the original five are still active members of the Club today. Randy Smith and Bobby Tow remember those early days and have enjoyed seeing the Club sustain a steady average membership of 65–70 members for the past 20 years.

LCU was represented at the Grand Opening of the National Corvette Museum and has been a member and supporter of the NCM since that time. Members enjoy attending numerous annual events and share in the enthusiasm for the continued growth of the NCM. Several members also have participated in NCCC autocross events and the Club realizes the importance of being NCCC members.

By annually sponsoring one or two events, LCU has been able to donate funds each year to several local non-profit organizations such as Challenged Child, Gainesville Care Center, The Guest House and Gateway House. We've also expanded our support to include national organizations, such as Wounded Warriors and the NCM.

The opportunity to own and drive a Corvette is a thrill and

privilege, but the lifelong friendships that we've developed as a group are the most important results of being members of a special Corvette family that we call Lanier Corvettes Unlimited.

Submitted by Randy Smith, 2012 LCU President.



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NCCC's Top 15 Men

#1

Rene Cardenas
Michigan Autocross Group
Michigan Region

Running at the national level in NCCC autocross competition never gets old. It was fun and exciting when I tried it out 11 years ago and it is still just as fun and exciting today. It is always great to go back to places you have run before and see familiar faces and old friends from years gone by, as well as visiting new places and making new friends. When you run at the national level, the rest of the Top 15 men and women competitors become your second family. They will look out for you, call to see how you are doing, if you made it to the event, if you got home, or will see why you didn't make it to an event. They will do their best to lend you a spare part, a tool, even offer a ride to make up your runs if your car breaks down. You will bench race, joke, laugh, share stories, have breakfast, lunch and dinner, caravan to and from the event and all kinds of fun things with this family, and the memories will last a lifetime. So, thank you and congratulations to the Top 15 men and women. To me, they are all champions!

As you enjoy the adventurous journey to compete in a full season of autocrossing and make the best out of it, every once in a while you have to reminisce about those who touched our lives but are not here with us anymore. This season we lost a great friend, an amazing driver, a staple of NCCC autocrossing and a true champion, Geoffrey Gott. Godspeed, Geoffrey!

Most definitely, you cannot forget to thank those who helped and pushed you along the way to get to your goal. Forever grateful to my good friend, Milton Price, who generously allowed us to compete in his awesome '02 Z06 when my C5 was getting its engine rebuilt and for helping me drive to and from tons of events; to Dean Adler of TCCC in the SW Region for letting Carolyn finish her runs in his 3H Z06. There is no faster car than a black Z06! I'm also forever grateful to Francis Richmond, for a left front brake line from his ZR1 for my Callaway; Tom Reitz, for a number of new replacements for broken wheel studs and stripped lug nuts; Rob, who works on the cars that I drive, www.maxspeedeng.com, and would not let me have my C5 back until he was 100% sure it would perform to my satisfaction. Despite my constant nagging for the car, first he noticed that one piston would stick out about 1/16th of an inch too far and the engine had to be sent back. Once that was corrected and everything was back in the car, there was not enough oil pressure. I had to wait more time. Finally, I get the call and it is good to go. Pick up the C5 and leave Michigan at 4:00 PM on Friday afternoon. We drove all night to Oklahoma City in time for drivers' meeting the following Saturday morning. I was completely nervous that I did not have time to break in the engine in the C5 before competing. Francis Richmond told me that it would run better if I just ran it hard right from the get go without breaking it in. Guess what? I was not disappointed, that little C5 ran the fastest lap all weekend. Rob fabricated and installed the roll cage in my race Z06, as well as replaced several race engines. He will set up your car for autocross or road racing or any way you want it. He makes

fiberglass wide fenders for Corvettes and he charges reasonable rates for his work. I highly recommend Rob and his staff if you are in the area or want to ship him your car for any type of work. I also want to thank Sears Auto Service Repair Shops, for those of us who usually run into unexpected emergency repairs while competing somewhere in the country on Saturdays. Every one closes by 12:00 noon; however, Sears is still open until 9:00 PM if you can find one nearby. We have changed a number of tires late Saturday afternoons at Sears and they even had to break a race wheel off the car, because a rounded lug nut would not come out. Last, but not least, my greatest thanks goes to Carolyn for going along and supporting my quests for dual national titles. I am so proud of you.



#2

Warren Snyder Suburban Corvettes of MN Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1996 and competing since 1997. Some of my club members suggested I should try autocrossing, since I had just purchased a '92 ZR1. It sounded like a good idea so I did. My thoughts were that I would be the fastest driver, since I had the fastest car. WRONG. I was the absolute slowest driver there. A six-year-old child riding his/her tricycle could have navigated the course faster than I could. A number of my club members suggested that I get some good tires and try a driving school. It sounded like a good idea. The rest is history.



What did I enjoy about competing in 2011?

Meeting all the great people from around the different regions. I cannot say this enough: It was a blessing to be with such wonderful people who are so helpful and encouraging. On Friday or Saturday night, each hosting Region always encouraged me to attend some before or after event to share and have fun with them...and it was.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

Not one thing. It was such an exhilarating experience from being in the company of so many great drivers and being able to compete against them. The times I shredded a trailer tire and a truck tire, getting lost on the way to an event, driving in rain when I could not see the hood of the truck and wind that just about blew me over. The food that gave me heartburn and the motels that were a little seedy, but cheap, all the memories of competing are priceless for years to come.

What are my plans for the future?

I plan to take my wife to Europe, since she let me go racing just about every weekend last year without complaining, eating or getting new clothes. Racing is expensive!

I would like to thank NCCC for the competition program where one can meet and have fun with so many different people from around the United States and my club for their encouragement and support. I would encourage everyone to try autocrossing. It's a great way to learn better driving skills and to enjoy how great a Corvette is.

#3

Howard Curtis Elkhart Vette Set Indiana Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1997 and competing since 2001.



What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

Our NCCC family! Weekly gatherings at the next stop in our schedule and a few new friends.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

I think I did it about right. Maybe tweak a few things, but probably nothing. Great friends, tough competition. It's all good.

What are my plans for the future?

As long as I am competitive, I'll just keep on keeping on.

I will be 78 by the end of this season. My goal is to have fun and, hopefully, inspire old and new people to do their best. And, to all, remember, "DON'T LET YOUR MEMORIES BE BIGGER THAN YOUR DREAMS."

#4

Larry Lichtenwald Muscatine CC West Region

I have been a member of the Muscatine Corvette Club and NCCC since 1984. I started out going to Car Show and doing Rallyes. As events close to home got fewer each year and work took more of my time, I drove less. It got to the point where, the only time I drove the Corvette, was to put fresh gas in the tank each season. So I did what anyone would do. I got a second Corvette to drive and have some fun with. One of the first things I did was go to an event called Autocross. I did not know what it was, but it was held at a race track and you needed a helmet. After that day in 2005, I was hooked.

This past season has been the best. I finally got to start traveling again. I was on the road for 2-3 weeks at a time, on mini-vacations. I saw parts of the country that I had not seen in 20 years or more. I even put the top down and drove to Key West and back. Over 300 miles, round trip, in an Autocross car. All this at the end of a trouble-free season.

I have made a lot of new friends in the Eastern half of the US. I hope to be able to compete in the other half of the country in the coming years. So start scheduling more events and you may see me in the future.

My only regret is, because of work, I waited so long before I started have so much fun. But, as they say, "There's no such thing as too much fun."



#5

Bruce Wentzel CC of Michigan Michigan Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1973 and competing since 1965.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

The Southern hospitality. Of course, most everything is south of here :-)

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

I'd have called the cops when my life was threatened.



What are my plans for the future?

Enjoy my health, my wife and my cars.

Thanks to all those who put so much work into making NCCC a great organization.

#6

Thomas Reitz
Route 66 CC
Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1999 and competing since 2000.

During the 2011 competition year, I enjoyed spending time with my extended NCCC family, also the many parking lot parties and interesting hotels and, of course, being able to travel with my wife. Every weekend away from home was like a "mini-vacation."

If I had it to do all over again, I would not change much. I had a GREAT time all year long. There were a few minor mechanical breakdowns, but nothing too big to hold me back.

In the future, I would like to try places I have not raced at yet. Different venues are always a challenge. I would also like to have more members of my club participate in events outside of our home town area. They are really missing out on a ton of fun on these race weekends.

I would like to thank all of the workers at all the events for volunteering the time to put these events on. Without their hard work and effort, none of this would take place. NCCC workers are the BEST!

I would also like to thank Geoff Gott for his friendship over the years. He will be greatly missed.



#7

Gene Gau
Cornhusker CC
West Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1999 and competing since 2000.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

Traveling out of town with our friends, Jon and Marie Manz, finishing in the top 10 and finally getting the Z-06 up to snuff thanks to Mike Quine and his automotive skills.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

I would have bought the trailer that Jack Wilson now has before he did.



What are my plans for the future?

Tweek the Z-06 a little, grease the trailer wheel bearings and get ready for Convention in Topeka.

Thanks also, Dave and Linda Goebel, for their hospitality.

#8

Milton Price
Michigan
Autocross Group
Michigan Region

I've been competing since 2008 in Michigan only; 2011 was the first year nationally.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

I meet a lot people out racing every town or city was difference a lot of the same people. The way people help each other I got a lot of help from other people and to help other people when I could. I think that what make NCCC racing so fun to be at.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

If I could do it over I would not change much other then be the only driver in the car not three it too hard on the car doing it that way and not safe.

What are my plans for the future?

I still want to complete as much as I can. This year, my Daughter is getting married June 24, so that will come first this year.

I have always liked the Corvette, but have never gotten one until I retired from G.M. after 32 years. My first Corvette was a 1976 red one; I have owned a 1981, 1988 and 1994. I now own a 2003, convertible Blue and a black 2002 ZO6 that I race. My niece now has the 1976. It is red with flames and has a lot more horse power then it came with.



#9

Don Parks
Corvette Atlanta
Southeast Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1974 and competing since 1975.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

Went to 17 weekends of events plus Convention – no regrets! Favorites – Putnam Park (IN) High Speed & Roebing Road (GA).

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

Nothing; okay, maybe go to one more weekend! No – Two! No – Three!



What are my plans for the future?

SOS...no, not what you think...Somemore Opportunities Somewhere!

Miss You, GHG!

#10

Jon Manz
Cornhusker CC
West Region

I've been an NCCC member since 2004 and competing since 2008.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

It was an enjoyable time to compete each weekend and make many new friends

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

I would not change anything; it was a wonderful experience.

What are my plans for the future?

We are going to do some traveling this year and compete on a local level.

#11

Jack Wilson
Northern Illinois CC
Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1991 and competing since 1992. This is my 20th year of competition.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

We have been blessed with an opportunity to get to do what you want and when you want after we have retired. Memories of "Living the Dream" were the most enjoyable in 2011.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

More power, sticky tires, and less expense, but I always did like to dream.

What are my plans for the future?

Stay healthy, enjoy the travels and events with my wife Janet, and live life to the fullest.



#12

Jim Thomas
Northern Illinois CC
Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1994 and competing since 1995.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

Enjoying the company of my NCCC friends and meeting new NCCC friends.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

Nothing had a great time.

What are my plans for the future?

Try to make as many events as possible and still get some good quality home time.

No matter what your Corvette interests are, enjoy the NCCC experience.



#13

Dave Heinemann
Windy City Corvettes
Midwest Region

I've been an NCCC member since 1975 and competing since 1978.

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

The friends we have made while having fun with our Corvette traveling around the country. It's not the breath you take each day, but the things that take your breath away. I have had many breaths taken away this past year. I have always said that there is nothing more important than family, and NCCC members sure prove how true this is.

If I had it to do all over again, what would I change?

Last year I answered this saying I wished I had started competing earlier in the year and had another Corvette for a back up. The 2003 Z06 was getting tired. I can't change not starting earlier in life, but Joan let me get a new Corvette. I also would not leave the two extra trailer tires sitting in the garage again. It was an interesting experience when we had two flats on the same day on different sides of the trailer. One flat was in the mountains coming back from Shelby, NC and the other was in Kentucky in the rain at night, and we only had one spare with us. And it was Sunday night. No tire to be found anywhere. Jim Thomas and I talked in Shelby earlier that day about having more than one spare when you travel. We now have four mounted spare tires for the trailer!

What are my plans for the future?

Joan and I plan to travel to the events that we really like and have had a good time at and spend time with our NCCC family around the country.



We also will continue to attend every NCCC Convention each year. Until you attend one, you don't know the good time you are missing. And we plan to spend as much time without five kids, two sons-in-law and six grandkids as we can in-between all our Corvette fun.

In 2011, Joan and I hosted the NCCC National Convention in Tinley Park, IL. It was a lot of work to entertain everyone, but when it is your family and friends, it doesn't seem like work. We had a wonderful time hosting the Convention, and it was the least we could do to give something back to NCCC for all the good times we have had in the last 37 years. NCCC is an amazing organization and every day I see what a great group of friends and members belong to NCCC. I cannot imagine our life without NCCC. I want to also thank all the clubs, chairpersons and workers who allowed us to have this much fun. And to a great friend and continual competitor, we will all miss Geoff Gott, Who Always Had a Good Time.

#14

Francis Richmond
Great River CC
Midwest Region

I joined NCCC in 1979 in the Midwest Region with the Great River Corvette Club. I started competing off and on throughout the years starting in 1980. In 2004, Karla and I tried to attend every chance we could and here we are in the Top 15 for 2011.



I had the most fun spending time with the yellow Queen Bee. I enjoyed traveling in the "Toter" to the many tracks and experiencing the different courses in the regions. "Wrenching" my car or other competitors' cars was another highlight for me. I enjoyed the challenge if we had the parts, tools and/or talent to get the car running to finish the events.

Next year, I would like to attend more High Speed Events. I enjoy the High Speed events the most. I am looking forward to the NCCC Convention in Topeka and Heartland's High Speed course.

If I could change anything from 2011, it would have been to have had faster times and to have beaten that purple car every time! Watch out, Purple Car, in 2012; I found the secret,,,,,new tires, every event!!

The NCCC events would not have been so enjoyable without the amazing racers, event workers, timers and even the general public in all the areas we attended. Looking forward to 2012.

#15

Geoffrey Gott
Tiretown CC
East Ohio Region

What did I enjoy most about competing in 2011?

Geoffrey's goal for 2011 (from his 2010



Top Competitor article) was to seek out the party, racing wherever it can be found. In the spring of 2011, he retired after 44 years with Prospect Mold – and set out to achieve that goal without having to worry about getting back home for work on Sunday night. Before his untimely death in September, Geoffrey had participated in 180 events spread over 16 weekends, including the Tinley Park Convention. His travels spanned across the nation – starting in Sanford, NC; then Hallett, OK; followed by Mattoon, IL; Shelby, NC; Putnam Park, IN; Tinley Park, IL; Rantoul, IL; Tire Rack, IN; Quincy, IL; Spartan Speedway, MI; Kirtland, OH; back to Quincy, IL; Grissom AFB, IN; back to Kirtland, OH; and finally Defiance, OH.

Geoffrey started campaigning a Corvette in 1977. Since that time, he achieved NCCC's Top 15 award 17 times (note: six times in the Top 5) and earned the Don Hoskins Award. He touched so many people along the way as a first-rate competitor who was always willing to share his insights and genuine passion for NCCC. The hole left by Geoffrey's loss will never be filled. He will always be remembered as "The Professional."

P.S. "If I didn't tell you before – I had a good time."

[Editor's Note: Thank you to the Parks, the Murphys and all those who knew Geoffrey for their input into this Top 15 tribute to Geoffrey.]

In Memoriam

Russ Baxter, The Original Circle City CC, IN
Dick Bennet

Johnny Biffle, Nashville CC, SE

Clinton C. Cooney Brennan, CCT, SW

Dale Bromberger, Vette Set, Inc., WC

David Campolito, Mahoning Valley Corvettes, EO

Jerry Coble, Pomona Valley Corvette Assn., WC

Geoffrey Gott, Tiretown CC, EO

Marsha Susan Greer

Tim Harless, Anderson Corvette Assn, IN

Paul Hayes, Southwest Corvettes, WC

Gloria Kamerer, Buckeye Corvettes, Inc., EO

Michael Lanzara, Brazos River CC, SW

Chris Massie, Jackson CC, MI

Theresa McCarty

Benjamin McCullough, Fass Glass CC, MW

Michael Morton, Pacific Coast Corvettes, WC

Steve Norris, CCT, SW

Bob Pilgrim, Colorado River CC, RR

Bill Quine, Corvette Troy, EO

Ron Rago, Diamond Valley Vettes, WC

Reggie Russell, Cen-Tex CC, SW

Andy Salvaggio, Vettes R Us, WC

Bill (William) Stafford, Tiretown CC, EO

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

Our Trip to 2011 National Corvette Convention



We left our home in Cape Coral, FL on Friday, June 23 heading to Wisconsin for a short vacation and then on to Tinley Park, IL for the convention. We left home around 4:00 AM in our 2000 Roadster. Approximately 200 miles from home we noticed a slight noise coming from the rear of the car. As we drove on, it got progressively louder and louder - a metal on metal grinding sound. As we came into Bowling Green, KY we decided we could not drive any further. We pulled into a motel parking lot to decide what to do. It is now about 7:00 PM and car repair places are not open, nor anything else that could help us. We decided to call our good friend, Don Schmitt, up in Wisconsin. He told us to contact Dick Yanko and gave us his phone number. We called Dick and explained our situation. He said he would be right over to the motel. Dick thought it was something to do with the brakes. He said there was nothing we could do that night, but he called his good friend, Jim VanDorn, owner to Auto Masters, and Jim gave us his opinion. He said he would order the parts he thought we would need and have them there on Monday morning. Dick Yanko was nice enough to loan us his Chevy Malibu for the weekend so we weren't stranded at the motel all weekend. Dick Yanko was so helpful that it turned a bad situation into a much more enjoyable one. On Monday morning we took our Corvette into Auto Master and Jim VanDorn checked it out. He spent an hour on the phone trying to get the correct parts. He found a place that could deliver them on Tuesday morning. He had the car repaired by noon on Tuesday and we were back on the road by 1:00

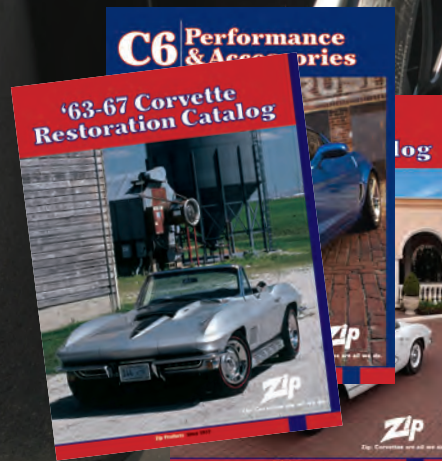
PM. We want to thank Jim and Gail Yanko for their help and Jim VanDorn for his great service. Our experience is a good example of why all Corvette owners should belong to NCCC. Anytime you are traveling and have a problem, you can count on NCCC members to come to your rescue. NCCC members are just "One Big Family."

Written by Chris & Mary Kostopulos, SW Florida CC

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Dreams Do Come True

My husband, John Clark, and his best friend from childhood, Bob Jackson, have always shared a love of Corvettes. Bob, or his parents, not sure which, had the money to buy him one as a teenager. A half century later, he still drives a Corvette. I've heard a lot of memorable stories about the guys and their "car" escapades. At the risk of telling secrets, let's just say they had a lot of fun back in their heydays!

Over the years, John has repeatedly expressed his desire to own a Corvette. Usually the "Wannabe Corvette Owner Syndrome" flares up whenever he loses money in the stock market. This burning desire will lay dormant in his bloodstream for years. The minute the market does a nosedive, the wishful juices start flowing again. For John, owning a Corvette has always been an earnest craving to spend time behind the wheel of his dream machine. I began hearing this on a regular basis shortly after 9/11 when he bought a Trail Blazer and started taking it to the local Chevy dealer for service. Each time he would go in for an oil change, I could count on him giving me the latest run down of Vettes on the showroom floor.

One thing I learned early on was to listen, nod and occasionally suggest he get more information about one he found for sale. When John was diagnosed with cancer in 2006, he put hopes of owning his dream car on hold. As time passed, the reality that we were not getting any younger took on new meaning. Wishful thinking still prevailed in 2008 when the economy tumbled and dollars flew out of our accounts like blood from a paper cut. John started his "Corvette Whine" again each time he visited the local dealer. One day, he came home and pointed out that we each could have purchased new Corvettes with the money we lost that year. Hmm, I often wondered exactly whose bank account to which he was referring. Certainly none of ours!

In the spring of 2011, I began humoring him once again, when he started talking about Corvettes. By that time, we had not had a vacation for several years due to his illness, and other family matters, that kept us close to home. When we would see a Corvette for sale, he would slow down and look. Several times we detoured into the person's driveway or lot where the sale vehicle was located.

It was early summer. We started the morning off by running errands. Throughout most of the day, John had been talking cars. I had been thinking what a great surprise a Corvette would be for our 43rd anniversary in July. We were about a mile from home when I asked him to stop the car. He thought I was mad. I said: "I want you to go shop for a Corvette. I can walk home." He thought I was joking and drove a short distance before finally pulling over. I got out and headed for home, where I waited and waited for what seemed like an eternity for him to return. When he let me out of the car, it was 1 p.m. At 6:30 that evening, I fixed myself dinner and began to pace the floor. Now I was the one getting nervous. Shortly after 7:00 that night, he returned. John spent the afternoon checking out the cars he knew were for sale. Much to my relief, he had already come to the conclusion that none of them were right for him. To some extent, I was relieved. At least he didn't buy the first one he saw.

Craigslist and eBay were loaded with Corvettes that summer. One car caught our attention. It was a 1993, 40th anniversary year, C-4 Polo Green Coupe. The car was located in Mishawaka; however the owner was rarely in town. After exchanging emails with the owner, John was able to see the car and take it for a drive. He was excited about the car's condition and low mileage. It did not have a scratch on it. Clearly, previous owners treated this car with kid gloves. The current owner had a binder with the service/work history on the car from its first oil change to its last. It turned out the car was a celebrity pre-owned vehicle originally purchased for Jimmy Johnson, Coach of the Dallas Cowboys. The current owner showed us a copy of a feature story that appeared in a 1996 issue of the *National Corvette Magazine*, along with photos of Johnson, giving the

history behind the car. Finally, after all these years, John was destined to be the proud owner of a Corvette. I knew the night he came home, after settling on the purchase price with the current owner, it was meant to be.

In the fall, we joined the Michiana Corvette Club. Winter was soon upon us and the car went in storage for the season. That didn't stop us from having fun with our new car. For Christmas, we sent friends a picture of the green machine with Marshal, our Labrador, in the driver's seat. Romy, our Springer, was his passenger. We hung a Christmas wreath from the driver's side mirror. That card resulted in several phone calls from friends and our veterinarian who wondered how we managed to get the dogs to pose like that. Of course, our dogs are perfect and would have done so in a heartbeat had we asked them. However, we found that Photoshop worked just as well. We had a lot of fun with that card.

When spring 2011 rolled around, it was time to gear up for yearlong activities sponsored by the MCC. We began with the Spring Swap Meet where John worked security. From there, we hit the ground rolling with monthly cruise nights to various locations in Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan. On Father's Day, we entered our car in a Show at Lemon Creek Winery in Bridgman, MI. Much to our delight, John's name was announced as one of the class winners – the prize – wine! Not only did we enjoy great company with other members from our club, we came home with an award voted on by his peers.

We were bit by the Car Show Bug that day. During the summer of 2011, we brought home trophies, dash plaques and certificates. One of the highlights of our first year as MCC members was traveling with local enthusiasts to northern Michigan for a fall color tour to Traverse City and the surrounding area. For us, the best part of owning a Corvette is the memories of wonderful people we've met who gladly share their love of Corvettes with us.

In case you are wondering, yes, I have driven our Vette with John as my co-pilot. I have come to love the car as much as he does. A cruise on a hot summer day as the sun sets with the wind billowing through our hair, and stars beginning to twinkle in the sky are the things that make wishes come true when you own your dream car. I think it is fair to say "Life is Good!" Live your dreams to the fullest. And remember, sooner is always better than later.

By Pat Clark© 2011



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2012 Motor City Corvette Concours The Corvette Show of Shows THREE SHOWS IN ONE!

The 3rd Annual Motor City Corvette Concours (MCCC) will be held on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at Les Stanford Chevrolet Cadillac (America's Corvette King) on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn, MI.

The Motor City Corvette Concours presents the Arkus-Duntov Cup trophy, which is 29" tall and made of polished pewter with a wood base. Each year, the overall winner's name is affixed to the Arkus-Duntov Cup Trophy and displayed at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY adjacent to the Arkus-Duntov exhibit. The Motor City Corvette Concours is very proud to present this tribute to Zora Arkus-Duntov.

The concours is hosted by eight Corvette Clubs in MI -- CC of Michigan, Corvette Legends Club, Flint CC, GMC Corvette Set, Rainbow CC, Team Corvette, Trend Settas CC and V-8 Estate CC.

In order to qualify for the Concours portion of the show, you need to attend three of the following Corvette shows and be nominated at one. Thirty (30) Corvettes are chosen by a committee to compete in the elite Concours portion of the show.

The qualifying shows for 2012 MCCC show are:

- June 2-Flint CC
- June 3-GMC CC
- June 9-Team CC
- June 16-GMC CC
- June 16-Rainbow CC
- July 14-Corvette Legends Club
- July 28-Trend Settas CC
- August 12-CC of Michigan
- August 18-Back to the Bricks (Flint, Michigan)
- TBD V-8 Estates Annual Car Show

The Duntov Trophy history:

- Zora Arkus-Duntov was hired by Ed Cole one month before the first 1953 Corvette was built. Zora's "job" was to turn the Corvette into America's Sports Car. When Zora retired 22 years later as the first Corvette Chief Engineer, he had done far more than just his job!
- As a celebration of his life and passion, the Motor City Corvette Concours is proud to present the Zora Arkus-Duntov Trophy in cooperation with the National Corvette Museum. This trophy is awarded to "The Best of the Best" of the Motor City Corvette Concours invitees. The winner's name is added to this trophy, which will be displayed in a special exhibit at the National Corvette Museum.

The MCCC show on Saturday, September 22, 2012 hosts the Corvette Concours by invitation only. A Judged Concours Show and People's Choice event (Sanction No. Mi-006-021) are open to all Corvettes. Trophies are presented to the winners in the judged and People's



Choice portion of the show. Each of the qualifying Corvettes in the Concours portion of the show will receive a porcelain license plate with your name engraved on it and the crest of the MCCC show. It is a wonderful keepsake. The overall winner receives a small version of the Arkus-Duntov Cup. Show entries have come from MI, OH, IN, WI and Canada.

Past winners are:

2010 - 1967 Corvette, 427 convertible - Larry Fallat, Canton, MI

2011 - 2007 Corvette Z06, Katech performance pkg. - Tom Smith, North Branch, MI

Pre-registration is encouraged for this event, but everyone is welcome.

There is a free concert, DJ, plenty of food and door prizes. The show is a wonderful tribute to Zora Arkus-Duntov.

Visit www.motorcitycorvetteconcours.com for detailed information.

Article was written and submitted by Mary Quine Wentzel.



Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta

**The Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta will Celebrate Their Fourth Year.
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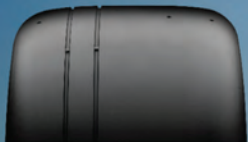
The Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta, (www.corvettecruisersofatlanta.com),
were interviewed by AutoWeek (www.youtube.com/watch?v=lTaoyv8XtCQ)

during their yearly fall visit to The Tail of the Dragon.

(http://www.tailofthedragonmaps.com/maps_ridemeposter.html)

The formation of our club occurred like many other car clubs, with a small group of people with common interests, ours being a passion for the Corvette. The discussions regarding our interests started in November of 2007. We began in earnest to build the foundation of our club in January of 2008. Based on our shared business experience in a two short months we were incorporated in Georgia, established contact with the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) to apply for membership, completed our By-Laws, selected our club name, designed our logo and became a member of The National Corvette Museum (NCM). In March 2008 the Corvette Cruisers of Atlanta (CCA) held it's first meeting with our total membership of 11 people and will celebrate its 4th year in March of 2012 with a membership north of 80 and growing. It is not a goal of CCA to be the biggest, but a desire and drive to be the best club a Corvette owner can join. Within CCA we have many knowledgeable Corvette owners and networking connections to the Corvette community for technical information, parts, repairs and purchasing resources. CCA is also a very active Corvette Club with a calendar jammed packed with activities. CCA always presents a list of activities to the membership made up of events we have enjoyed in the past and new events suggested by the members. A membership vote is taken on the suggestions and the most popular events are put on the calendar. Other events are also added to the calendar as they come up and in this way members have many activities to choose from. The other part of our activities, other than enjoying our cars and being together socially, is finding ways to give back to our community by helping local charities and individuals in need. A designated committee selects these. CCA has three Fund Raising events with the majority of our members working and supporting the worthy efforts of our fundraisers. We are fortunate to have many business people in our club, who manage the organization of our car shows and with the efforts of all our members this enables us to start our Shine & Show Car Shows fully funded, allowing us to maximize our donation. Our car shows are always judged shows with a substantial number of trophies to award and door prizes to give away, plus silent and live auctions. Our shows always attract a large turn out of vehicles featuring cars, trucks and motorcycles. In the four years we have been in existence CCA has contributed monies to local charities, individuals and Corvette organizations, including CCA's collaboration with other Corvette Clubs in the amount of \$48,500. This does not include the charity fund raising events as well as car shows supporting worthy charitable causes that many of us attend on the weekends. We are very proud of the CCA members and their passion, not just for their Corvettes but also their sincere compassion for those less fortunate. Speaking for the small group that formed this club it's our hope that the spirit and dedication to the values of this club will continue for many years to come.





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FROM THE INCOMING VP COMPETITION



Your competition committee has been hard at work during the first few months of 2012 to support a safe and fun season of competitive events for all members. We have just concluded our first competition committee meeting, and I am pleased to

be able to share the following highlights with you:

- We have over 800 sanction requests submitted so far, and many clubs are taking advantage of the new 2012 rule allowing 10 sanctions per club. I am pleased to see that this rule change is enjoying widespread acceptance.
- There are 2 Record Drag Events currently scheduled in the SW Region at Thunder Valley Raceway Park, Noble, OK. The first is on May 27, and the second is on October 21. Let's see some new records set this year!
- There are 2 well organized and excellent High Speed Driving Schools scheduled that will give you an opportunity to refine your driving skills and fulfill the requirements for NCCC High Speed Certification. The first is in the SW Region on April 6 at Hallett, and the second is in the East Region on May 24-26 at Pocono.
- Updated event completion summary (results) forms are available, several updates and enhancements have been made to make them easier to use. Additional enhancements to make the overall process of completing results easier are also being discussed by the Competition Committee.
- We have launched a National Sanctioned Competition Event Calendar that includes all of the sanctioned competition events in all regions on a single calendar. This was created to make it easier for national competitors to locate events that are scheduled across the country. Check it out. Hopefully you will find it a useful tool.

As always, if you have questions, comments, or new ideas for our competition program, please let me or your RCD know what's on your mind.

Paul Haack

Below is the Summary of the 5 Rulebook Clarifications discussed at the February Competition Committee meeting:

- 1). **Clarification Number:** 2012_1
 - **Rulebook Page:** 3-7
 - **Rulebook Section:** 3.6.1.1
 - **Clarification Requested:** Under Speed Event Page 2-10 (2.6.1.1), Group 1S and Group 1 Men and Ladies, Class M shows 2010 and newer Grand Sport with 376 cid (6.2 liter) LS3. Under Drag Races it does not show a Grand Sport in M. So is a Grand Sport in K Group or M Group for Drags?
 - **Competition Committee Clarification:** 2010 and newer Grand Sport with 376 cid (6.2 liter) LS3 is in "K" for Drags.
- 2). **Clarification Number:** 2012_2
 - **Rulebook Page:** 2-24
 - **Rulebook Section:** 2.7.1.7
 - **Clarification Requested:** This question concerns the Air Dam on the C6 ZR1. It seems that the design of the splitter leads to it being very easily damaged and the cost to replace is in the neighborhood of \$2000. The question is can the C6 ZR1 Air Dam be replaced by a C6 ZO6 Air Dam without being placed in Group II? There is also another option from Mid America Motorworks, supposed to work the same as the existing but cheaper.
 - **Competition Committee Clarification:** Clarification is divided into two parts according to what was requested.
 - 1). Replacement of the stock C6 ZR1 Air Dam with a C6 ZO6 Air Dam is considered a custom body panel per Section 2.7.1.7 item 8, and is allowed only in Group 2 and higher.
 - 2). Replacement of the stock C6 ZR1 Air Dam with an aftermarket reproduction part of like construction is allowed in Group 1/1S.
- 3). **Clarification Number:** 2012_3
 - **Rulebook Page:** 2-22
 - **Rulebook Section:** 2.7.1.5
 - **Clarification Requested:**
 - Question 1: Member questioned putting Carbon Fiber rotors in Group 3 – specifically ZR1 brakes on a Group 3 C4?
 - Question 2: Are two piece rotors legal for Group 1, Group 2, and/or Group 3?
 - **Competition Committee Clarification:** Clarification is divided into two parts according to what was requested.
 - 1). Carbon Fiber Rotors are considered exotic

materials per Section 2.7.1.5 item #19, and are allowed in RP and higher. They are not allowed in Group 3.

2). Section 2.7.1.5 item #1 requires Stock Brake System for Class (Group 1 and 1S), and Section 2.7.1.5 item #2 requires Stock Brake System for Year Group (Group 2), Therefore, two piece rotors (except as original equipment or stock) are only allowed in Group 3 and above.

4). **Clarification Number:** 2012_4

- **Rulebook Page:** 2-20, 2-21
- **Rulebook Section:** 2.7.1.4, items 5 and 12
- Clarification Requested: Question deals with a Vette Brakes package heim-link kit he previously put on the Corvette that he says was legal when he last raced his 1991 MN6 in 3E but now the rule book says it is not legal/allowed for group 3. 2.7.1.4 Para 5 Adjustable strut rods, trailing arms (Y for group 3), 2.7.1.4 Para 12 Aftermarket 5-link suspension bolted on without frame modification (grp 3 No)
- **Competition Committee Clarification:** Clarification is divided into two parts according to what was requested.
 - 1). Per Section 2.7.1.4 item #5, adjustable strut rods or “dog bones” can be replaced with heim joints in Group 2 and higher.
 - 2). Per Section 2.7.1.4 item #12, aftermarket 5-link suspension is only allowed in RP and higher.

5). **Clarification Number:** 2012_5

- **Rulebook Page:** 2-20
- **Rulebook Section:** 2.7.1.4, item 28
- **Clarification Requested:** Penske “7500 Series Racing Shocks”. Can be adjusted by adding nitrous air valve at top of shock. Custom built to order. Rulebook defines stock type as “Commercially manufactured (aftermarket), direct replacement with little or no performance advantage over “stock.” (they do have an advantage over stock). Spec sheet and pictures attached. Are these shocks legal for Group I or IS classes?
- **Competition Committee Clarification:** As these shocks are not “stock type” shocks as required per Section 2.7.1.4, item #28, and offer a performance advantage over stock, these shocks are not allowed in Group 1 or 1S.

FROM THE VP MEMBERSHIP



Well, the good weather has returned and hope the winter where you live was not too bad. For most regions, the Corvette season is well under way and events are happening. I would like to ask every member to go to at least one event and participate or help with it.

In fact, why not try a different type of event other than what you normally do and you might find something new you enjoy.

NCCC's annual renewal process is completed; most of the club renewals were sent out before the middle of January and all the late renewals were caught up before the end of that month. Great job, Larry Higgins and crew, who put in many hours getting the membership packets together and mailing them. Thank you, Larry, from all of NCCC. The next time you see your Club Governor or Region Membership Director be sure and thank them for all the hours and work they put in for our benefit and to help make NCCC run smoothly.

My second term as VP of Membership is up this year and I cannot run again. It is a rewarding position and can make a difference for NCCC. Since we now have the Data Base up and running, the manual paperwork is minimal. Having been a past or present RMD is not a requirement, but having some knowledge of how the membership system works would be helpful. I will be more than happy to help the next VP anyway I can. If you have any questions about the job, please contact me. We are looking for one or more members interested running for the position of VP Membership.

NCCC is the best Corvette family and organization because of our members. Thank you to everyone for making this happen.

Get that Corvette out and go enjoy. They are made to be driven. Ellouise and I hope to see you at one of the events or governors' meetings.

Larry Morrison

NCCC Official Drag Records as of
5/30/2011

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	LDPA	9.83	10.13	DeJores Barnoord	Cornhusker CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01
DPB	9.73	9.83	Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	08/13/09	LDPB	10.05	10.25	Vicki Bungess	Oklahoma City CC	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2008	05/25/08
DPC	7.66	7.89	Carl Moyer	CC of Iowa	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-1990	09/03/93	LDPD		11.30				01/01/93
RPAF	9.52	9.81	Pancho Thompson	N.E. Ohio Vette Club	NCCC Convention	06/28/01	LRLPAF		10.20				01/01/97
RPA	9.78	10.08	Fred Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	LRLPA	10.26	10.57	Linda Garvin	Mid Texas Cust CC	SW-03 San Jacinto CC-1997	11/02/00
RPB	9.97	10.27	James Garvin	C.O.A.S.T.	SW-03 C.O.A.S.T. 2006	09/24/06	LRLPB	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 Spinrad	Capital City CC	MI-051 Capital City CC-2000	05/20/02
B	10.10	10.40	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-131 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	Cornhusker CC	WR-88 Crossroads CC 2005	10/15/05	LCLM	10.99	11.32	Abby Walling	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club	06/24/06
Group 2													
A	10.90	11.23	Stan Dadrackson	Cornhusker CC	NCCC Convention	07/11/02	LA	10.61	10.93	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	WR-06 Cornhusker 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	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00
C	11.81	12.17	Jim Benedict	Cornhusker CC	MI-153 Royal Corvettes-1999	09/25/01	LC	12.65	13.03	Linda Benedict	Cornhusker CC	WR-39 Cornhusker CC-1997	09/01/00
D	11.76	12.12	Dick Smith	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC-1999	09/06/01	LD	11.92	12.28	Sharon Smith	Cornhusker 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	Ananda 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	Johnny 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		Robert Morrison	Cowtown Vettes	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 Loehhead	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	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker CC	09/07/00	LCLA	14.28	14.72	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker 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	12.68	Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	Kearney Raceway Park, Kearney, NE	09/20/08	LA	12.75	13.01	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker 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	Cornhusker CC	WR-36 Cornhusker 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	Cornhusker CC	WR-15 Boone Trail CC-1999	05/15/01
C	13.20		Paul Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-095 Archway Corvette Club 2010	10/09/10	LC	14.11	14.53	Joan Bohannon	Cornhusker CC	WR-89 Cornhusker CC 2004	10/09/04
D	13.96	14.38	Ron Bockerman	Cornhusker CC	SW-02 San Jacinto CC-1999	11/14/01	LD	14.08	14.50	Liz Bockerman	Cornhusker 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 Messerman	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		Jennie Stewart	Oklahoma City CC	SW-001 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	Tim Hall Toys	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10
J	12.50		Dave Hawks	Cornhusker CC	SW-131 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	Tim Hall Toys	SW-131 Oklahoma City CC 2010	10/17/10	LK	12.26		Bernyce Molenda	Tim 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 Cornhusker CC-1991	09/02/94
CL	14.81	15.26	Fred Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01	LCL	15.31	15.78	Terr Schneider	Platte Valley CC	WR-01 Cornhusker CC-2001	09/02/01

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS, INC.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

February 24, 2012

REGION	CLUBS	MEMBERS	MAL	FCOA	LARGEST CLUB IN REGION	MEMBERS
Carolina Region	13	251	17	21	CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	50
East Ohio	17	899	29	174	BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	175
East Region	27	2182	59	301	CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	219
Florida Region	21	1044	26	269	CORVETTES OF NAPLES	196
Indiana Region	17	924	14	125	FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	123
Michigan Region	15	1047	15	283	AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	229
Midwest Region	31	2183	32	525	WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	167
Northeast Region	5	170	10	43	CORVETTES OF BUFFALO	71
Northwest Region	1	111	0	1	TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	111
Rocky Mountain Region	12	564	22	64	COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	138
Roadrunner Region	13	773	17	92	TUCSON CORVETTE CLUB	138
Southeast Region	17	1140	16	124	EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	243
Southwest Region	19	1264	33	152	TULSA VETTE SET	359
West Coast Region	26	1846	28	148	LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	178
West Ohio	7	308	15	73	CORVETTE TROY	109
West Region	24	1577	18	436	CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	318
TOTALS	265	16290	351	2831		
TOTAL MEMBERS NUMBER INCLUDES MAL'S AND 7 HONORARY MEMBERS						
NCCC HAS 307 LIFETIME MEMBERS						

Carolina Region				Northwest Region		
CORVETTES INTERNATIONAL	CA-174	50		TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	NW-483	111
CAROLINA CORVETTES	CA-014	35		Rocky Mountain Region		
CHEVY'S UNDER GLASS	CA-203	22		COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	RM-183	138
CARO-VETTES, INC.	CA-356	22		TOP OF THE ROCKIES CORVETTE CLUB	RM-176	122
East Ohio Region				CENTRAL WYOMING CORVETTES	RM-497	57
BUCKEYE CORVETTES, INC.	EO-010	175		Roadrunner Region		
COMPETITION CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	EO-257	90		TUCSON CORVETTE CLUB	RR-331	138
CORVETTE CLEVELAND, INC.	EO-005	85		DESERT CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	RR-303	130
East Region				SCOTTSDALE CORVETTE CLUB	RR-452	90
CUMBERLAND VALLEY CORVETTE CLUB	ER-098	219		Southeast Region		
CORVETTE CLUB OF AMERICA	ER-001	202		EAST TENNESSEE CORVETTE CLUB	SE-253	243
BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	ER-263	195		NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	SE-073	235
FREE STATE CORVETTE CLUB	ER-038	182		CORVETTE ATLANTA	SE-142	92
LANCASTER COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	ER-266	153		Southwest Region		
YORK COUNTY CORVETTE CLUB	ER-108	150		TULSA VETTE SET	SW-248	359
KEYSTONE STATE CORVETTE CLUB	ER-093	116		SAN JACINTO CORVETTE CLUB	SW-063	176
Florida Region				COWTOWN VETTES	SW-055	154
CORVETTES OF NAPLES	FL-276	196		LONGHORN CORVETTE CLUB	SW-207	109
CAPE KENNEDY CORVETTE CLUB	FL-032	108		OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	SW-131	102
CORVETTES ON THE GULF	FL-515	95		West Coast Region		
Indiana Region				LAS VEGAS CORVETTES ASSOCIATION	WC-202	178
FORT WAYNE CORVETTE CLUB	IN-115	123		CORVETTES LIMITED	WC-447	140
HOOSIER CORVETTE CLUB	IN-513	117		PACIFIC COAST CORVETTES	WC-336	134
CIRCLE CITY CORVETTE CLUB	IN-281	110		CORVETTES OF TEMECULA VALLEY	WC-500	123
TRI-STATE CORVETTE CLUB	IN-133	106		POMONA VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	WC-434	115
Michigan Region				O.C. VETTES, INC	WC-325	113
AMERICA'S CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	MI-488	229		CORVETTES WEST	WC-302	111
CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN	MI-006	183		PALM SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	WC-340	111
GRAND VALLEY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION	MI-041	130		West Ohio		
Midwest Region				CORVETTE TROY	WO-027	109
WINDY CITY CORVETTES, INC.	MW-351	167		GLASS CITY CORVETTE CLUB	WO-039	81
MIDWEST CORVETTES	MW-054	154		FOUNTAIN CITY CORVETTE CLUB	WO-132	29
SUBURBAN CORVETTE CLUB OF MINNESOTA	MW-051	147		West Region		
CORVETTE CLUB OF ILLINOIS	MW-109	130		CORNHUSKER CORVETTE CLUB	WR-095	318
WISCONSIN CORVETTE CLUB	MW-075	129		CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	WR-015	182
NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB	MW-167	125		CORVETTE CLUB OF IOWA	WR-022	107
MAD CITY VETTES	MW-465	117		SIoux FALLS CORVETTE CLUB	WR-126	104
CHICAGO CORVETTE CLUB	MW-004	112				
SUNBURST CORVETTE CLUB	MW-277	109				
Northeast Region						
CORVETTES OF BUFFALO	NE-030	71		Listed are the clubs with 100+ members or the top 3 clubs of that region		
ADIRONDACK CORVETTES	NE-373	32				
SOUTHERN TIER CORVETTE CLUB OF N Y, INC.	NE-254	24				

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS



We hope that 2012 is starting off with lots of great Corvette Fun for everyone; regardless what your passion is with your Corvette, get out and ENJOY IT!

We would like to thank *San Jacinto Corvette Club* from Houston, TX, for ex-

tending an invitation allowing us to set up the NCCC Promotional Display inside their club booth at the *Corvette / Chevy Expo* on February 11-12. They provided space, electricity and members who manned the booth, so my wife and I could walk around and enjoy the show.



Due to the physical space and arrangement at the show, we got creative on how to best utilize the display, which ended up not on a table as you have typically seen in the past. Since we didn't have a flat screen TV, we ran the two NCCC Promotional Videos off a laptop hard drive connected to a large flat screen monitor rather than using the DVD player.

If you have ideas on how the displays can be utilized better, please feel free to contact me – you never know when an idea might benefit one of your fellow NCCC clubs in using the display.



Those of you who were at the February National Meeting heard me talk about a couple of new ideas and efforts in which Public Relations is engaged:

- We have started contacting non-NCCC Clubs; those of you in Sales know them as “cold calls” that nobody likes to do. Where we could really use your assistance is in identifying some of the clubs we should be targeting. If you have a Corvette Club in your regional area, you should know more about them than we would; so, we would request information from any member who can help us identify clubs. We need to understand if they are “new clubs,” “former NCCC clubs,” if they are former NCCC clubs, or some insight into why they left would be helpful. Any information you can offer to assist with this would be greatly appreciated; please feel free to drop me an email with it.
- Do you have a fairly large Car Show (with good Corvette representation of non-NCCC owners)? These types of events would typically be good for NCCC to target, possibly with NCCC Flyers in goodie bags or Program Book? If so, please get with me so we can work together on putting something together to target those events.
- The GM/Dealership Survey we concluded late last year ended up with fewer anticipated responses from our clubs than we had hoped for. One goal of that survey was to help us understand where there might be synergies to help promote both your club and NCCC with that dealership. If the dealership that sponsors your club is willing to provide a handout to new Corvette owners, then contact me so we can work together on promoting both your club and NCCC; we will work with you to create a joint flyer for them to use. The more we can show the benefits of your club and NCCC, the fewer Corvette owners might head to other clubs or none at all.
- Thanks to Joan, we have started re-working the Public Relations pages to provide tools for you and your members as they talk to potential new members and clubs. While the NCCC Displays are a good tool, they are not the only method to promote and sell NCCC, so the display page is a link off the new PR main page.

Don't forget the “Why NCCC” documents (promotion info / tools) can be found on our national website on the Public Relations and the Membership Pages. When the documents are updated, they will be re-posted at the same location, so check back before printing any time you need more. The direct links to both documents are:

Promo Flyer: http://www.corvettesnccc.org/PR/display_promoflyer.pdf

Detailed Info: http://www.corvettesnccc.org/BenefitsNCCC_2011.pdf

I would invite you to also use these documents, especially the promo flyer within your clubs and regions. We have found it useful within our club to distribute at membership meetings and at the new member orientations. You have the links and feel free to print them for this purpose. Truth is that most people join our clubs because we are a Corvette Club, not because we are NCCC. Unless you promote the benefits, most will never know the real benefits of why our clubs should remain members of NCCC.

Facebook, regardless if you like it, love it or hate it, is an awesome sales tool for our organizations. It has been nice to see several clubs and a few regions using Facebook for their activities; some are maintained as closed FB memberships, while others are public. For those of you who do FB, do you list the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) under “Activities and Interests” on your profile? Be proud of your affiliation; use Facebook to help promote your club, your region and your NCCC organization.

Below is a brief recap of some Public Relations activities since my last report.

- A new AD will appear in the National Corvette Homecoming Program Book and inserts will be included in the Goodie Bags; trade-out.
- Our ADs continue in the NCM’s American Sportscar, the NCRS AD book, the American Car Collector, Vette Magazine, Vette Vues and a few others.
- We are evaluating the partnership with the Registry of Corvette Race Cars that has reached some new audiences for us.
- We are working on some of the promotional display items that have become faded and dated; we are looking to keep these in top shape and current with the times to represent the correct NCCC image. If you have some outstanding event photos, we would welcome those – we need to keep the photos in the display fresh and the best quality possible and to keep them current with times.

Public Relations will continue to look to you to be our eyes, ears and salespersons in search of new markets, of events and opportunities to promote NCCC, both with attendance at the event using our display and/or with ADs and flyers. We will continue to work with several of the larger legacy events; however, we know there are other events that have slightly different audiences and potential members and clubs that we need to reach – help us to know about these. We can partner up with you to help your club, your region and NCCC at these events.

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

Regards,

Douglas McMahan

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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS



Your reading this article must mean that you've seen the changes that have been made in this issue of *Blue Bars*. Articles have been placed toward the front of the issue; Officer reports and the Region News are now located toward the back of the issue; and all but three pages are in color.

Yellow boxes contain NCCC information.

Red title boxes with **blue** print headline articles.

Blue title boxes with **yellow** print headline Officer reports and the Region News.

Regions and clubs...color photos of

activities, as well as photos for club spotlights, are always needed. Concerning club spotlights and region/club events, PAT CLARK and PATSY SHEARER need club newsletters. If you club prints a hardcopy, please send it to Pat Clark. Electronic copies of newsletters should be emailed to Patsy Shearer. Mailing information for both Pat and Patsy can be found at the bottom of page 3 of this issue of *Blue Bars*.

Remember, since part of your annual dues goes to printing and mailing your issues of *Blue Bars*, it's important that you receive each issue. Please contact your club Governor or the VP Membership whenever you have an address change or you are not receiving your issues of *Blue Bars*. The deadline for updating the NCCC membership database prior to printing the summer issue of *Blue Bars* is **August 21, 2012**.

Articles and photos are always needed:

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

The deadline for submitting items for the remaining issues of *Blue Bars* are as follows:

July 15, 2012 – Summer issue
(will contain Convention highlights)

September 30, 2012 – Fall issue

November 30, 2012 – Winter 2013 issue

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 7-1/2" high area without being distorted. The **BACK COVER** should be landscape style and fit 8-1/2" wide x 6" high.

Submitting items by the deadline does not guarantee placement in that issue of *Blue Bars*. I use a continuous checklist where I add items in chronological order (as I receive each item) for items such as articles, front and back cover photos.

Please continue to send all emails for *Blue Bars* with 'BLUE BARS' in the subject line.

A long-time NCCC friend and great NCCC competitor, SHARON DEKKER, also a member of Royal Corvettes of W. Michigan, has lost her fight with AML, a blood-born cancer. Along with her husband, Gary, Sharon will be greatly missed by family and friends, both personal and NCCC.

Sylvia Hoaldridge

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Pat Clark, John Tyler Gibson, Patsy Shearer

Blue Bars

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITIES LIKE NONE OTHER!
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Quarter Page (3-7/8 x 4-7/8)	\$350	\$300
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Business Card (3-1/2 x 2)	\$200	\$150

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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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FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SPONSORSHIP



Sponsorship Views- Spring 2012

Spring has definitely “sprung” in Texas and I think this is the earliest we have seen trees budding out in quite a few years. Certainly makes me think there is something to this global warming idea but that is a topic I know little about so I will leave it for the scientists and the

politicians. What I do know is that the NCCC sponsorship is springing into high gear as we make plans for convention in Topeka and NCCC, in general, for 2012.

The sponsors are lining up to be part of the action in Topeka in June and I think they will be helping with some great events. We do have assistance from **Corvette America**, **Southern CarParts.com** and **Hagerty Insurance** to assist as general overall convention sponsors. **Paragon Corvette Reproductions** is on the slate to help with the convention packets and we can expect to see a company link from them on the front page of the web site which is a new venture for them. **Mid America Motorworks** has agreed to sponsor the Competition Dinner on Sunday night as well as continuing their support of FCOA and the NCCC Scholarship Program. We hope they will be part of Corvette Mall during the week. **Corvette Central** will be our concours sponsor once again this year and **Zip Products** will be our rallye sponsor for 2012. **Zip Products** also is the sponsor of our NCCC web site contest and that award is traditionally presented at the Convention Awards Banquet. Next on the schedule are the speed events. **Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company** will sponsor the low speed event. This will mark the first time they have sponsored the event. Could it be related to the fact that there is a **Goodyear** facility in Topeka?? **Kumho Tires** will sponsor the high speed event and they plan to have a greater presence at convention this year by having a presence in the mall and by providing a few “goody” items for all. **Michelin North America** will be sponsoring the parade to the Capitol and the barbecue on Wednesday evening. Also in their plans is a Tech talk at the hotel on Thursday afternoon with a special guest and a unique event for registrants who have their vehicles with Michelin tires on them at convention. Sounds interesting!! We still have a few more months for planning so we may see other companies in attendance in Topeka as well.

Michelin placed another survey on our web site so I hope you had an opportunity to participate in that. Patrick Dolan attended the Detroit Auto Show as a guest of Michelin and was able to view a new tire launch. I will be attending their Tire School in Greenville in March and will be giving a report on “what is new” from their company. Debbie, at Tire School?? Lots to learn on my part. It should be an interesting and rewarding experience.

NCCC has the opportunity to host a non sanctioned rallye at the **Mid America Motorworks** Funfest event this September. Little Egypt

Corvette Club has agreed to help with this event once again and we greatly appreciate their involvement which allows an NCCC event to be showcased to non NCCC members. NCCC will also have a display at this event as well as Corvettes of Carlisle in late August. The East Region regional officers have offered the support of their region to assist with this activity and their willingness to help with this activity is greatly appreciated.

Have you heard about the opportunity to purchase the book “100 Years of Chevrolet” through *Automobile Quarterly*? This is an excellent book that provides great detail in print and memorabilia about the history of Chevrolet. For those of you who never know what to buy the person who has everything or can buy what they want, this book makes a great birthday, anniversary, or even Father’s Day gift. NCCC clubs are encouraged to find one person in your club to take orders monthly and contact Adam Farnam at 812-948-2886, ext 253 to make your order. The book normally sells for \$60 but they are offering it to NCCC members for \$45 plus \$13 shipping. AND, your club will receive a \$6.00 rebate for each book that is sold. Awesome book, awesome deal so get your orders in. The club who sells the most books by July 15 will receive a special edition of the book worth \$300. I just ordered for my club and used my NCCC credit card so it was a good deal in 2 ways- good price for the books and NCCC will receive some monies from my purchase. Jerry Burton, editor of *Corvette Quarterly* and Ralph Kramer, former Communications Director of GM, co authored the book and did a superb job.

In each article I write, I encourage our members to look at the Special Discounts for Members page to find a bargain. I was recently asked about the Choice Hotel site as their code is not active. I am working with them to see if this agreement can be renewed but I would encourage you to look at the Members on Vacation web site as they offered the same price for Choice Hotels that we were receiving on the Choice Hotels web site and the Members on Vacation has many more travel options. There are some unique shopping discounts on this page so I hope you take advantage of these as a member of NCCC. I understand that the Sears Commercial Product program has been well received and we have been sent a rebate from that program. And don’t forget about the links on the front page of the web site. Most of these companies are sponsors but a few have paid specifically to be on the front page of the web site.

Just received my copy of AMERICA’S SPORTS CAR magazine and was very proud to see Patrick Dolan’s picture on the cover as he is being recognized for being selected to the NCM Hall of Fame. This is quite an achievement for him and for NCCC. Patrick was instrumental in the development of the NCM and although there have been positive changes through the years, it was individuals such as him, who donated much time and effort to start the planning for this site to recognize and commemorate America’s favorite sports car. As President of NCCC at the time, it was his dedication and hard work for NCCC that kept us involved in the process of the evolution of this project, the planning, and the eventual construction of the building. His hard work is representative of the interest that NCCC members had and do currently have in paying tribute to the Corvette and all that it embodies for its’ enthusiasts. Congratulations Patrick and thank you!

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2012 FCOA Membership Count by Region
as of March 27, 2012

	REGION	# MEMBERS 01-01-12	ADD NEW MEMBERS	SUBTOTAL	LESS 16 YR. OLDS	# MEMBERS 03-27-12	# MEMBERS 03-25-11	% INCREASE 02-12/02-11	CLUB WITH THE MOST FCOA MEMBERS IN EACH REGION	# FCOA MEMBERS
MW	MIDWEST	528	10	538	-8	530	543	-2.39%	MW-351 WINDY CITY CORVETTES	213
WR	WEST	438	7	445	-5	440	444	-0.90%	WR-015 CEDAR RAPIDS CORVETTE CLUB	149
ER	EAST	304	3	307	-3	304	312	-2.56%	ER-263 BEL AIR CORVETTE CLUB	44
MI	MICHIGAN	285	6	291	-4	287	294	-2.38%	MI-003 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB	61
FL	FLORIDA	271	0	271	-2	269	271	-0.74%	FL-276 CORVETTES OF NAPLES	104
EO	EAST OHIO	169	12	181	-2	179	177	1.13%	EO-005 CORVETTE CLEVELAND	44
SW	SOUTHWEST	154	0	154	-2	152	158	-3.80%	SW-131 OKLAHOMA CITY CORVETTE CLUB	49
WC	WEST COAST	147	6	153	-2	151	159	-5.03%	WC-326 CORVETTE SUPER SPORTS	26
SE	SOUTHEAST	124	4	128	-1	127	126	0.79%	SE-073 NASHVILLE CORVETTE CLUB	57
IN	INDIANA	123	4	127	-1	126	121	4.13%	IN-382 S CENTRAL INDIANA CORVETTE CLUB	25
RR	ROADRUNNER	96	0	96	-4	92	104	-11.54%	RR-303 DESERT CORVETTE ASSN.	46
WO	WEST OHIO	73	2	75	-1	74	74	0.00%	WO-027 CORVETTE TROY	39
RM	ROCKY MTN	65	3	68	-2	66	69	-4.35%	RM-183 COLORADO SPRINGS CORVETTE CLUB	28
NE	NORTHEAST	43	0	43	0	43	46	-6.52%	NE-254 SOUTHERN TIER CORVETTE CLUB	7
CA	CAROLINA	21	0	21	0	21	25	-16.00%	CA-014 CAROLINA CORVETTES	9
NW	NORTHWEST	1	0	1	0	1	1	0.00%	NW-483 TACOMA CORVETTE CLUB	1
	TOTAL	2842	57	2899	-37	2862	2924	-2.12%		

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!

FCOA MEMBER #4600 ~ ~ AIDAN

When Aidan's grandma sent a thick envelope of applications to FCOA, she never thought that one of the kids would be FCOA's 4600th member! Also in the envelope from Aidan's grandma were FCOA applications for his 5-year old sister Dakota (FCOA #4599) and his cousins: Harlee (#4597), Hunter (#4598), Haley (#4601) and Maxx (#4602).

As you can see, 8-year old Aidan's favorite color is red! He is in second grade and was rewarded with a scooter for getting his math grades up. Aidan also enjoys riding his bike, but his favorite rides are when he's in the passenger seat in one of his grandparents' Corvettes during a parade. Aidan is shown in this picture dreaming of his next ride in this beautiful resto mod 1959 ~ looks like he's ready to go!



Aidan's grandma has been active in the West Region since the early '80s and his grandpa since the '70s. Nancy and Steve are members of both Cornhusker Corvette Club and Midwest Early Corvette Club. Nancy is a past Secretary for CCC and is currently the Newsletter Editor for MECC. For 2011, Nancy received the 9th place award for club participation ~ quite an accomplishment with a club as large as CCC. They have a garage full of various Corvettes ranging from vintage to today's C6. When they're not busy with their bakery supply business, they love to drive the Vettes and go to fun places.

Congratulations, Aidan, for being FCOA member #4600!

FUTURE CORVETTE OWNERS ASSN. MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

\$10.00 one-time Membership Fee

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:

What is your relationship to this child? Parent, Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle or Guardian

If you or the child's parent is a past FCOA member, please give name at the time _____

NCCC Member Name: _____

NCCC Membership #: _____ - _____ - _____ Club: _____

What model year(s) of Corvette(s) do you now own? _____

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

Address: _____ Phone #: _____

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

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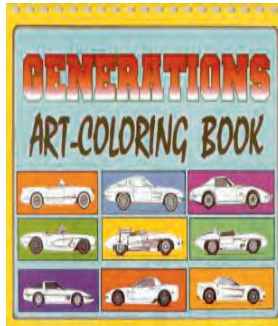
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CORVETTE is part of the "Drive. Ride. Fly." series created by Motorbooks for younger gearheads ages 10 and up. It is an 80-page soft-bound, illustration-filled book for kids that includes the milestones of Corvettes from the first generation to the newest C6 generation.

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Please allow 3-4 weeks. Save the mailing cost by having your Governor pick up your prepaid order at a Governors Meeting.

Questions???? E-mail Pat at FCOAkids@aol.com

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VINNY THE VETTE _____ # of books at \$11.00 each (price includes \$3 mailing cost) \$ _____

MAILING INFORMATION (please print):

Name: _____ NCCC # _____

Address: _____

City, State, 9-digit Zip: _____ Phone # _____

In case of questions please provide e-mail address _____

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2012 REs

Front Row (l to r): Ron Brown, WO; Jeannie Ruston, SW; Chuck Heretta, EO; Jim Harris, MI; Margaret Bohannon, CA; Jon Manz, WR

Back Row (l to r): Larry Pagliaro, MW; Pete Urenda, RM; Glenn Hutchinson, FL; Allen Morris, WC; John McGee, SE; Jim Gray, RR

Not Shown: Debi Hamersly, RR; Joe Vasta, ER; Jim Walton, IN

2012 RCDs

Front Row (l to r): Criag Kamradt, SW; Mike Godfrey, IN; Denny Murphy, FL; Paul Hamersly, RR; Don Parks, SE

Back Row (l to r): Jim Asbury, WO; Bill Docherty, MW; Jerry Koraleski, WR; Dave Johnson, MI; Walt Jenkins, RM

Not Shown: Brian Gallagher, ER/NE; John Haskell, CA; Joe Orrico, WC; Charles Stephens, EO



2012 RMDs

Front Row (l to r): Debbie Schafer, NE; Patsy Shearer, FL; Diana Haack, MW; Sue Runyan, IN; Barb Harris, MI

Back Row (l to r): Bob Bowen, WR; Jerry Limpach, WO; Cliff Harris, WC; Steve Johnson, ER; Ellouise Morrison, RM

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The Vision Committee recognized that NCCC members enjoy reading more about themselves than they enjoy reading meeting minutes. The Vision Committee recommended the content of *Blue Bars* be changed to include more of the types of articles members enjoy reading.

Did you notice the number of *Club Spotlights* in the last issue of *Blue Bars*? This information comes directly FROM YOU! If you would like to see information about your club in *Blue Bars*, send copies of your club newsletter to PATSY SHEARER (electronic copy) and PAT CLARK (hard copy). These ladies are recent additions to the *Blue Bars* staff to coordinate articles about our membership. They extract information from club newsletters for publication in *Blue Bars*.

You likely have seen several references to *Family Helping Family* in e-mails and in *Blue Bars*. The first round of volunteers has been identified and has been published. This information is available on the NCCC website (<http://corvettesnccc.org>). However, the list has not been published for general availability. This is a benefit of being an NCCC member. Therefore to access this list, see your club governor. He/She has the userID and password needed to access this restricted file.

Joe Vasta, East Region RE

2011 is in the record books. A computer glitch prevented these standings from the winter issue but, without further ado, here are the top five clubs, men and women.

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, www.ernccc.org has all the information you need to have some fun in the East in 2012. We've topped 215 scheduled events to date, so there is certainly something for everyone.

Brian Gallagher, East Region RCD

The mild winter of 2011-2012 in the East Region has left many of our

2012 EAST REGION POINT STANDINGS			
Top Men			
PLACE	NAME	NCCC CLUB	POINTS
1	Alvin Brown	GBV	527
2	Rick Serfass	TCV	463
3	John Hay	TCV	461
4	Carl Smith	PCCC	433
5	Albert Wojciechowski	CPCC	409
Top Ladies			
PLACE	NAME	NCCC CLUB	POINTS
1	Darlis Coble	CPCC	493
2	Dee Neal	TCV	441
3	Sally Bistline	PCCC	321
4	Terry Pearl-Grau	GBV	295
5	Sally Walter	CVCC	287
Top Clubs			
PLACE	NAME	POINTS	
1	G-Burg Vettes	4655	
2	Bel-Air CC	3871	
3	Revolution CC	3242	
4	Corvette Annapolis	3172	
5	Cumberland Valley CC	2965	

members counting down the days until Spring officially begins. With many days having been in the 50's, 60's, and almost 70 degrees, we have had many opportunities to drive our Corvettes and to get them ready for the 2012 season.

Several of the East Region clubs have added new members since 2012 began. Even though clubs' membership numbers will typically drop off by about 10% from year to year, they will also gain new members and late renewals to get back up to the previous year's numbers. Cumberland Valley CC and CC of America have been surging ahead over the past two months with their numbers growing to well over 200 members.

The clubs in the East Region are proud of their members' involvement in various charities such as Spina Bifida, the SPCA, the National Kidney Foundation, and the Veterans Administration Hospital, just to name a few. Our continued support of these and many other charities enables our members to make vital contributions to help many people in time of need and special circumstances.

One organization that should make us all well up with pride is one that assists our injured military personnel who have returned from combat duty in Iraq and Afghanistan: "The Wounded Warrior Project." I had only heard and read about it but never experienced anything with the WWP.

At the recent February National Governors Meeting in St. Louis, Mid America Motorworks offered tote bags containing several goodies and a Mid America cap to all of us. Mid America does a wonderful job throughout the year with their support of the NCCC. On my USAirways flight back from St. Louis to Baltimore via Charlotte there was a US Army Sergeant on board who had been seriously wounded when his convoy was hit by an IED while serving in Iraq. The USAirways flight attendant told me that he was being assisted through the airport by Wounded Warrior Project personnel.

After a short while into the flight and struggling to compose this article for the upcoming *Blue Bars*, I knew I had to talk with the soldier and thank him for his service to the United States. Walking forward several rows to where he was seated in first class, courtesy of USAirways, I talked with the sergeant for a few minutes and offered him the Mid America tote bag and cap. Telling him that I belonged to the NCCC and that so many of our members are veterans and support veterans organizations, I thought that my words of thanks to him might make his flight to Charlotte a little more meaningful. I even offered him the Winter 2012 *Blue Bars* issue to look through instead of the in-flight magazine. (*There are more Corvettes in Blue Bars than the USAirways magazine.*) He thanked me over and over again for everything,

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especially the “cool” hat.

A few minutes after returning to my seat, the flight attendant came back to me and asked if I'd like to join the sergeant in first class to continue our conversation - at his request. I was in my “new seat” within 15 seconds. The sergeant and I talked for the remainder of the flight about his combat injuries, the wonderful progress he is making, as well as the difficulties, his reasons for joining the Army and wanting to become a Ranger, and about his plans for the future when he is discharged from the Army. He has a lengthy recovery ahead of him but will, with the help of his family, the Wounded Warrior Project, his “Army family,” the thanks of a grateful nation, and especially this member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs, fulfill his dreams of going to a technical school and becoming an automotive technician.

NCCC clubs are very proud to support charities with resources, dedication, and personal time. We are especially proud to help those Americans who have given so much to us.

As we deplaned in Charlotte, the USAirways flight attendant asked the other passengers to wait while the sergeant got off ahead of all of us. Thank you, USAirways. At the end of the jetway, we were met by TSA personnel who escorted us through the terminal towards the USO Center. (*This is part of the mission they perform in conjunction with Operation Wounded Warrior.*) When I said goodbye to the sergeant, shook hands and received a big hug, he was wearing the Mid America Motorworks cap and holding the tote bag with *Blue Bars* inside. We all wish him well as he transitions back into civilian life and also hope he remembers that NCCC members nationwide are grateful for his service and will, in whatever way we can, support the Wounded Warrior Project.

Thank you, USAirways, for a memorable flight!!

Steve Johnson, East Region RMD

Club Spotlight

The Central WV CC was formed in 1972. We are located in North Central West Virginia and our club is sponsored by Harry Green Chevrolet in Clarksburg, WV. Our meetings are held the first and third Tuesdays of every month, with the first meeting always held at Harry Green Chevrolet. Our second meeting is usually held elsewhere, i.e. a restaurant or a member's home. At the present time, we have 109 members, one being a Charter Member.

We do a variety of activities and our events calendar is pretty full from the first of May, which is our Spring Break-out Run, until Mid October when we have our Fall Foliage Tour. Our annual Corvette Car Show is usually held the 1st or 2nd weekend in August at Harry Green Chevrolet. This year's car show, 2011, will be Sunday August 14th and will be the 34th Annual Central WV CC Car Show.

Our membership has cars representing all six generations of the Corvette, the oldest being a 1955 and the newest being a 2011.

Submitted by Bob Rogers.

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Normally, when I am writing this article for *Blue Bars*, (late Feb or Mar)

I look outside to a white covering on the ground. Not so this year as many days set temperature records for being in the 70's and 80's. Many Corvette owners had their cars out and starting the season off early. I think this summer will hold challenges for many of our East Ohio Region Clubs due to high gas prices. Creativity will be the key word in attracting entrants. Some will use the theory that more events are better, while others will work on quality events and price their events accordingly. What is best; only time will tell.

East Ohio will have a new meeting place for our Regional meetings, as the restaurant that was our meeting place for the past 20 plus years closed in early February. A couple of good choices, not far from the original place are being looked at and schedule negotiations are in process so as to not upset the competition schedule.

This year, we will be looking at our Regional By-Laws and Operating Procedures to make sure they are updated and in compliance with National's By-Laws and Standing Rules. Check with your Governor about this process. The East Ohio Region continues with the program to get more Regional Governors to the National meetings. We offer a reimbursement to a Club once during the cycle with proper paperwork supplied to help the Club have warm body representation at National meetings.

As a final thought, NCCC is growing older and so is its membership. We must encourage the youth in our membership to become more involved. Not only as local Club members, but Regionally and Nationally. The cost of a new Corvette puts a lot of younger people out of the picture, but those who are able, need to be encouraged to become involved. The time for non-commitment needs to be over or it may not be too long before there will no NCCC, just fond memories of what was once a great organization. There's still time to think about it and act.

Thanks!

Chuck Heretta, East Ohio RE

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Hi, Gang,

Well, we are off and running for 2012 with Autocrosses, Concours and many other events on our agenda for this year in the Florida region. When I looked last, there were at least 17 weekends with autocrosses and five with car shows scheduled and one rallye. Get involved in YOUR region and PARTICIPATE!!!!!!

Don't just belong to something. Get involved, have fun, meet new people and make new friends. That's what NCCC is all about, having fun and making new friends!!!! Tell other clubs about us and NCCC. Be a promoter of NCCC and recruit other clubs and your friends to join your club.

By the time you read this, we will have had our Florida Regional Awards banquet (March 17th). The same weekend that this is happening the 12 Hours of Sebring Race will be in full swing. This events starts on Wed, March 14th, with other type sanction races and will start on Saturday, March 17th, and cross the finish line on Sunday, March 18th. I know we are all pulling for the Corvettes to win their classes.

I know I keep asking this and it seems to fall on deaf ears, but here I go again. This is YOUR region and to get anything out of it more than we are

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getting now we need to have more input for our region members. Is there something we are not doing that we should be or things that you want to see done? Maybe different types of functions, events, etc.?

If you don't want to bring it up at the Region meeting, let me know by e-mail or call me, so I can put it on the agenda for our next meeting. No one needs to know who brought it up if you wish not to be acknowledged. Change is a good thing if it benefits the majority of those involved. We need to evolve and MAKE things happen to keep things fresh and fun.

Thanks for taking time to read my ranting. I hope it works. If not, you may hear it AGAIN and AGAIN and AGAIN.

Let's Vette Together Soooooo!!!!

Glenn Hutchinson, Florida Region RE

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This issue of *Blue Bars* should be out around April 1st and I know that by then you will have put a few miles on the 'Vette. As I look at the calendar, I get excited about all the activities going on in the Indiana Region with a lot of opportunities to drive the old 'Vette. With the mild winter we've had in Indiana, I'm sure, like me, that you cannot wait to get the fun started.

As usual, there are some really great events you should plan on attending. The Indiana Region Banquet is again hosted by the Anderson CC in Anderson, IN (4/28) and they will do a great job of organizing the event. It is a good opportunity to catch up with everyone while enjoying great food and drink. Recognition will be given to the 2011 competitors and workers, with awards and jackets for those who earned 200 points or more. This is not just an awards event and even if you not a region competitor, I'm sure you'll enjoy yourself.

The Spring Fling put on by the Hoosier CC is one of a kind. It is held at the Ray Skillman Collector Car Showroom that houses hundreds of collector cars and memorabilia. They have a car show, giveaways, free food and, for the brave, a blood drive. This is truly a "don't miss" event.

The Indiana Region will again be doing events at the Putnam Park Road Course. With a unique format where you can run seven high- or seven low-speed events over two days, this promises to be a sold-out event. Don't wait; register today. The flyer is on the Region's website. This is also a fun event to work or just watch the action.

Here are some of the April-thru-July events:

INDIANA REGION EVENTS - April thru July			
DATE	EVENT	HOST CLUB	LOCATION
4/28/2012	Indiana Region Banquet	Anderson CC/Indiana Region	Anderson IN
5/6/2012	Spring Fling	Hoosier CC	Greenwood IN
6/2-3/2012	7 High or 7 Low Speed Events	Indiana Region	Putnam Park
6/16-17/2012	14 Low Speed Events	Corvette Indy & Circle City CC	Indianapolis, IN
6/23-29/2012	53rd NCCC Convention	NCCC	Topeka KS
7/7-8/2012	14 Low Speed Events	Elkhart Vette Set Michigan Region	South Bend Tire Rack
7/21-22/2012	Poker & Fun Rallye & 5 Low Speed Events	Anderson Corvette Assn	Anderson IN
8/4/2012	7 Low Speed Events	Michiana CC	South Bend

There will be lots of activities like drive & dines, cruises, and outings, etc., hosted by individual clubs in the Region. If your club is planning an activity and you would like to invite folks from other clubs, please send your

information to the Indiana WebMaster and it will be posted on the new Website.

Oh, have you looked at the website? It is fantastic. BILL LAPHAM has done a great job capturing info from the Region and getting it on the site. Also, if you have pictures from the Region, please pass those along to Bill. Let's show people how we have fun with our Corvettes in Indiana.

Hope to see you at a lot of Corvette events this year.

Jim Walton, Indiana Region RE

Club Spotlights

Fort Wayne Corvette Club has developed a supportive and collaborative relationship the past two years with their new club sponsor Summit City Chevrolet and John Garcia one of the owners. Since joining with Summit City Chevrolet, the Club has seen a substantial increase in membership. The sponsor provides a monthly meeting site at the dealership and provides refreshments at all meetings. Other sponsor benefits include:

- Car signs for public events and parades.
- A \$100 donation to the Club for each sale referral made by a member.
- Pays for Club membership to anyone who purchases a Corvette at Summit City Chevrolet.
- Multiple donations to Club charities such as the Ministry's Charity for Military Families and the Indiana National Guard Christmas Family program.
- Provides speakers for annual awards banquet.
- Hosts an annual cruise in each summer and provides food, entertainment and trophies.

Star City Corvettes will sponsor a Vettes for Vets on May 5th to benefit residents of the Indiana Veterans Home in West Lafayette, Indiana with a "drive/rally" which will include a visit to the Indiana Veteran's Home, where the Corvettes will be on display for the resident veterans to enjoy. The drive will include passing a "drop box" where personal care item donations can be placed. The event will provide an opportunity for Vette owners to share their interest in the Corvette automobile with the Veterans who have served in our countries military.

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I want to apologize for using the wrong year in my last article about our Region Winners and thank Sylvia for letting me try again.

I would like to congratulate the following Michigan Region Championship Trails winners.

Congratulations also go out to our National Champions.

See 'ya this summer!

Dave Johnson, Michigan Region RCD

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MICHIGAN REGION 2011 POINTS RESULTS

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR			
Denise McDonald			
PLACE	OVERALL - MEN		POINTS
1st	Robert Hall	Flint CC	806
2nd	Tom Beaver	CC of Battle Creek	708
3rd	Roger Schaefer	Michigan Autocross Group	683
4th	Gordon McCann	CC of Michigan	675
5th	Bruce Wentzel	CC of Michigan	632
5th	James J. Sweet	Shiawassee CC	632
6th	Richard Williams	CC of Battle Creek	600
7th	Jim Sweet	Shiawassee CC	598
8th	Michael Sprague	Capital City CC	588
9th	Rene Cardenas	Michigan Autocross Group	525
10th	David Johnson	CC of Michigan	400
PLACE	OVERALL - LADIES		POINTS
1st	Mary Wentzel	CC of Michigan	662
2nd	Sharon Meesseman	Michigan Autocross Group	528
3rd	Carolyn Mclemore	Michigan Autocross Group	484
OVER 200 POINTS			
MAG	Milton Price	Denise McDonald	CCBC
MAG	Richard Shatkosky	Elizabeth Antos	MAL
CCM	Ray Horenstein	Sherry Weiser	CCM
CCM	Chris Scafero	Darren Erspramer	MAL

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PLACE	SPEED - MEN	
1st	Robert Hall	Flint CC
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3rd	Gordon McCann	Michigan Autocross Group
4th	Tom Beaver	CC of Michigan
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7th	Rene Cardenas	CC of Battle Creek
8th	Richard Williams	Shiawassee CC
9th	James J. Sweet	Capital City CC
10th	David Johnson	CC of Michigan
PLACE	SPEED - LADIES	
1st	Mary Wentzel	CC of Michigan
2nd	Sharon Meesseman	Michigan Autocross Group
3rd	Carolyn Mclemore	Michigan Autocross Group
PLACE	RALLYE	
1st	James J. Sweet	Shiawassee CC
1st	Jim Sweet	Shiawassee CC
2nd	Robert Hall	Flint CC
2nd	Mary Hall	Flint CC
3rd	Mark Hanlin	Calhoun County Corvettes
3rd	Angela Hanlin	Calhoun County Corvettes
4th	Dwight Theodore	Michigan Autocross Group
5th	George Duncan	Jackson CC
6th	Richard Williams	CC of Battle Creek
7th	Charlene Powaga	Michigan Autocross Group
8th	Chris Beaver	CC of Battle Creek
8th	Tom Beaver	CC of Battle Creek
8th	Roger Schaefer	Michigan Autocross Group
PLACE	CONCOURS	
1st	Robert Hall	Flint CC

Rene Cardenas	Michigan Autocross Group	1st	3967 pts	383 ever
Carolyn Mclemore	Michigan Autocross Group	1st	3447 pts	383 ever
Bruce Wentzel	CC of Michigan	5th	2348 pts	233 ever
Mary Wentzel	CC of Michigan	2nd	2455 pts	233 ever
Milton Price	Michigan Autocross Group	8th	2209 pts	315 ever

2012 MICHIGAN CALENDAR

DATE	CLUB	EVENT	LOCATION	DATE	CLUB	EVENT	LOCATION
4/14/2012	BCC	Region Banquet	Battle Cree, MI	7/22/2012	HVCC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI
4/21/2012	CCM	Drivers School	Hamtramck, MI	7/28/2012	CCCC	Low Speed	Mason, MI
4/22/2012	CCM	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	7/28/2012	CCCC	Low Speed	Mason, MI
5/12/2012	Lakeshore	Rallye		7/28/2012	CCCC	Low Speed	Mason, MI
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5/13/2012	CCM	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	7/28/2012	CCCC	Low Speed	Mason, MI
5/13/2012	CCBC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	7/29/2012	JCC	Low Speed	Mason, MI
5/13/2012	CCBC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	7/29/2012	JCC	Low Speed	Mason, MI
5/13/2012	CCBC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	7/29/2012	JCC	Low Speed	Mason, MI
5/13/2012	HVCC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	7/29/2012	JCC	Low Speed	Mason, MI
5/13/2012	HVCC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	7/29/2012	JCC	Low Speed	Mason, MI
5/13/2012	HVCC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	7/29/2012	JCC	Low Speed	Mason, MI
5/19/2012	CCC	Driver's School	Marshall, MI	7/29/2012	JCC	Low Speed	Mason, MI
5/20/2012	CCBC	People's Choice	Marshall, MI	8/5/2012	SCC	Low Speed	Owosso, MI
5/26/2012	RCWM	Rallye	Fruitport, MI	8/5/2012	SCC	Low Speed	Owosso, MI
5/26/2012	RCWM	Rallye	Fruitport, MI	8/5/2012	SCC	Low Speed	Owosso, MI
5/26/2012	RCWM	Rallye	Fruitport, MI	8/5/2012	SCC	Low Speed	Owosso, MI
5/26/2012	RCWM	Rallye	Fruitport, MI	8/5/2012	SCC	Low Speed	Owosso, MI
5/27/2012	RCWM	Car Show	Fruitport, MI	8/5/2012	SCC	Low Speed	Owosso, MI
6/2/2012	SCC	People's Choice	Durant, MI	8/11/2012	ACC	People's Choice	
6/2/2012	SCC	Rallye	Durant, MI	8/12/2012	CCM	People's Choice	Milford, MI
6/2/2012	SCC	Rallye	Durant, MI	8/12/2012	RCWM	Rallye	Fruitport, MI
6/2/2012	SCC	Rallye	Durant, MI	8/18/2012	RCWM	Rallye	Fruitport, MI
6/3/2012	KCC	AutoX	Kalamazoo, MI	8/18/2012	RCWM	Rallye	Fruitport, MI
6/3/2012	KCC	AutoX	Kalamazoo, MI	8/19/2012	RCWM	Rallye	Fruitport, MI
6/3/2012	KCC	AutoX	Kalamazoo, MI	8/19/2012	RCWM	Rallye	Fruitport, MI
6/3/2012	KCC	AutoX	Kalamazoo, MI	9/16/2012	CCCC	People's Choice	Lansing, MI
6/3/2012	KCC	AutoX	Kalamazoo, MI	9/22/2012	CCM	People's Choice	Dearborn, MI
6/3/2012	KCC	AutoX	Kalamazoo, MI	9/22/2012	CCBC	Rallye	
6/3/2012	KCC	AutoX	Kalamazoo, MI	9/22/2012	CCBC	Rallye	
6/9/2012	CCCC	People's Choice	Okemos, MI	9/22/2012	CCBC	Rallye	
6/9/2012	CCCC	Rallye	Okemos, MI	9/22/2012	CCBC	Rallye	
7/7/2012	MAG	Low Speed	Tirerack	9/23/2012	CCC	PC Show	Marshall, MI
7/7/2012	MAG	Low Speed	Tirerack	9/23/2012	CCC	Rallye	Marshall, MI
7/7/2012	MAG	Low Speed	Tirerack	9/23/2012	CCC	Rallye	Marshall, MI
7/7/2012	MAG	Low Speed	Tirerack	9/23/2012	CCC	Funkhana	Marshall, MI
7/8/2012	MAG	Low Speed	Tirerack	9/23/2012	CCM	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI
7/8/2012	MAG	Low Speed	Tirerack	9/23/2012	GLCC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI
7/8/2012	MAG	Low Speed	Tirerack	9/23/2012	GLCC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI
7/21/2012	FCC	AutoX	Flint, MI	9/23/2012	GLCC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI
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7/21/2012	FCC	AutoX	Flint, MI	9/23/2012	GLCC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI
7/21/2012	FCC	AutoX	Flint, MI	9/29/2012	GVCA	Rallye	
7/21/2012	FCC	AutoX	Flint, MI	9/30/2012	KCC	Rallye	
7/21/2012	FCC	AutoX	Flint, MI	10/6/2012	FCC	Rallye	
7/22/2012	CCM	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	10/7/2012	CCM	Rallye	Milford, MI
7/22/2012	GLCC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	10/7/2012	CCM	Rallye	Milford, MI
7/22/2012	GLCC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	10/7/2012	GLCC	Rallye	Milford, MI
7/22/2012	HVCC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	10/14/2012	FCC	Rallye	Flint, MI
7/22/2012	HVCC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	10/14/2012	FCC	Rallye	Flint, MI
7/22/2012	HVCC	AutoX	Hamtramck, MI	10/14/2012	FCC	Rallye	Flint, MI

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Prolog

By the time you are reading this article, the competition season will be well underway in the Midwest Region. We were very fortunate to have a mild winter this year. If we had only known, we could have considered moving

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our event start dates earlier in March. Actually, with the increase in each club's potential Sanction numbers, we could have really used the extra time to schedule the over 190 events that are planned for 2012. This is a record-breaking number of events in one season for us. We may be somewhat limited in the amount of time during the year that we have in the Midwest, but we do pack in the events and opportunities to enjoy our Corvettes when we can. This is a great compliment to each of the clubs and why the Midwest Region is one of the top in the country to enjoy NCCC activities.

Convention 2012, 2013, 2014

2012 Convention is soon upon us and I hope that many of you have made your plans to attend in Topeka, KS. It is hard to believe that it is almost a year since we hosted Convention and I know that the 2012 team is aiming to match the high standards that we set for our 2011 Convention. We did all of the hard work (with great rewards) last year; now it is time to relax and enjoy the 2012 Convention. I look forward to seeing you there. As a reminder, 2013 is planned for Bowling Green, KY and possibly 2014 will be held in Georgia. Convention not only provides a great venue to meet NCCC members from around the country, it also provides an opportunity to see and enjoy parts of our great country that you might not have had an opportunity to visit.

Your Clubs' Newsletters for Blue Bars Articles

Our Blue Bars team is expanding and there are now four staff members contributing to this quarterly magazine. Your clubs' newsletters are great sources of information and the new team is using your newsletters for potential future articles. I encourage all of our clubs to submit your newsletters so that all NCCC members can read about Midwest Region activities. See "Publication Facts" on the Features page of this issue for the addresses, as well as the Director of Publications' article. Help spread the word about our clubs' activities and events.

Midwest Region Championship Series and Fund Raiser

Be watching for more information regarding the scheduling of these two events. The Governors continue to work toward decisions on options for these events. The Fund Raiser has been a big success these past few years and a big benefit for the Region.

Midwest Region and NCCC Web Sites

I want to direct you to our Region's web site at <http://www.mwregion.com/>. It has a wealth of information and Joan Thomas keeps the site up-to-date. It is very easy to find information on the site, given the format that she has created. It is one of the best tools to use when looking for news and information about Midwest Region activities. I would suggest checking it out weekly to stay up-to-date.

Please check the Midwest Region sponsors' sites via the links on our home page. It is very important that we show support for our sponsors. You will also want to check the NCCC web site at <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/> for news and information about NCCC events and activities. Please show support for the national sponsors by visiting their sites via the links on the NCCC home page.

Epilog

2012 looks to be a very busy year in the Midwest Region. I am really looking forward to the 2012 season, to again participate at the national level and to also rekindle friendships both in and outside of our Region. I found a Words of Wisdom quote that I thought appropriate to end my article – "We need old friends to help us grow old and new friends to help us stay young."

Larry Pagliaro, Midwest RE

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Club Spotlights

Mid-Illinois Corvette Club has a full calendar of events for 2012 that will keep their members busy. The Club is excited to join with Ufring Chevrolet as sponsors of the 1st annual St. Jude Corvettes Drive to Memphis, TN on Thursday, May 3rd. The event will include a tour of the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Funds raised will go directly to St. Jude. Participants will have a police escort along the way.

Northern Illinois Corvette Club members recently decided to go the extra mile to meet new members and encourage them to be active in their organization. The group recently tried a new seating arrangement developed by club member Tauna Billips. Using photos of Corvettes, she printed matching pictures of each series and laminated them on 5 x 7 cards. She also made smaller cards with the same photos. Each meeting table has a 5 x 7 placard. When guests and members arrive, they draw a smaller card and seat themselves at the table with the matching picture. Couples draw one card, so they can remain seated together. One of the highlights of this seating arrangement is that it takes the guess work out of where to sit and allows everyone to participate. Members gave positive feedback about the arrangement and look forward to continuing this at future meetings.

Do you know what a QR code is? Have you seen those odd looking black and white squares that are popping up in magazines, on signs, packaging and business cards? If not check out the website for the Northern Illinois Corvette Club located at: <http://www.nicccorvette.com> and click on the link to their newsletter. Once there, you will find the Club's QR code. If you have a Smartphone or QR scanner, you can download an app that will allow you to scan QR codes. A QR code can effectively link people to your online content, effectively providing information about your club to the public.

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Greetings from the TEMPERATE Northeast. With this unusual weather, I'm sure that a few cars have been out from under their wraps and getting some sun.

Our clubs are getting their calendars together in anticipation of an early spring:

Adirondack CC ~ September 8-9
Bay State CC ~ April 21, May 26, September 2
Corvettes of Buffalo ~ July 18, August 19
Southern Tier CC ~ July 22, August 11
Tri-Vettes CC ~ June

I would like to introduce a new club to our region: The Vermont Corvette Club, established 1974 and over 100 members strong!

President - Warren Hill, V. President - Herb Pease, Secretary - Doris Rivard
Governor - Chris Jarvis

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WELCOME to the National Council of Corvette Clubs and the NORTHEAST REGION!

Communication between National and Regional levels to clubs is becoming more effective. Convention registrations are now done online and we will have online voting this year. Our organization IS changing and redefining itself for the future. With your efforts, the possibilities are endless! Have a safe and enjoyable season.

Save the Wave!

Ray Schafer, Northeast RE

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As you read this, we should be well into the 2012 competition season. There will have been a wide variety of events completed so far in the Roadrunner Region with something for everybody to enjoy. **Arizona Competition Corvettes** will have held six autocrosses in Phoenix and **Thunder Vette Set** will have hosted three autocrosses in Sierra Vista, AZ. **Desert Corvette Association** will have held their annual Sweetheart Concours and PC shows in Phoenix. **CC of Arizona** will have held a rallye and a PC show in Chandler AZ. Finally, **Verde Valley Vettes** will have held a PC in Cottonwood, AZ. Memorial Day weekend will feature **Tucson CC's** annual Superbash that will include autocrosses, matching times, gimmick rallye, PC show, and bracket drags, and a lot of hospitality.

Upcoming events will include a cool summer getaway weekend with a PC and nine rallyes in the mountains of Ruidoso, NM hosted by the **El Paso CC**. Also coming up will be **Verde Valley Vettes'** annual Monopoly Rallye weekend in Cottonwood, AZ.

It is too early in the year to think about region points standings, but **Arizona Competition Corvettes**, last year's Region champions challenges all the Region's clubs to follow their example of participation and support for all the other region clubs by attending the events put on by fellow region clubs.

My salute this edition is to **Arizona Competition Corvettes**. ACC, with only fifteen members at the end of 2011, was the Region's overall competition champion club last year. ACC has won the Region's racing championship for each of its five years of existence. Congratulations to ACC for leading the way and for bringing more autocrossing opportunities to region members.

I hope to see all of you at events throughout the region this year. And, I hope each of you will continue bringing new Corvetters out to experience the fun we all have in the Roadrunner Region.

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

WWW.NCCCROADRUNNER.COM

Paul Hamersly, Roadrunner Region RCD

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By the time this issue of *Blue Bars* comes out, we will be in full swing on the competition season for 2012. The Rocky Mountain Region has some great competitors and awesome friends. During this season, I hope we can have some outstanding events to showcase the magnificent clubs we have in this region.

I would also like to welcome our newest club in this Region, Good Times Corvette Club.

Let's get out and enjoy our passions for the Corvette and the events we like.

See you soon.

Pete Urenda, Rocky Mountain Region RE

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The year 2012 is getting off to a great start for competition within the Southeast Region. We started with 14 events and the 2011 Regional Awards Banquet in Huntsville, AL (March 31-April 1). The top 15 participants and top three workers and clubs in the Region were recognized and honored at the banquet. Then it was onto 14 events in Gallatin, TN April 21-22. It was our first time at the facility (due to the loss of Nashville Superspeedway). As we go to press – we're trying to host 21 fundraising events during Memorial weekend in Knoxville, TN. Check the calendar on the web for the latest events.

At this time – there are no other regional events sanctioned for the summer. Mark your calendar and plan to be busy in the fall! Events are sanctioned for September 29 (three rallyes starting in Dandridge, TN), November 3-4 (14 low speed autocrosses in Huntsville, AL), November 23-25 (four high speed autocrosses in conjunction with six high speed autocrosses from Florida Region at Roebing Road Raceway near Savannah, GA), and finally December 1-2 (14 low speed autocrosses in Huntsville, AL). October plans are still under development – perhaps back to Pellissippi and Gallatin. Remember – check the web...

In addition to the competition aspect, the Region has been growing with community involvement and new membership. Clubs are spotlighted below - **East Tennessee CC** and two new clubs that joined us in recent months – **Middle Tennessee CC** (Tullahoma, TN) and **Plateau CC** (Crossville, TN). Remember – if you want your club included in this section, please submit articles to one of us.

Save the Wave!!

John McGee, Regional Executive

Don Parks, Regional Competition Director

Amelia Workman, Regional Membership Director

Betty Parks, Regional Secretary/Treasurer

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East Tennessee Corvette Club (ETCC) Charity Spotlight:

On Saturday, December 3rd, the club held its 11th Annual Angel Tree shopping event at a local Wal-Mart in Knoxville, TN. Fifty-five members participated by purchasing the entire Christmas wish list for 117 needy children in east Tennessee. All totaled, a record amount of \$9,862 was donated to the children. The Club raised the money during various fundraisers throughout the year, the largest being our annual car show and silent auction at our sponsor dealer Reeder Chevrolet. After the shopping trip, Reeder hosted a catered holiday party for all members in their showroom. (Angel Tree was started in the Knoxville area in 1975 and currently provides Christmas for over 4,500 children.)

Introducing Middle Tennessee Corvette Club: (Submitted by Harry Brittain, President)

It had been 35 years since owning a 1971 Corvette Coupe, when I purchased my 2006 Coupe. Another Corvette owner wanted to get a club started and challenged me. At first, we were just going to get a group of owners together or join the local Rod club. After I started the research, I quickly found that we needed to form a club that would be part of NCCC. I visited the Nashville Corvette Club to get some ideas, made contact with the local Chevy dealer to get a sponsor, and then started calling on owners that I felt would be supportive of a new club. We held our first gathering in June of 2011, with our first meeting in July. In September, we had enough members for us to join the NCCC as the newest club in the SE Region.

From there, we have grown to nearly 50 members, had a BBQ to let members get acquainted, sent out an invitation for a special meeting in November and, as my friend wanted to do, we had seven Corvettes in the Tullahoma Christmas Parade. For 2012, we are planning a trip to the National Corvette Museum and our first big project, CRUISE into LYNCHBURG, which is set for July 14 down in Lynchburg, TN. We hope to have a lot of members from the Southeast attend this event. There will be tours of the Jack Daniels distillery, a special bottle with our logo etched, and other things in the works for this event. We know everyone will enjoy visiting Lynchburg.

Introducing the Plateau Corvette Club:

It began with a group of Corvette owners who live in the Fairfield Glade Resort area adjacent to the city of Crossville, TN. This area is located on the Cumberland Plateau that takes in over 12,000 acres in Mid-Eastern Tennessee. The club will seek their membership from the surrounding areas of Crossville, Cookeville, Monterey, Livingston, Sparta, and other nearby communities - hence the name "Plateau Corvette Club."

Coy Watson, a recent retiree, noticed a large number of Corvettes in the Fairfield Glade and Crossville area and thought it would be a great place for a Corvette Club. In mid-summer he started contacting Corvette owners in his neighborhood and posting a notice on the local bulletin board. With the help of a few other owners, they developed a network to obtain names of others interested in a club. The first gathering of interested people was held in November, 2011. Thanks go to Jack Carkner with the Cookeville Corvette Club for contacting Doug McMahan with NCCC to secure one of the Membership Displays and learn more about NCCC! At a December 2011 meeting, the members of the club voted in favor of joining NCCC and, in January 2012, the first elected officers were chosen: President - Coy Watson, Vice President - Monte Pepperell, Secretary - Pat Cebe, Treasurer - Russ Schubert, and Governor - Jack Carkner.

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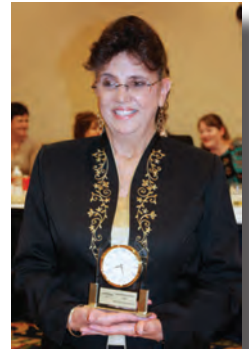
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Pictured above are our SW Awards Banquet attendees. A big THANK YOU goes to RON HENSEN, JOE REESE and members of the **Cen-Tex CC**, who were our hosts this year. As usual, the folks, food and music were great.

This year's Member of the Year Award went to MARILYN BAKENHUS. Marilyn, a member of **San Jacinto CC**, is very active in her local organization. She has also silently supported our SW Region clubs and competitors for a past couple of years. She is always there, in cold and heat, with a great big smile and sparkling eyes saying, "I'll be happy to post labels if you need help." We congratulate and thank you, Marilyn.



The SW Region's 36th year of Competition is in full throttle right now. With our clubs taking advantage of the addition of three sanctions, our competition calendar is running from March to November. The addition of the National Competition Calendar online has been a great help to see what events are happening throughout NCCC.

Locally, our club members are taking advantage of warm weather and cruising to their favorite car shows, diners and parks. In saying that, a shout out goes to our 2012 *Blue Bars* Editor, SYLVIA HOALDRIDGE, and her staff,



PAT CLARK, JOHN TYLER GIBSON and PATSY SHEARER. Together they

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are taking our magazine to the next level with NCCC members' help. Have you noticed the **Club Spotlight** in the last two issues? Sylvia is asking local club editors to send their electronic monthly newsletter to PATSY SHEARER. For those clubs that prefer to use hard copy newsletters, please send them to PAT CLARK. Look for the **2012 Blue Bars Staff box** by the Director of Publications' article for Pat and Patsy's information.

One last thought...share your Corvette hobby with a child this season, whether they are a family member or a neighbor. Help them build a dream of owning a Corvette...

Let's "Save the Wave!"

Jeannie Ruston, Southwest Region RE

Club Spotlight

Cen-Tex Corvette Club, Inc. has a unique way to help their club members remember new names and faces called the "Mystery Handshaker." This program has been a long-standing tradition with the Club. At their monthly meetings as each person arrives, they shake hands with everyone present and say their name. At the beginning of the meeting, each person places his or her name on a piece of paper and drops it in an envelope along with a dollar bill. A member draws a name from the envelope. This person becomes the "First Loser." Occasionally, the first loser wins a prize, such as a t-shirt or other small item someone donated. The 'loser' then draws a name, who becomes the "Mystery Handshaker." This person draws a name and, if that person shook hands with the "Mystery Handshaker," he wins half the money donated that evening. The other half of the money goes into their charity fund. Many times, members donate their half of the winnings back to the charity fund.

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What does a Wine Tasting Competition, a Harley Davidson Bus Tour and Competition Events all have in common? The 2012 NCCC Convention to be held in Topeka, KS, June 23 thru 29. The Convention is hosted by the West Region, and plans are underway for a fun-filled event. If you have never been to a Convention, you might want to consider Topeka.

Congratulations to all of the 2011 competitors. Whether you were 1st or 50th, the Region appreciates your support.

Kathy Brisbois, our outgoing West Region RE, West Region Webmaster and Editor for the **Cornhusker CC**, has been elected NCCC Secretary. We congratulate and support Kathy in this new position. I am very pleased to be taking over as West Region RE, and I appreciate all the support I have received. We will see you on the track, we will follow you in the parade and we will share a laugh while polishing our car, because we are members of NCCC and we love our Corvettes.

Happy 100th Anniversary, Chevrolet!

Jon Manz, West Region RE

The major focus for the West Region has been on Convention 2012 in Topeka, KS. What an undertaking that is. By the time you read this, you should be looking forward to some small town hospitality, great competition and, hopefully, a bit of relaxation.

After Convention, about half of the West Region's events will have taken place! There will still be plenty of time to get out there and compete. Last year, due to the flood in the Midwest, several popular speed events could not be scheduled. However, two High Speeds will take place at premier race tracks. Check us out!

I encourage you to be familiar with both the NCCC website, as well as the West Region website. They provide you with the latest tools that will really make your experience as an NCCC member an enjoyable one. Save the wave!

Jerry Koraleski, West Region RCD

As I write this, it is nearing the end of February, so winter will soon be behind us and we can start looking forward to getting our favorite cars out. Also, the West Region Awards Banquet will have come and gone by the time you read this. I'm sure I can say in advance that all who attended the Banquet, hosted by the **Cornhuskers CC**, had a great time. The Cornhuskers always put on a first class program.

I say this every report, but it is important to make sure you spread the word about the NCCC and West Region Scholarship programs to all your fellow members. Applications and information for the NCCC scholarship can be found on the NCCC website at:

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

Rules and deadlines for submission of the NCCC scholarship application can be found on this site. Deadline for submitting the NCCC application is May 5th. That means it must be received by May 5th, not postmarked by then.

The West Region Scholarship program is a program where we award scholarships to worthy West Region members' children or grandchildren. This past 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. When you apply for the NCCC scholarship, make a copy of everything and send those copies in as your West Region scholarship application. 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, which is in Topeka, KS this year.

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 and in *Blue Bars*.

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 and fun Spring and Summer. We'll look forward to seeing you along the roads somewhere when you get your Vettes out.

Finally I have a job advertisement. This is my last year as your RMD, I cannot run again as my four years are up. We (the West Region) need someone or more than one person to step up and run for this important office. With the move to the web-based membership system, the amount of work required has greatly diminished over the past 12 years. I was your RMD for eight of those years and my wife Diane was your RMD for four of those 12 years. I would really like to work with the

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person or persons who might take over the RMD job so they can get as much training from me before they assume the role. If you are interested in the job, please contact me. I think it is very important that my replacement attend at least two of the next three NCCC governors meetings in St Louis and attend the RMD meetings with me to see how things work. The meeting dates can be found on the NCCC website and in *Blue Bars*. My contact info is also on the website and in *Blue Bars*.

Thanks for letting me serve as your RMD. I look forward to working with my replacement in the near future.

Take care.

Bob Bowen, West Region RMD

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The year 2012 will be an even bigger year for the Region than last year because of the events that are already on the calendar. There is a variety of things to do, and something for everybody. If you wish to enter the competition events, get with your Governor to find out if you need to do anything to meet the entry requirements. For example, to enter the high speed autocross, you need a high speed license and a fire extinguisher for stock class. Low speed classes have less stringent requirements. View the NCCC handbook online for help.

Our RCD Joe Orrico will be at many of the events and, if you have any questions, Joe will be the man to go to for answers.

The competition season is well underway on the West Coast Calendar.

Last year, we had some very competitive battles in the points race and this year should be even better. Check out the Regional calendar on the web page at <http://www.nccwcregion.org>.

Cliff Harris has a suggestion for clubs having a car show to add an extra event at the show, such as a game rallye. This would give the point chasers an extra incentive to attend your event. Do not restrict yourself to your own club's events. Corvette people Region wide are having great fun. Expand your circle of friends and have more fun. Ask your club to host an event in 2012. Your Regional Officers are willing to help your club put on an event.

For the time and place of Regional Meetings, ask your Governor as they have all the information on events within the Region. Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

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

All of your Regional officers look forward to seeing you at future events. Save the Wave,

Your Regional Officers,

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After our really mild winter weather, it seems rather strange to be talking about getting our cars out to wax or race them, since I've been driving a Corvette almost all winter! The schedule for West Ohio looks like **Corvette Troy** will be running Kilkare once a month all summer long and into the fall, so bring your cars out and have some fun! **Glass Society** on April 1 has their Swap Meet at Buds Chevrolet in St. Mary's. At Putnam Park in Indiana on June 2-3, they're offering seven high- or low-speed events so you can run the low-speed course without needing a high-speed license. You can also use the low-speed on Saturday to qualify for high-speed on Sunday if you have at least three low- speed events to your credit. **Glass City CC** has their show ☐n shine at American Custom Industries on June 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and, if you're into car shows, this is one of the best in our region. Make plans now for Convention in Topeka, KS from June 23 to June 30 for a lot of racing, fun, and sightseeing things to do in the Land of Oz.

On a club level, **Corvette Troy** will be celebrating their 45th anniversary in August and **Cincinnati CC** will be celebrating their 55th anniversary. We congratulate both clubs on their longevity!

As a final note, this will be my last year as Regional Executive. Time flies when you're having fun, and my bucket list is calling! Please consider stepping up and helping out YOUR region! It's been a great ride!

Save the Wave.

Ron Brown, West Ohio Region RE

WEST OHIO CALENDAR -- April - July 2012

EVENT DATE	2012 CLUB	SANCTION NUMBER	TYPE EVENT	EVENT LOC
4/1/2012	Glass Society	NS	Swap Meet	Bud's Chevy, St Marys
4/22/2012	Corvette Troy	NS	Low Speed	Kilkare
5/20/2012	Corvette Troy, Greenville	tbd	Low Speed	Kilkare
5/20/2012	Corvette Troy, Greenville	tbd	Low Speed	Kilkare
5/20/2012	Corvette Troy, Greenville	tbd	Low Speed	Kilkare
5/20/2012	Corvette Troy, Greenville	tbd	Low Speed	Kilkare
6/2/2012	Glass City	NS	Car Show	ACI, Sylvania, reg. 9am
6/17/2012	Cincinnati Corvette Club	tbd		tbd
6/17/2012	Corvette Troy	NS	Low Speed	Kilkare
7/22/2012	Corvette Troy, Greenville	tbd	Low Speed	Kilkare
7/22/2012	Corvette Troy, Greenville	tbd	Low Speed	Kilkare
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About the Back Cover



In April 1972, a handful of friends and Corvette owners from the area got together and decided to form a Corvette club. One of these early members was Dick Valentine, whose brother was a member of the Kansas City CC, so our group gained a lot of information from them and they helped us prepare our bylaws. We also learned about NCCC and what it offered and were able to join NCCC rather quickly. The first official meeting was held at Nauvoo State Park in Nauvoo, IL with about 14 people in attendance. After much discussion about the various interests among the group, it was decided when and where to have meetings with early meetings taking place in members' homes unless it was in conjunction with an event. One of the events organized was the first gymkhana for Bloomington Gold. At this time, July 1972, we had 25 members all who were NCCC members also. The club has had a continual membership to NCCC ever since. Another early decision was several drawings from members for a club emblem and, after many changes, our 'ships wheel' emblem was chosen and the club was named "Great River Corvette Club," since our members came from Iowa, Missouri and Illinois.

Right from the start, this enthusiastic group had car shows, road rallies, car washes, racing events and trips, and were raising money for various charities. Over the years, different events have been held but one event that was popular for many years was a car show held at the Quincy Mall. In the beginning, this show was held both Saturday and Sunday with the shows eventually shortened to just Sundays. Many charities were supported over the years; some of which included Spina Bifida, National Kidney Foundation, Humane Society, Camp Callahan, (a camp for special needs children/adults), Honor Flight (the program that sends our WWII veterans to Washington DC at no cost to them), Toys for Tots and Red Cross, just to name a few. In our later years, the club started up a scholarship program, which was given to a graduating youth who wanted to further their education in the automotive field. We purchased a derby car and sponsored a child in the local Soap Box Derby that was held in Quincy. The club has a club membership to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY, as well as many members who have individual, family or lifetime memberships also. Our members have attended events

and trips sponsored by the NCM throughout the years and several members took Museum delivery of their Corvettes.

We have been very fortunate to have a newsletter every month for the entire 40 years. Our one remaining charter couple, Herb & Anita Duffy, (Herb who currently is President of the club) has kept every newsletter, flier, advertisement and road rally map, so we have a wealth of information.



The club will celebrate our 40th anniversary on June 9th with a dinner at Triple Oaks Boat Club in Quincy, IL. Old club pictures, slides, as well as old newsletters, will be on display for review. At this event, we will present a gift to our two charter members in honor of their continuous 40 years with the club.

Article was submitted by Cindy Viar, member and Editor of Great River CC. Photographs by Missy Myers, M2 Photography, Quincy, IL.



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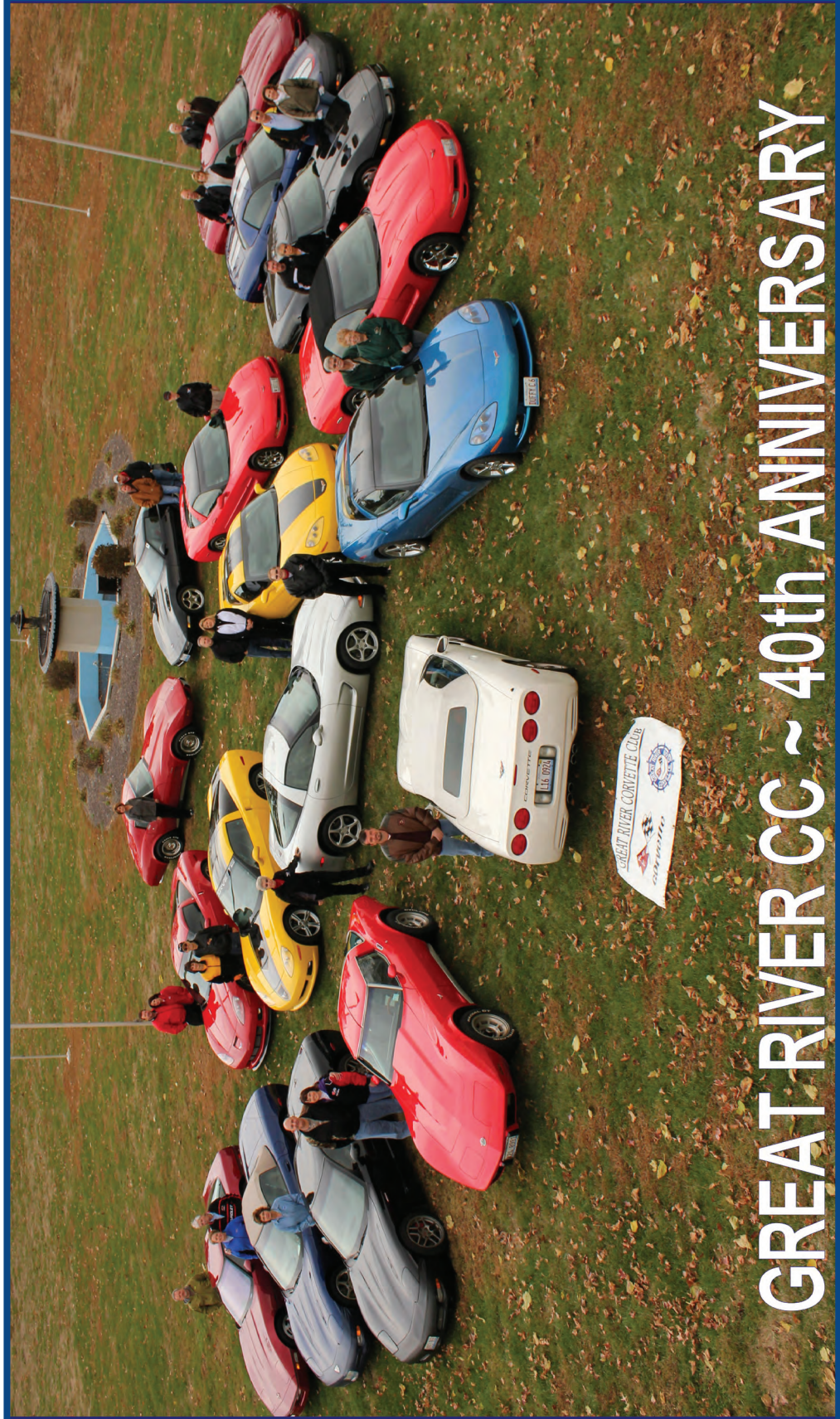
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